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—†— *The Mission in Motion* →

Worship with us this Sunday, May 23,
in-person or on Facebook Live at 10:45!

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 23

We are delighted to honor both 8th Grade and High School graduates during our worship celebration on Sunday, May 23. Leading in music for us will be a Christian band called 10 Talents. Invite a friend and come ready to praise! We will be receiving a love offering for this group during our service in support of their ministry.



The band will also be performing at the PORTA High School Baccalaureate service that evening at 7:00pm, a service sponsored by the PORTA Ministerial Association.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS COMING SOON!!!

Starting Sunday, June 6 at 9:30am

Nursery/Preschool – Nicole Holbrook

Children (K-6th) – several teachers on rotation

Youth (7th-12th) – Scott & Angie Owens

Young Adult (college age & young adults) – Rob Gallion



Newsletter Note: Starting in June we will be publishing this newsletter monthly instead of weekly. The deadline will be the last Wednesday of each month. We will continue to communicate updates and information through e-mail and in the weekly bulletin.

Capital Improvements

Work is progressing toward the removal of the old shed and building a new garage! Would you pray about making a financial contribution for this work? You can **designate your gift to “Capital Improvements”** or use one of the specially-marked offering envelopes near the offering boxes. While some generous gifts have come in, we still need about \$12,000 to pay for this project. Thank you for giving!



Worship through Giving

Send a check by mail. First Baptist Church 103 W. Sangamon Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675
Drop off during office hours; 9am-1pm, Mon-Thurs, **or in designated area before/after church.**
Generosity by LifeWay – Visit our website at <http://fbcpetersburgil.org/online-giving> to give via credit or debit card. You can also download the Generosity app on your smart phone!
PayPal. You are welcome to give using our PayPal account!

We have received \$862 toward the **Mother’s Day Offering** for the Baptist Children’s Home & Family Services thus far. If you would like to give to this ministry you can write **“MDO”** on the memo line of your check or use one of our specially marked envelopes. Thank you!

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Groups

JOIN A LIFE GROUP! WE GROW BETTER TOGETHER!

CHILDREN’S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY – Sunday mornings at 10:45, kids up to 6th grade

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS – Wednesday at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm. See e-mail link to join.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:00am. Gragg Stacy -teacher. Check your e-mail for a link to join this zoom meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Join us Sundays at 9:15 am for Men, Women and Co-ed Bible study classes of all ages.

SISTERS IN CHRIST –Due to the baccalaureate services at PORTA we will not be having bible study this Sunday. ***We will be starting an Anne Graham Lotz video study, “Pursuing More of Jesus” on June 6th.*** Please contact Amy Gallion at 217-361-4798 this week if you are interested in joining us for this summer Bible study.

MIGHTY MEN OF GOD – ***We started a new study last Sunday called “Mindset for Men.”*** We will not be having bible study this Sunday night due to the baccalaureate services.

TRUTH SEEKERS – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Bible study for adults of all ages!

YOUTH GROUP – ***We will still meet at 6pm this Sunday for a short time and dismiss early so that those who want to go to the Baccalaureate Services at 7pm may do so.***

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH – **Spring Bible Study - “Finding Your Victory”.** This life group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30am with Becky Bergner or at 6:00pm with Angie Owens.

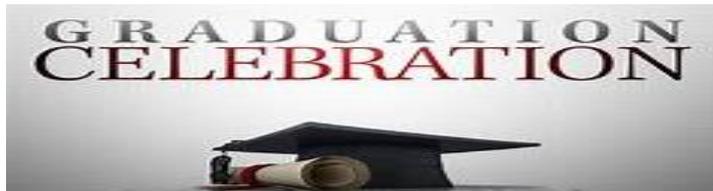
Ministry Connection Points



The next outing is **Monday, May 24th**. We will be going to Wildlife Prairie Park in Peoria, IL. The church van leaves at 8:30am so please arrive prior to this. You will need to bring a sack lunch, and \$12 for the train ride and entrance fee. Contact Penny by May 20th if you plan on coming.

Updated Summer Schedule: June 28 – Melvin Price Lock & Dam. **July 26, August 30 & September 27** – Penny is still working on the events for these dates.

Summer Hymn Caroling – If you have been unable to join us in singing for church we would still love to have you join us in spreading the love to shut-ins over the summer through song. **Starting on Thursday, June 3rd!**



Graduation Open House for Nathan Warren – 2-4pm on Saturday, May 29 in the church basement! Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Events

Heartland Association Church Camp - June 7-11, **3rd-12th grades at Streator Baptist Camp**. Cost is \$165 but there is help available for this. **See Pastor Rob** if you are interested in going.

Rio Mission Trip - July 26-August 4. This mission trip is officially on!

Save the Date

VBS 2021 July 26-29

Are you willing to help with VBS?
If so, please contact Sherry Holliday.



Prayers and Praises

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Sue Elliott is doing well and was able to attend worship services on Sunday!
Dean Sexton has been relieved of his kidney stones!
D'Anna is safely back home in Nigeria!
Mihaela is headed back to the US today from Romania!
Ron's Uncle Raymond has gone to be with Jesus! No more pain! Thank you Jesus!

Recent Prayer Requests:

Missionary George Smith – continued healing/opportunity to come to US for treatment
Sandi McConnell – bleeding ulcer
Ron King – stress test – June 16
Kastler family and friends in Lake Charles, LA -continued protection from flooding

Pastor's Study



I believe that a great spiritual break-through happens when we learn that we are stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

Paul understood his entire life and ministry in this way, and we would be wise to embrace the same mindset.

“This is how one should regard us, as servant of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel! And we are compelled by the love of Christ, commissioned by our King, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go and proclaim this good news of salvation in Christ Jesus to all the world.

We have been entrusted by God with material resources. Everything we have belongs to Him, and He’s blessed us richly not so that we might see how much we can get, but how generous and joyful we can be in giving for the sake of Christ, meeting needs and advancing the gospel.

We have been entrusted with these few fleeting years on the earth. Each day is a gift from God, but this is a crooked generation, so He wants us to make the best use of the time, walking in wisdom, striving to please Him, and obeying His will gladly as we live in light of eternity.

We have been entrusted by the Lord with spiritual gifts. Every member of the body of Christ is vitally needed to use his or her gift(s) so that the whole body may be built up and strengthened in love, so that God will be glorified in His church, and so that others might come to know Him.

We have been entrusted with these earthly bodies as holy temples. Your body is God’s property, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Let’s take good care of these holy tents.

One of my new favorite verses is this from 2 Corinthians 5:15:

And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

As we learn to deny ourselves – dying daily to our selfish and sinful ways – and live for Jesus in every area, every way, every thought, every day, every word, every gift, every resource, every motive, every attitude, and every deed, God will be highly exalted, the church will be built up in love, and the light of Jesus will shine through us as a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.

O God, make us faithful as stewards of all You have entrusted to us!

– Pastor Rob