Sunday, May 10th
Breakfast 9:00am
Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:40am
NO Evening Service

Men’s Ministry Day- May 2nd, 8am
If you know of someone in the community who needs help with odd jobs/repairs, let Pastor or Todd know.

Vacation Bible School
There will be a meeting May 17th at 5:00pm for anyone interested in helping with VBS this year. I will also be passing out the literature. Join us for an exciting journey!

Sunday, May 3rd, 6:00pm
Solos, Duets, Groups vocal and instrumental
Let Al Crocker know if you would like to participate. Let’s pack the house for a great night of music! Refreshments will be served.
150 years ago, the poet William Ross Wallace published his famous poem on motherhood called “The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Is The Hand That Rules The World.” That poem, of course, speaks of the powerful influence that mothers have in raising children. We cannot say thanks enough to our mothers for all they have done for us, nor fail to honor them for the tremendous influence they have had on our lives. I am thankful for my mother and for Patricia for being such a good mom to our three girls.

Our Men’s Ministry Day is on May 2nd from 8am to noon. Men, we have a wonderful opportunity to help some members of our church, as well as others in our community, accomplish some tasks around their home that they could not do on their own. Please come and share your time for a few hours to make a difference by helping others in the name of Jesus.

May is a good month to continue to Make It 15! Perhaps, you got off to a great start but have since stopped reading the Bible and praying 15 minutes each day. Today, as May begins, is a good day for you to make a fresh start on Make It 15! Don’t be discouraged. Set a time each day for you to read and pray. As you do so, share with me or someone else that you have restarted reading the Bible and praying each day. This will encourage you and give you someone that will cheer you on in this important spiritual growth activity. Keep on praying daily for the list you made of 15 who do not go to church or don’t know the Lord. Pray as well for opportunities to share the Good News.

I love you and I love being your Pastor!

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**Donations for the Auburn Food Pantry**

There is a collection basket in the foyer. Non-perishable items needed include peanut butter, jelly, laundry soap, dish soap, and Kleenex. Contact Sherri Dugger for more info.

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**Women of Worth**

Ladies Potluck Brunch - Sat, May 9th @ 10:00am.

Ladies Bible Study coming June 7th...

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**New Projector Fund**

The projector in the auditorium is going out. A fund has been set up to pay for a new one which cost approx $1,100. If you feel led to give towards this fund, please mark your check/envelope “Projector”.

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In Psalm 104:33 we read- “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being”. These words give us a direction that we should adhere to. There are several different aspects of this verse. First, we need to be singing to the Lord. When? It doesn’t tell us when because we need to be doing this ALL of the time. We need to be in a constant relationship with the Lord, not just now and then or whenever we have time, but all of the time. Next- true singing and praise needs to come from deep within us-- our heart and very soul. If the singing doesn’t come from our heart, it will be useless sounds that will not have any meaning. There needs to be a positive and loving emotion welling up from inside of us. It’s the same as loving another individual. If the love doesn’t originate from the heart, it will never mean anything and will be obvious by one’s actions. There is a limit as to how long we sing-- as long as we live. Lastly, we are to “sing praise to God while we have our being.” We must continue to praise and sing to the Lord till we have no life, no being on earth, because we hope and know that we will have a better being and life in a better world, in a better manner and a better company. We will be in the presence of our Lord and God. WOW, what an audience we will have! Till then, let us sing praise to the Lord all the days of our lives while we have our being. Morning noon or night, praise the Lord!

Luv Ya’ll

Al
**Youth Events Coming Up:**

- May 3  Christian Music Open Mic Night - 6pm
- May 10 Mother’s Day Breakfast - 9am
- May 17 Graduate Recognition & Potluck
- May 24 Baccalaureate - 6pm @ Methodist Church
- May 29 Graduation

Join us weekly for:

**IGNITE**

Wednesdays - 7pm

Join us as we discuss what it means to be a disciple.

**Sundays**

**The Gathering** - 9:30am
**Hang-time** - 5-7pm - selected Sunday evenings

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**Building Cleaning Sign-up**

Sign-up sheet for May and June is on the foyer bulletin board.

Special thanks to all who have cleaned the building over the past three months. Thank you for serving with a servant’s heart!

**Medical Missions**

training for health personnel and church leaders

May 16

IBSA Building, Springfield
9am-4pm
Cost - $10
Contact: BarbTroeger@IBSA.org

**Deacon Meeting**

Tuesday May 5th
6:00pm

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**Baccalaureate**

Sunday, May 24
6:00pm
Auburn Methodist Church

High School graduation
Friday, May 29th, 7:00pm
UIS Sangamon Auditorium

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**IBSA Children’s Camp**

“Treasure Island: Discovering Truth & Our Mission to the World”

For kids in grades 3-6
June 15-19, June 21-25, or July 6-10
$135 per person
Contact Pastor for registration info

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**Financial News Year-to-Date**

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**Happy Birthday**

To our Family and Friends

May

6 Dave Beck
7 Mary Atkinson
15 Wyatt Beck
21 Todd Brummett
25 Susie Capella
25 Zack Rector
27 Nate Metcalf
30 Donna Kay Moore

Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday. We want to include all of our church family.
**Pastor:**
David L. Van Bebber
Church: (217) 438-3428
Cell Phone: (217) 836-9117

**Sunday Schedule**
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study for all
10:40 a.m. - Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. - Youth Hang-time
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

**Wednesday Schedule**
6:15 p.m. - Praise Team
7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study
   - TeamKID (Pre-K thru 6th gr)
   - Youth IGNITE (Gr. 7-12)

**Faithful Servants in May**
- Nursery: Babies - Two's
  3rd: Cinda Cain
  10th: Rachel Van Bebber
  17th: Sherry Dugger
  24th: Kristi Lancaster
  31st: Rachel Van Bebber

- Three’s - Five’s
  Security
  3rd: Stacey Mitkos
  10th: Jordan Beagle
  17th: Bekah Van Bebber
  24th: Mary Atkinson
  31st: Rachel Van Bebber

- Youth Hang-time
  6:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR AREA. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please fill out the form on the foyer bulletin board.

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