May 18th
There will be a potluck after the morning service

The Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 25th, 6:00pm
Auburn Methodist Church

8th Grade Promotion- Thursday, May 29th
in the Middle School Gym
High School Graduation- Friday, May 30th
at UIS Sangamon Auditorium

Mother’s Day Breakfast- 9am
Sunday School- 9:30am
Morning Worship- 10:40am
NO evening service

the art of marriage
getting to the heart of God’s design
May 9th, 7pm
May 10, 8:30am-4:30pm
Rochester FBC
to register: www.rochesterfirstbaptist.org/the-art-of-marriage
deadline- May 7th
The Art of marriage is a video-based marriage event to help couples fully experience God’s plan for marriage.
Couples must attend both days of the event.
Cost per couple- $50 (includes all materials & lunch on Saturday)
No childcare is offered.
Happy Mothers’ Day to all you moms out there! You are so very important to your kids and family. I am afraid we take our moms for granted way too much. This Mothers’ Day make a point to show your mom how much you appreciate her. Proverbs 31:28 says, “Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.” I am very thankful for the wonderful mother I had. There is a lot that she did for me over the years, but one of the things I appreciated the most and now miss the most is her praying for me. Kids of all ages make sure you thank and love on your mom. Husbands as well take the time to show appreciation to your wife for being the mother of your children.

I also want to congratulate the several graduates we have this year from high school, college and eighth grade. I know your parents are proud of you, but your pastor is awfully proud of you as well. A couple of verses come to mind as I think of you today. One is that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Respecting and trusting the Lord lay the foundation for every good thing in your life. The other verse from Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.” Acknowledge Him every day and He will show you the way.

Folks, let’s keep praying for God to be glorified in our church.

I love you and I love being your Pastor!

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VBS

July 20-25

Needed: old computer monitors & keyboards, boxes, paper towel tubes, old tires, and 2-liter bottle lids

We still need Assistant Agents (helpers) and a couple security personnel.

Anyone interested in helping with VBS please let Patricia know.

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We would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to our family at the death of Betty Jo Hurley.

Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits, messages and food.

Thank you to everyone for providing the amazing dinner after the funeral. Your kind compassion meant so much to all of us.

Neil Hurley
Charles and Carol Hurley and family
Neda and Don Cornelius and family
Kaye and Brian Rector and family

Thank you for all your prayers and the beautiful flower.

Gale & Carol Cockrum
Donna & Darrel Taylor
Diane Sanford

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Al’s ½ Note

In Matthew 4:10 we read the words of Jesus, “Worship the Lord you God, and serve Him only”. In this passage we are told to do two separate things: worship God and serve Him. Each week we meet to have Worship Service where we ascribe to God how much He is worth, and speak of His many attributes. God has so many qualities that it would be impossible to touch on all of them. But, we are to do our VERY BEST in worship and bring it out from our hearts, true heart-felt worship. We are not to let other things of this life deter us from this. So often in our life we put other THINGS before the Lord. This ought not to happen. We need to put God first and foremost in our lives. Everything else should take a backseat to Him. He is to be our first and only priority and all others become secondary in our life. In Matthew 6:33 we read, “But seek first His (God’s) kingdom and His righteousness and all of these THINGS will be given to you as well”. In real plain language, God gets first priority. And now the “serve” part of the first verse-- We can serve God by serving others which is clarified in Matt 25:40: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it for Me.” We serve God by taking care of those around us. We need to minister to others to serve the Lord. How about you? Are you worshipping and serving?

“Mommy?” asked little Johnny attending his first wedding. If he is really the best man, why isn’t the bride marrying him instead”?

Luv ya’ll,
Al
Youth Events Coming Up:
- May 11: Mother’s Day Breakfast 9am
- May 18: Graduate Recognition Potluck after service
- May 25: Baccalaureate @ Methodist Church 6pm
- May 29: 8th Gr Promotion
- May 30: H.S. Graduation @ UIS

Join us weekly for:
- **IGNITE**: Wednesdays 7pm
- **The Gathering**: 9:30am
- **Hang-time**: 5-7pm
  (selected dates - watch bulletin for dates)

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- **Six Flags - St. Louis**: Concert Line-up
  June 14: Joyfest with David Crowder Band
  July 12: Praise-a-Palloza with Third Day
  Aug 9: Christian Family Day with MERCYME

**On Mission Golf League**
Lincoln Greens, Springfield
Thursdays, May 1-Aug 28 5:30pm
Registration Fee: $15
(payable to CCBA)
For more info contact Kevin Carothers: 618-571-0538 or kevjenian700@rocketmail.com

**Financial News**
As of the end of April:
Undesignated receipts to date: $32,295.50
Required to date: $39,644.00
Please be faithful in your giving to the Lord.

May 1-3: **Women’s Missions Celebration** at FBC Marion. Missionary testimonies, breakout sessions, and Bible study led by prison chaplain Kenneth Dewitt. Cost of $20 includes lunch on Friday. (217)391-3138. www.IBSA.org/womensmissions

**Church Softball league**
Organizational meeting - Sunday, May 4th, 1:30pm @ FBC Rochester

If you would like to play on a team or would like to enter a team you must attend this meeting. Games are played during May, June, July & early August @ Rochester Park Diamonds. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the foyer bulletin board.

**Age 50 Plus 16th Annual Central Illinois Senior Celebration**
At the Fairgrounds Orr Building
Wednesday, May 21st, 9am-2pm
Free admission with can of food for Food Pantry
Free health screenings, informational displays, parking & shuttle service, refreshments, entertainment, & door prizes

**LIFE Care Planning Workshop** - May 6th
6:30-8:30pm  FBC Rochester
6 Vernon Dr, Rochester
13 Costly misconceptions about healthcare for your aging parents

**Community Blood Drive**
Thursday, May 1st
10am-5pm
@ the High School

Mother/Daughter Camp - May 16-17
Lake Sallateeska 4:30pm Friday to 3:00pm Saturday.
Cost is $75 for moms, free for daughters. Register by calling 217-391-3138 or email: BarbTroeger@IBSA.org

**NO breakfast May 4th due to breakfast on Mother’s Day.**

To our Family and Friends

May
- 6: David Beck
- 7: Mary Atkinson
- 15: Wyatt Beck
- 19: Neil Hurley
- 19: Missy Unsworth
- 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.
### 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)

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### Faithful Servants in May

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**Ushers**

- 4th: Marc Brown, Jerry Atkinson, Gale Cockrum
- 11th: Jerry Atkinson, Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain
- 18th: Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector
- 25th: Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector

**Counting Team**

- 4th: Pat Stuhmer & Kim Brown
- 11th: Mary Atkinson & Jodi Rector
- 18th: Louise Dudley & Hettie Crocker
- 25th: Lonnie Cain & Brian Rector

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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