People in Illinois need the gospel

offering & Week of Prayer for state missions
Sept 10-17
missionillinois.org

Potluck and games. Bring a lawn chair.
Pastor’s house- 446 S. 7th St.

Church-wide Breakfast
Sunday, Sept 3rd
9:00am

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast
September 16, 2017
IBSA Building, Springfield

Saturday, September 16th
8:30am – 3:15pm
IBSA Building, Springfield
cost- $10 (includes lunch)
Sign-up sheet is on the foyer bulletin board.
Join us for an awesome time of teaching, fellowship & worship.

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Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief prepares to respond to help victims of Hurricane Harvey

Mini Disaster Relief Training Events –

Tuesday, September 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 608 N. Van Buren St., Litchfield

Tuesday, September 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1111 E Highway 50, O’Fallon

Thursday, September 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Woodland Baptist Church, 6915 North Allen Road, Peoria

Thursday, September 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Westside Baptist Church, 2900 Veterans Memorial Dr., Mt Vernon

To donate to Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief

go to IBSA.org and click on “Donate to Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief”
Back in the seventies when I was growing up Citizen Band radios or CB’s were very popular. My “handle” was “Farmer Boy” and my little brother Andy’s was “Hotdog.” It was fun talking on the CB radio to our friends in the community. One of the common sayings was “Hey Good Buddy you got your ears on?” That was a way of seeing if your friend was listening on the radio or not. At the end of August I started a new series on Samuel, whose name means “asked of God” or simply “God hears.” As we look at the book of I Samuel we will find out of course that God is listening, but the real question for us is “are we listening?” Someone once said, “It is more important to listen than to speak. That’s why God gave us only one mouth but two ears.” I hope that this month all of us “good buddies will have our ears on” as we learn about listening from the book of I Samuel.

If you haven’t already done so, please fill out the Children’s Ministry Survey in the bulletin. We reach many kids through Vacation Bible School each summer but we need more help in ministering to children throughout the year. Please fill out this survey or get in touch with me about how the Lord might be calling you to be involved with children’s ministry.

Please join me for Prayer Time every Wednesday this month at 7PM. Let’s draw near to God together in prayer as we seek God’s face and pray for His will to be done here on earth as it is in Heaven. We often spend a lot of time on our smartphones viewing social media. But the truth is social media is very isolating. We need to pray together. I love you and love being your Pastor!

I am nearing the completion of reading through the Bible again. I am not sure how many times I have read the Bible in its entirety. I read it through one time, then I will read the Psalms, then maybe just the New Testament. I started last Thanksgiving and should be done very shortly. But I have failed to find something in the Bible! When is there a time I should not praise the Lord? When do I stop singing to him in corporate worship or private worship? Is there a time that I shouldn’t surround myself with songs of joy, adoration, praise and worship? Guess what? I can read the Bible a thousand times and will never find a time, place or situation that I shouldn’t sing praise and worship my Lord and God. I want to sing to Him all of my days that I have remaining on this earth before He calls me home. When Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure, He said they wouldn’t be left alone. Jesus would leave His Spirit (Paraclete) for all of His followers. So we have the Spirit of our Lord and God with us all of the time. Even in corporate worship He is there. We need to focus on this aspect- that the Good Lord is RIGHT HERE, RIGHT BESIDE ME, RIGHT NOW!!!

When we arise from our night of sleep and start our day, we should automatically tune our hearts to sing His praise. During our days, praise and worship Him. No matter what comes our way, just praise the Lord! Through the good times and bad, He is on His Throne. Let’s just praise the Lord and lift our hearts to Heaven and PRAISE THE LORD!!!!!

Luv Yall
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@ St. Benedict’s

If you are available to help  
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**A national day for students to gather at the flag pole to pray for their schools, friends, communities and families.**

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As of Aug 31st  
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**Happy Birthday**  
To our Family and Friends  
**September**  
9 Morgan Brummett  
12 Sonny Dudley  
20 Bob Burton  
22 Sandy Lancaster  
26 Grace Driver  
27 Sarah Van Bebber  
30 Tracie Lancaster  
30 Patricia Van Bebber

We want to include all of our church family. Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday.

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**Donations for School Supplies**  
There is a list of items needed posted on the foyer bulletin board. Also is a list by grade level if you would like to fill a complete backpack. These can be dropped off in the box in the church foyer. Thank you for considering the Auburn School District.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.