

# The Reminder

MAY 2018

PABC**Urbana.org**



**May 5th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**A Here On Purpose Event**

*Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church*  
*600 E. Pennsylvania Avenue*  
*Urbana, IL 61801*

*PABC lives to encourage people to have  
a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ*

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,  
for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how  
we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving  
up meeting together, as some are in the habit  
of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the  
more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

***Rich's Review:***

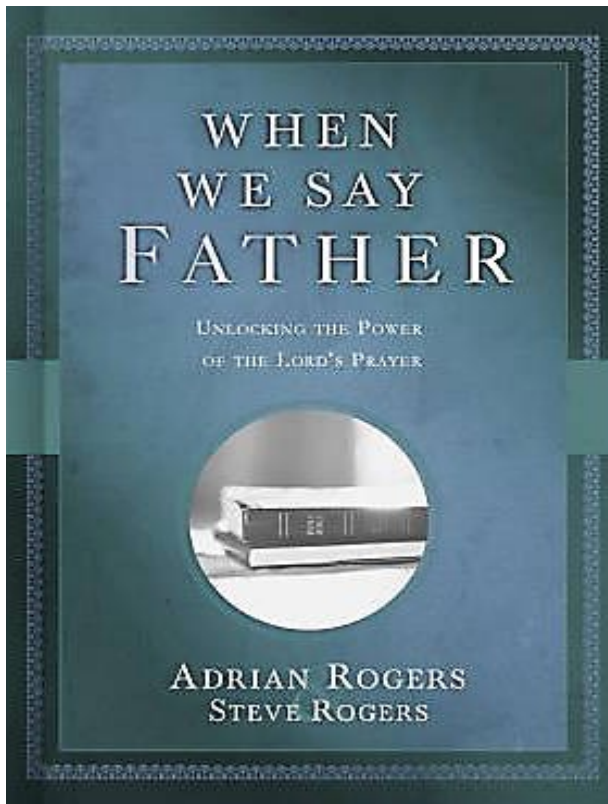
***Our world suffers from a crisis of hope. We face an epidemic of despair and depression. So, where can we find hope for the hurting? Where is there healing for the hopeless? The answer is Jesus Christ.***

***The vast majority of folks around us struggling with the stress of anxiety and even anger have a void of purpose, a lack of the sense of their value as a person and, most importantly, are missing a clear understanding of God. At PABC, we can be of great help in bringing hope to our community, salt and light to our culture. We have the "Good News" of Jesus' love, His life plan (the Bible), and His Spirit to bring personal encouragement to every day of life.***

***Our Lord is doing a work of renewing hope today. He sees and knows what we need and He is for us. Pray for Jesus to heal hearts, establish faith and renew strength in us to encourage those around us. Hope can be contagious, catch it!***

***I am blessed to be your pastor,  
Rich***





**New Release**

## **When We Say Father**

by  
Adrian Rogers

### **When We Say Father**

Unlocking the Power of the Lord's Prayer

Adrian Rogers (Author), Steve Rogers (Author)

Adrian Roger's last written manuscript before his passing in 2005, has been edited and brought together by his son Steve, as a final joint work. *When We Say Father* takes the Lord's Prayer and breaks it down to its most basic components for readers to easily learn how to pray from the ultimate source, Jesus himself.

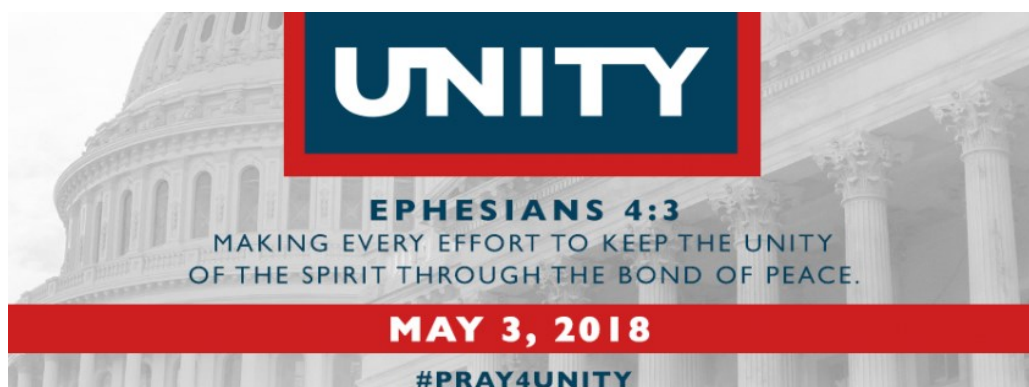


***Baptist Children's Home and  
Family Services***

Mother's Day Offering  
Sunday May 13

BCHFS.com

A Great Opportunity to  
Make a Huge Difference



### 2018 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

**Our Dear Heavenly Father, while we come to You in complete humility, we also come to You with boldness in the authoritative name of Your One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus' name, fill us now with Your Holy Spirit and lead us as we pray in Jesus' name for America.**

**Oh God, we are burdened for our nation today. We turn from the sins that we have committed against your Word and your Name. We turn away from our contentious words and ways toward one another that has led us to division and polarization. We turn away from our disrespect and lack of dignity toward each other, and we turn away from our continual devaluation of all human life from the womb until death in this world. We also turn away from and refuse to participate in skepticism, criticism, and cynicism in our nation. We turn away from anything that divides us, and we run toward the gospel of Jesus Christ that is the only thing that has the power to unite us together.**

**Lord, in this critical hour in our nation, we pray for unity in America. Only You can bring unity, harmony, and oneness in America. As your Word calls us in Ephesians 4:3, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"*, we ask You to empower us to make every effort to live in unity, to call for unity, and to forward unity in America continually.**

**We pray for the churches in America to unify in Jesus Christ and to pray as one unified spiritual family for America. May Your Church pray for America passionately, perpetually, privately, and publicly.**



**We pray for God's power to unify families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America. By Your Spirit, lead us to forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and unity.**

**We pray for people of all ethnicities and races in America to come together as one, living in peace and unity together. Oh Lord, because each of us is created in Your image, please give us the courage to stand against all racial and ethnic division, denouncing it as evil and sinful, while simultaneously coming together in unity with all persons knowing this is God's will for us.**

**We pray in unity for the security of our nation. We ask You to preserve the United States of America from the forces of evil that are threatening our lives and our future. God, please guard all persons in public and private settings from anyone or anything that desires to harm us or take our lives. Our future is in Your hands.**

**We agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Oh Lord, wake up Your church spiritually and convict Your people to agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily until the next Great Spiritual Awakening occurs in our generation.**

**Oh God, we stand together upon Your words in *Psalms 133:1*, "*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony.*" Through Jesus' name and by the Holy Spirit's power, we pray for all Americans to unify and to live together in unity.**

**In the mighty and majestic name of Jesus Christ who is the Only Savior and the Only Hope in this world, we pray. Amen.**

**Dr. Ronnie Floyd  
President, National Day of Prayer Task Force  
Senior Pastor Cross Church**



*Sunday May 13, 2018*

HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY ([history.com](http://history.com))

**Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."**

**Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.**

**The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children.**

**These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.**



**Special Observance  
Monday May 28th, 9:00 a.m.  
Woodlawn Cemetery**

**This is one of many brief, but important observances in our area. Please take time to remember, celebrate and honor those who have given their lives for our freedom.**



**Sunday May 20, 2018**

**The appearances of Jesus concluded 40 days after His resurrection, some groups celebrate Ascension Day. This year that would be Thursday May 10. Ten days after Jesus ascended, His promise of the Comforter, Encourager, His Holy Spirit came upon His disciples. They began to preach boldly and 3000 were saved in one day. He is still saving people today and there are many 1000's who come to Christ each day. So, pray!**

"Sharing is caring"

**This Space Is Reserved for You**

**What are you seeing or hearing, doing or experienced? What has God taught you recently? Sharing is caring, so send a note or call so we can all learn together what God is doing around us.**



**Borah Kang's  
Psalms Music Academy**

**Saturday May 12, 5 p.m.**

**Everyone Welcome**





**Wednesday May 16, 6:30 p.m.**

**All year the first part of our monthly meeting has been set apart for preparing for ministry activities and events.**

**In May we will be talking about VBS plans and how we can share the love of Jesus with more people in our community this summer.**

**Everyone is welcome to participate in this meeting. Your input and involvement is crucial to our success.**





**It's Not  
What You Say,  
It's What  
People Hear**

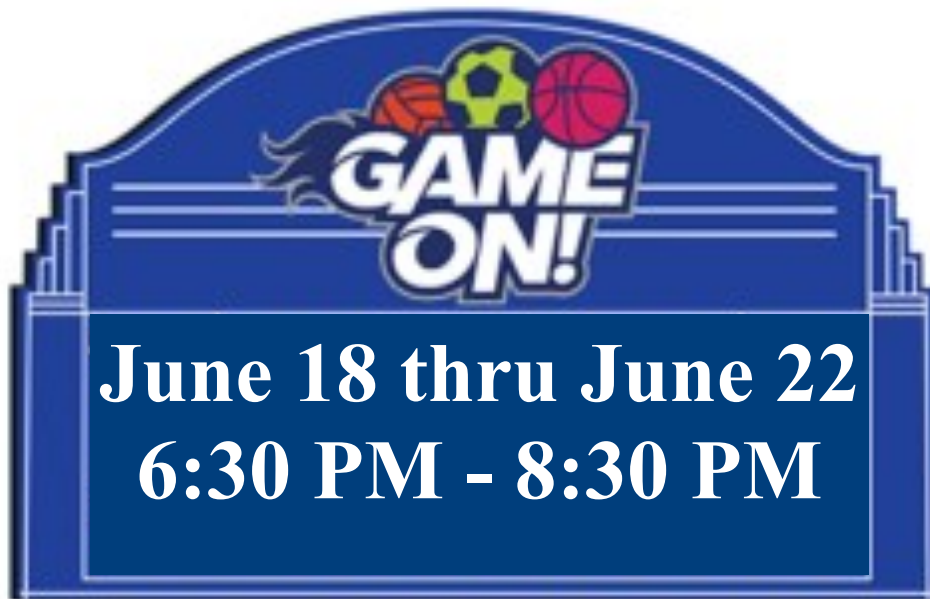
### **Upgrading Our Church Sound System**

The statement above is from the cover of a NY Times best seller by Frank Lunz. The statement is true about the quality of sound we experience in worship too. The process of improving our sound quality for worship is underway. Here are some things to expect.

- > Trials of microphones and other equipment
- > Moving the Sound System Operator to the ground floor, so they can more readily make adjustments to what we are hearing.
- > Funding requests and initiatives, sound equipment worth having is not expensive, but it does cost money.
- > Better quality sound and clearer communication as we worship each week.

What can you do? Pray, watch, share and give to the annual budget needs of our church. If you have questions or need information call the church office or see Pastor Phil or Pastor Rich.





**V.B.S. 2018**  
See Dave  
to sign up.  
Watch for  
details on  
training events.



**Youth Skate Night**  
**Tuesday, May 22 5:30-8pm**  
Details: Students meet at 5:30pm at PABC  
to drive over together to Skateland in  
Champaign. Bring \$5.50 for admission and  
skates. Please eat beforehand or bring  
money for food.

**Graduate Recognition**  
June 3rd, during Sunday  
morning worship, we will  
be recognizing high  
school seniors graduating  
this year. Desserts will  
follow the service in the  
Fellowship Hall.





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**Come to Life gathering**  
**Fellowship**  
**Morning Worship**

**10:00 am**  
**10:30 am**  
**10:45 am**