

The Reminder

JUNE 2018

PABCUrbana.org



June 18 - 22

Family Celebration June 23

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

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

**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER.**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for He who promised is faithful.

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

PABC Family,

Mission and opportunity come together this month in Vacation Bible School. Our purpose to share Christ and the crowd that VBS always attracts creates a perfect match of focus and service. Our 2018 theme verse (above) reminds us our work is a joint venture. We need each other to fulfill His will.

Prayer is the initial emphasis, as with everything we do, prayer is the first step. With the Lord's help, then, we are ready to boldly serve. One of the many blessings of being in a smaller church is that we know we need everyone to take part for us to do the best possible work. There are many ways to serve. There is a place for everyone to make a difference.

There will be a number of VBS meetings on the calendar. I encourage you to sign-up to help in an area where you are gifted. Come to each meeting and participate to be an encouragement to leaders and others coming to help. And, when VBS time comes, show the love of Christ with everyone involved, both kids and adults. VBS is a great opportunity designed to let the church be the church. So, let us do it well together.

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



**Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.**

Nobody is lonelier than Generation Z
18-22 yr olds

Loneliness isn't just an emotion—it's a health issue, Cigna says.

"Loneliness has the same impact on mortality as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, making it even more dangerous than obesity," wrote Douglas Nemecek, Cigna's chief medical officer for behavioral health, in a report on the survey results.

You're Invited

*Celebrate the wedding of
J.D. and Marge*

*Saturday June 9
1:30 p.m.*

Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

*Please RSVP to the Church Office
367-5924*



Southern Baptist Convention

June 12-13 Dallas, Texas



The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) is not a church. It is a set of ministries supported by a network of cooperating Baptist churches.

Its Purpose:

These ministries include international and domestic missions, theological education, advocacy for religious liberty, literature production, insurance and retirement services for pastors and other church workers, and the infrastructure necessary to keep these cooperative efforts operational. Specifically, the Convention was created “to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.”

Its Annual Meeting:

Each June, representatives (called *messengers*) from churches that cooperate with and support the SBC convene for a two-day annual meeting. During the annual meeting, messengers adopt the SBC allocation budget, elect trustees that govern its ministries, receive motions from messengers, review bylaw revisions, consider resolutions, and hear inspirational reports about the great works God is doing through our cooperative efforts as Southern Baptists.

DAD

A Son's first Hero,
Daughter's first Love

**Celebrate Father's Day
Sunday June 17**

Happy Father's Day dad!!!

I want you to know that I have the most amazing father in the world. I may not tell you enough, but I love you and appreciate you more than you will ever know.

You have stood by me and supported me through any obstacle life has thrown my way. You gave me the most amazing childhood a kid could ask for and are one of the hardest workers I know.

Most importantly, you are the best papa to my kids, and that means the world to me. Thank you for everything that you do. I hope your Father's Day is the best, because no one deserves it more than you.

Thanks Dad



"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.



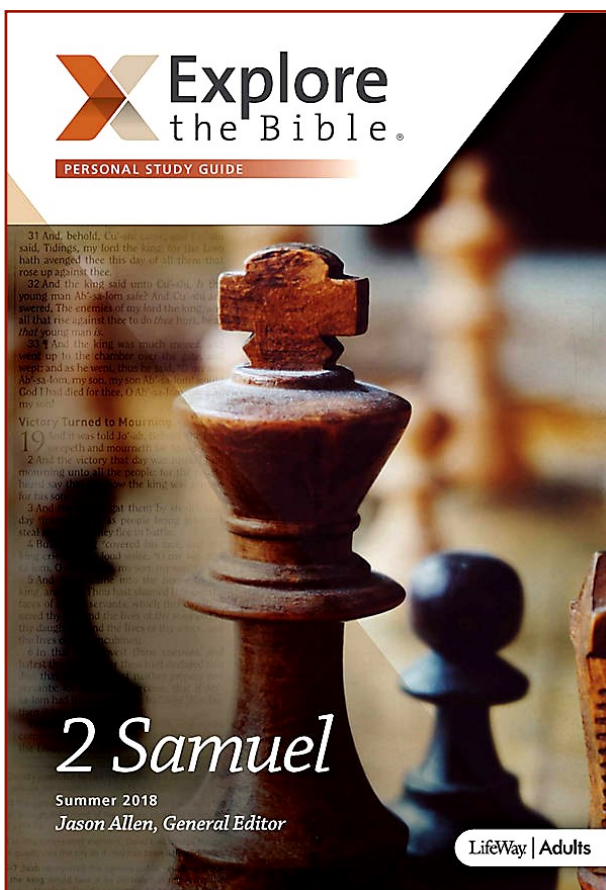
Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

churchplanting

This summer we welcome Church Planting Pastor Thomas Li. Thomas and his family are moving to our community from Mississippi to lead outreach to students and plant a Chinese congregation.

We are partnering together with the North American Mission Board, Illinois Baptist State Association, East Central Baptist Association, Ambassadors for Christ and Redeemer Church in Urbana in this effort.

Other churches too are coming alongside in support of Pastor Li and the new work. Please join in the effort through prayer and welcome the Li family to C-U.



Summer Bible Study

**Join in the study of
God's Word this summer
in 2Samuel**

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30

**Adult Study
Begins Sunday June 3**



SATURDAY JUNE 9, 7 A.M.

The long awaited shed demolition is now scheduled. Volunteers are appreciated, we will start early and have plenty of coffee on hand. The shed has become a safety issue and has been in need of removal for some time.

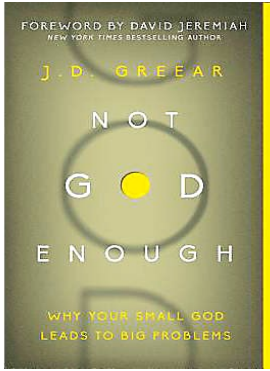


**June 13, 6:30 p.m.
Date Change**

Mark Your Calendars

Due to Vacation Bible School taking place the week of June 17, Business Meeting for June has been scheduled a week early.

Plan to attend and take part in praying, planning and sharing all the great things God is doing at PABC



Not God Enough

New Book by Pastor J.D. Greear

Why Your Small God Leads to Big Problems

Your God is too small.

We like God small. We prefer a God who is safe, domesticated, who thinks like we think, likes what we like, and whom we can manage, predict, and control. A small God is convenient. Practical. Manageable.

The truth: God is big. Bigger than big. Bigger than all the words we use to say big.

Ironically, many today seem turned off by the concept of an awesome, terrifyingly great God. We assume that a God you would need to fear is guilty of some kind of fault. For us, thinking of God as so infinitely greater and wiser than we are and who would cause us to tremble in his presence is a leftover relic from an oppressive, archaic view of religion.

But what if this small version of God we've created is holding us back from the greatest experience of our lives—from genuine, confident, world-transforming faith?

In Not God Enough, J.D. reveals how to discover a God who:

- **is big enough to handle your questions, doubts, and fears**
- **is not silent**
- **is worthy of worship**
- **wants to take you from boring to bold in your faith**
- **has a purpose and mission for you on earth**
- **is pursuing you right now**

God is not just a slightly better, slightly smarter version of you. God is infinite and glorious, and an encounter with Him won't just change the way you think about your faith. It'll change your entire life.

Coming in June....
Thursday Kick Start

On Thursdays, Students (6th-College) will be meeting up to do service projects, have fun times of fellowship, and worship God. The following is the schedule for the month of June:



June 14
SERVING AT SALT AND LIGHT

Meet at Salt and Light in Urbana
from 10am-12pm
to help serve our community.

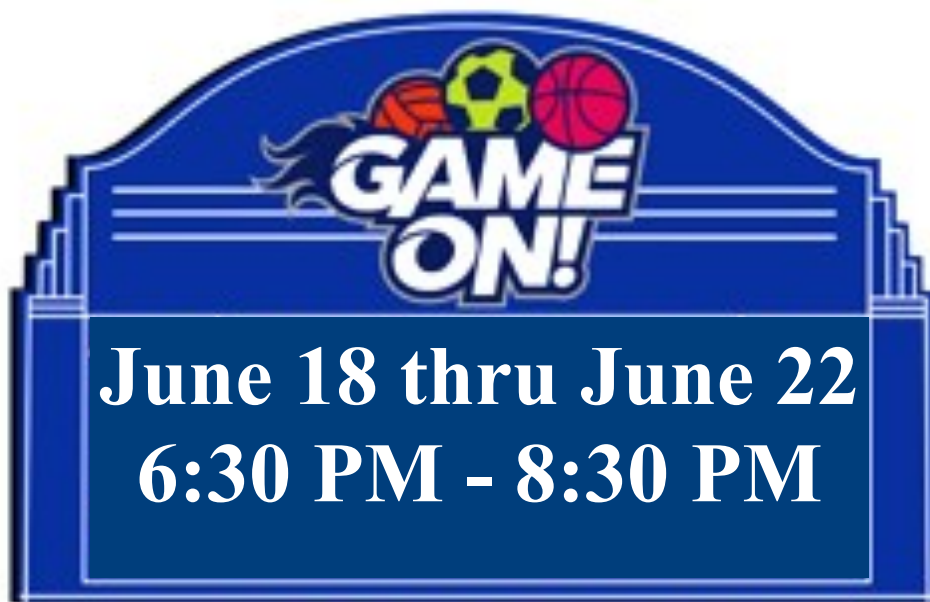
June 7
SERVING INTERNATIONALS

Meet at 6:00pm at University Baptist Church
to help serve free food
and time to talk with international students.



June 28
LAZERTAG AND LASAGNA

Meeting at church 6-9pm for a time of
fellowship and fun playing Lazertag.

**V.B.S. 2018**

**Watch for
sign-up sheets
& lists of
items needed.**

**VBS IS COMING, WE NEED YOU!**

VBS is June 18-23 and the theme this year is sports, "Game On!" We still need volunteers to help make this possible and donated food items. The list of food items needed will be located just outside the Sanctuary, please sign up to bring something and help reduce VBS costs. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to serve at VBS. Don't forget to come to the VBS training times and decorating days to join in the fun:

VBS TRAINING DATES:

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 27, 5:00pm Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 3, 5:00pm Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 10, 5:00pm Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 13, 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

VBS DECORATING DAYS:

Saturday, June 16, 8:00am-12:00pm
Sunday, June 17, 5:00pm-8:00pm



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Come to Life gathering
Fellowship
Morning Worship

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