

The Reminder

JULY 2018

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**For what great nation is there that has
a god near to it as the Lord our God
is to us whenever we call to Him?**

Deuteronomy 4:7

*Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
600 E. Pennsylvania Avenue
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*PABC lives to encourage people to have
a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ*

Rich's Review

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

We begin the second half this month. Summer has come, VBS is done and there is still a month and a half until the University students return in force. Half way can be a difficult place to be. We can't see the finish line, for goodness sake, let's not think about how many days it is until Christmas. And, too often, we can't remember the goal we were so excited about when we made our New Year's plans and resolutions.

Half way is a time when we can lose our way, a dangerous time when we wonder away from those things that are important. But, halftime can be a great time to refresh, remember and reload for the second half. It's true in life, relationships and in church. Take time, now, to review the theme verses from Hebrews 10 above. Recommit yourself and your family to our hope in Christ and our commitment to each other as His church.

PABC is helping give birth to a new church, reaching out to our community and coming together to fulfill Christ's calling. Jesus is coming, until then, encourage one another.

I am blessed to be your pastor,
Rich



The Leadership Team

This month the Church Leadership Team is beginning a study of Dr. Thom Rainer's book, We Want You Here

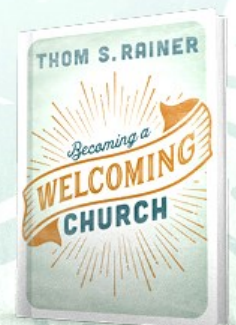
Pray for the Team as they study and plan



Love. Grow. Serve.

A WELCOMING CHURCH IS A GOING CHURCH. THE MEMBERS REALIZE THAT CHURCH IS NOT A PLACE CONFINED TO WALLS, BUT A PEOPLE DETERMINED TO GO. THEY DEMONSTRATE CARING AND THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN THEIR WORKPLACES, IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, IN THE PLACES THEY SHOP, AND IN ALL THE PLACES WHERE THEY ENCOUNTER PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

THOM S. RAINER



REMEMBER with LOVE

GIVE with GRATITUDE

Rosemary Spessard Offering for Local Missions

July is the month we receive a missions offering for local needs and ministries. The offering is named after Rosemary Spessard because she was a nurse here in Urbana, a PABC member who served as a missionary for many years.

In preparing this year’s information for the offering I found an old file that listed gifts to the Offering used for specific needs in 2006-2008 (below). This year, 2018, PABC has given \$500 for a new church. Your gifts help the work continue and missionaries to serve.

Bible League – Africa Ministries	\$500.00
Bibles, Spanish Language	\$177.00
Caleb Davis, Bible College Student Support	\$625.00
Champaign Campus Church	
Korean Pastor Support	\$175.00
Gibson City Church, flood relief	\$200.00
Gideon International Ministries	\$228.00
Super Summer Youth Camp	\$500.00
World Changers Youth Mission Trip	\$800.00
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COURAGE CONNECTION

Pajamas and PB &J

Bring Your Donation to the church by Sunday July 29th

This is a tangible and easy way to make a difference in the lives of moms and kids in need in C-U. Courage Connection is a resource for women escaping domestic violence, and often they have to leave quickly, with little time for belongings. The last week of July, the organization will be collecting *new* children's pajamas along with peanut butter and jelly to keep their shelters stocked with these essential items. More donation info below:

Courage Connection's Pajama's and P.B.&J. Event, July 21-29, 2018

Almost nightly, a woman will arrive at Courage Connection with her young children in the early hours. They may have nothing but the clothes they were wearing and a maybe a few essentials. Not even a pair of pajamas to wear for their first night of stay. Items like this were sacrificed for her safety.

Every day individuals turn to Courage Connection for safety and support, many times leaving the comforts of the place they called home.

Courage Connection is launching a Pajama's and P.B.&J. event July 21-29. Nothing is more comforting at bed time that a P.B.&J. snack and your wearing comfy Pajamas can be. To make every night a little brighter for victims and survivors of domestic violence, we are collecting new Pajama's in all children's sizes along with Peanut Butter & Jelly to keep our shelter stocked with these essentials.



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PABC will once again be hosting the combined worship service of our Association of Churches. Plan now to attend this service on Sunday Evening July 29, 6:00 p.m.

Pie and Ice Cream will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

COMBINED WORSHIP *Service*



"Sharing is caring"

This space is reserved for your impressions and expressions.
When we share, we show that we care.

Thank You!

*Thank you to our church family at PABC for
the gifts and coming to our wedding.*

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Sechrest



Wednesday July 18, 2018
6:30 p.m.



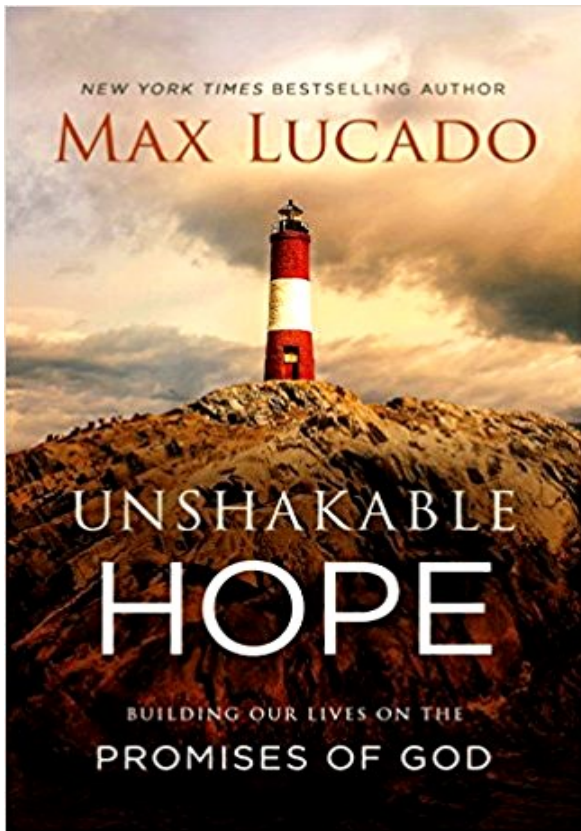
This July in Worship

Timothy, Follower of Christ

One fantastic way to grow as disciples (and to make disciples) is to study the disciples in the Bible. When we read through Paul's letters, we find that several of them conclude with the names of individuals the apostle knew. He also served with many of them in the proclamation of the gospel. Yet, often we know little or nothing about these steadfast members of the Christian faith.

One exception, though, is a young believer named Timothy. The Bible tells us a great deal about him. Timothy is a helpful example for us today.

Discipleship



Look at a Book

Max Lucado is a wonderful story teller and great encourager of the faith.

If you've never read his books or it has been awhile you might enjoy this new offering from Max.

What is shaking in your world?

**Possibly your future, your faith, your family, or finances?
It's a shaky world out there.**

In *Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God*, pastor and *New York Times* bestselling author Max Lucado offers encouraging guidance for overcoming sadness and despair, renewing a sense of purpose, and triumphantly facing the fears of the future.

**Overcome challenging circumstances
Live through sadness and renew hope
Experience lasting security
Make wise decisions**



Wednesday July 4

**for Schedule of events and
information you can visit**

july4th.net

5K - Parade - Fireworks



Summer Retreat 2018

Palestine Baptist Camp
Robinson IL
August 2nd - 5th

Open to any student who has completed
the 5th grade through students who have just
completed the 12th grade.
Cost \$40.00 per student.
Contact Pastor Dave
if interested, or for more information.



PRAYING FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Pray for vision, boldness, connections and more partners.

Chinese Language Church Start - Thomas Li

Pray for Thomas and his family as they relocate to C-U. Pray for the right living accommodations for them. Pray for connections to local people to serve alongside them and for those they can speak with who have never heard the Gospel message.

Korean Church of Cham-Bana - Pastor Kang

Give thanks for God blessing us with Pastor and Mrs. Kang. Praise the Lord for their generous and giving spirit. Pray for the church meeting in our facilities to discover and disciple new believers. Pray for the encouragement of these friends in the Lord.

East Central Illinois Baptist Association - David Hutton

Praise the Lord that David and Shannon have purchased a home in Champaign. Praise God for these partners who are financially and prayerfully supporting the new church start.

Pray for them as they move this month. Pray for the Lord's blessing on David as he serves the churches of ECIBA.

**Don't Pray for the Greater Work
Prayer is the Greater Work**



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Come to Life gathering
Fellowship
Morning Worship

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