

# The Reminder

AUGUST 2018

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Our verses for 2018

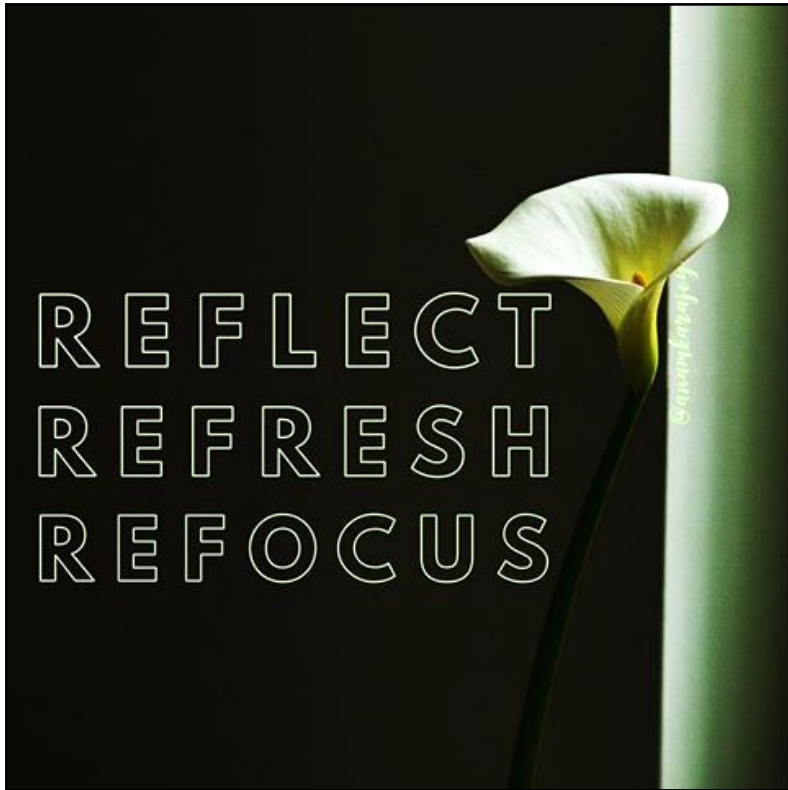


Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25

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



## Rich's Review

**August 2018**

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

Reflect, Refresh, Refocus, three key words for me and ministry in August 2018. September is coming quickly, in October PABC begins its 110th year. Then the holidays and a new year will be here immediately. So, it's important to stop, take a breath and realize where we've been, all the good things that are happening and where the Lord is leading as we move forward.

Our Lord gave us some verse from His Word to guide us through this year. As I reflect on these words from Hebrews (cover), my soul is refreshed in faith, confidence that He has led us this far and He will complete His work. There is peace in knowing that this is His pathway for He works all things for our good as we are called according to His purpose. His peace provides hope and His hope produces a contagious joy in which more people come to find life in Christ.

This month our worship times will be focused on God's leadership in teaching, calling, leading and working at PABC to magnify Jesus, proclaim His love and demonstrate His power in our community to bless people. The start of new ministry projects begin this month. Our fellowship is about to get busier, more crowded and experience new challenges. In Christ, by faith we will see growth in faith, love, and people. Ready?

I am blessed to be your pastor,  
*Rich*

**Thomas Li - New Work Testimony**

**I have been in Champaign-Urbana for over a month. According to our original plan, my family should have moved to Champaign by the end of June. We also have petitioned to God to provide for us ten student-corkers for reaching Chinese students, especially to new incoming Chinese students for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**I gradually lost my peace because I had not made any progress in the above two things. I could not sleep peacefully at night after waking up on 6/27/2018 because of the stress. I got off the bed and came before God to repent. I had been working on my own agenda, not His agenda. Then, I felt pressure and anxiety because my own agenda wasn't working the way I wanted. I asked God to forgive my sin of not seeking His own time and His own way. I said to God that I was willing to give up my own agenda and surrender myself to Him. I was willing to depend on God's time and God's plan for us.**

**On the second day, I went to see a potential house for rent. When I stepped foot into the house, I knew immediately that it was the house that we have been asking God to give us. I asked the owner whether he could reduce the rental cost for me. He asked for an offering price. I told him. It seemed that he was not willing to accept it. When I almost decided to give up, he asked me how much I could afford. I answered him. He said that he would accept it. Then, he explained to me the reason: he was willing to reduce the price for me because he wanted to support our church planting. His company was made of three people: him, his wife, and Jesus.**

**Praise the Lord for he listened to our prayer and gave us an ideal place to live for the purpose of His kingdom. Praise the Lord, for when we are willing to wait for Him, He answers our prayers.**

**Pray for Thomas Li and this new work**





The Leadership Team has discussed and brought to the church (July Business Meeting) the idea of developing a new statement for PABC that communicates to our community that we have hope to share with them.

The initial brainstorming session on Wednesday July 18th went very well. But, everyone's input is important to this project. Please plan to attend the next discussion on Wednesday August 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The plan is to present a final version of the statement on September 19 for a church vote.





**Pray for IBSA  
Relief Teams  
Working to help  
Our neighbors in Iowa  
after recent tornadoes.**

**Missouri Teams were  
also deployed to  
Branson following the  
boat accident**

**Callout status:**

**GO for Marshalltown, Iowa, Tornadoes  
Deployment Dates: July 29 – August 5, 2018  
Unit # IL 005 – Greater Wabash Baptist Assoc.  
Blue Hat Team Leader: Don Ile**

**Assessment and Chaplain Team  
Deployment Dates: July 25 – July 31, 2018  
Unit # IL RC 008 – Metro East Baptist Assoc.  
Team Leader: Dennis Felix**

**Disaster Relief Fall Training  
October 19-20**

**Lake Sallateeska Baptist Camp, Pinckneyville**

**If you would like to help or learn more about disaster  
relief ministry call the church or speak with Jim  
Weickersheimmer at church.**

**SBC Disaster Relief Ministry is the 3rd Largest in the  
World.**

"Sharing is caring"



**Produce Table @ PABC**

**Thanks for all who have contributed fresh veggies.**

**If you have extra goodies from the garden to share bring them on Sunday.**



**Safety. Support. Success.**

**Thanks for giving kids sized pajamas, peanut butter and jelly for the ministry to Courage Connection.**

**Your generosity and thoughtfulness will impact many lives and encourages those ministering and volunteering.**

**You are a blessing!**



**REMEMBER** with **LOVE**  
**GIVE** with **GRATITUDE**

**Thank You for giving over \$250.00 so far to the Rosemary Spessard Offering for Local Missions.**

**The Offering is our summer missions emphasis and will continue to be received through August.**



**Do your grocery shopping at Salt & Light Urbana and help your community friends and neighbors.**

**You can also donate unwanted items to the Salt & Light Thrift Shop.**

**Volunteers as well as donations are accepted at both Salt & Light locations.**

**Pray for Mike Jenkins and other leaders at Salt & Light**



Fall 2018 > *James Merritt, General Editor*



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**This Hit Movie Is Now Available on DVD**  
**If you missed it in theaters take the opportunity to**  
**view it at home.**

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS QUAD DAY



Sunday, August 26

12pm-4pm

College students are welcome to attend this  
“welcome day” on the University Quad.

“The purpose of Quad Day is to expose students  
to the diverse opportunities available for  
becoming involved in the campus community.”





## TEACHER TRAINING MEETING

Sunday, August 19  
5:00 PM

This is a mandatory meeting for all Sunday Morning teachers and all nursery workers. This will be a training meeting regarding teaching policies, safety, and other fun topics. Refreshments will be provided.



## PABC CAR CLUB

Are you interested in cars, or mechanically inclined? Would you like to be involved in a ministry using or sharing your skill with others? Pastor Dave is looking for a core group of car-lovin' folks to start a car club in our community. See Pastor Dave if you are interested in helping start this ministry.







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

**10:00 am**  
**10:15 am**  
**10:45 am**