

The Reminder

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PABC**Urbana.org**

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600 E. Pennsylvania Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801*

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

Rich's Review

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Hebrews 10:25

September in our University Town is always exciting. Our population practically doubles as students, faculty and administrators return. Optimism and anticipation are in the air as the journey of discovery begins again. Relationships are initiated or renewed and stories of adventure are shared about summer activities. It can be, even for those of us who have long left the academic world, a time of regeneration and growth

We are in the middle of an intensive study of our Verses for the Year - Hebrews 10:23-25, I am amazed again at the depth and breadth of God's Word. He never fails to bless, to encourage righteousness in the hearts of His people. For all who have ears to hear and are willing to obey, the Lord continues to speak. Indeed, He is speaking and moving in our community and our church.

This summer with the addition of the ministry River of Life Church and Pastor Li, new life is blossoming. New activities, gatherings and classes are happening and lives are being touched. New friends are coming to church, our family is growing. What a joy it is to see our prayers being answered and God's Spirit working in so many lives.

Praise the Lord! Pray for the work! Share His love!

I am blessed to be your pastor.

Rich



Wednesday October 24, 2018 will mark the 1st day of the 110th year of PABC's ministry.

Mark Wednesday September 19th, 6:30 p.m. on your calendar and plan to attend the planning/business meeting that will highlight a new church statement on . . .

Hope

Meetings in July and August set the tone, sharpening the focus for PABC's statement to the community. Watch for details, not just about the statement, but for activities, events and opportunities to share hope with our neighbors.

We have the message, "There is hope for you in the love of Jesus Christ." You will be hearing about vehicles that can help folks connect with this truth.

Your help is needed because God puts His family together on purpose and you are an important part of the PABC family.

Rosh Hashanah
September 9, 2018

Rosh Hashanah occurs on the first and second days of Tishri. In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means, literally, "head of the year" or "first of the year". Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. This name is somewhat deceptive, because there is little similarity between Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days of the year, and the midnight drinking bash and daytime football game in the USA, for example.

There is, however, one important similarity between the Jewish New Year and that of the modern Christian West: Many use the New Year as a time to plan a better life, making "resolutions". Likewise, the Jewish New Year is a time to begin introspection, looking back at the mistakes of the past year and planning the changes to make in the new year. More on this concept at Days of Awe.

The name "Rosh Hashanah" is not used in the Bible to discuss this holiday. The Bible refers to the holiday as Yom Ha-Zikkaron (the day of remembrance) or Yom Teruah (the day of the sounding of the shofar). The holiday is instituted in Leviticus 23,24-25.

Blowing the Shofar, or Ram's Horn is a tradition practiced at Rosh Hashanah.

Another tradition is eating apples dipped in honey.





Illinois needs the Gospel. To reach more than 8 million lost people in Illinois, our state needs more churches and strong churches. IBSA churches partner together to share the gospel nearby and worldwide, everywhere the love of Christ is needed.

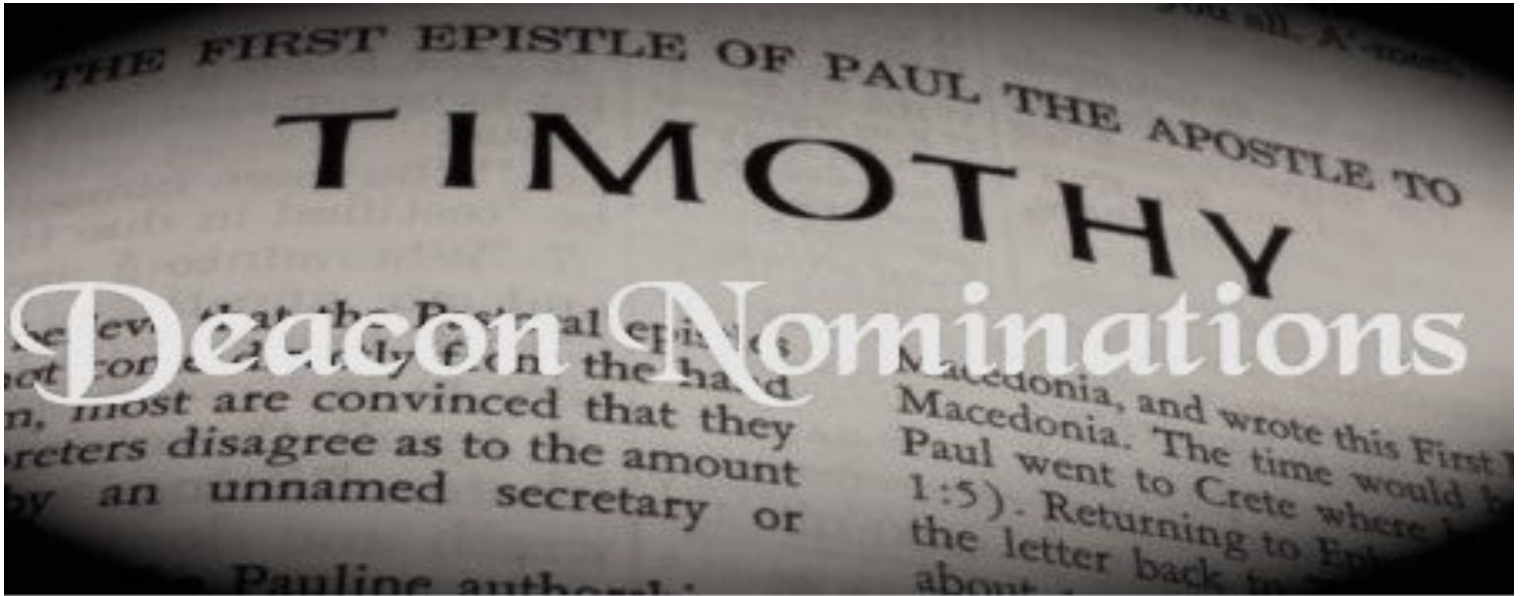
The Mission Illinois Offering strengthens ministries on our mission field, grows church leaders and disciples, and equips Christ followers for evangelism and missions.

Every dollar given through the Mission Illinois Offering supports gospel work in our state. You can change lives here in Illinois with your generous gift.

All the money stays here in Illinois. These gifts support salaries of church planters, missionaries, leadership trainers. The offering also supports campus ministries across the state, provides ministry supplies and equipping for church leaders, and helps mobilize missions volunteers.



September 9-16



Church members are encouraged to prayerfully nominate men to serve in the deacon ministry. Nomination forms will be available each Sunday (September 2, 9, 16, 23).

This is a vital ministry to our church family. Those currently serving need not be nominated. Please remember to pray for those currently serving, Darrell Sechrest and John Shubert.

The active Deacons will contact those who are nominated and report to the church with a recommendation for election in the October Business Meeting. Each person nominated by the congregation will have opportunity to consider the Lord's leadership and calling to serve.

Scripture gives direction in the selection and service of men for the ministry of a deacon. 1Timothy 3 and Acts 6 are passages that can be helpful in prayer, nomination and election of men to serve.

Psalm 25:4-5

**Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God
my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**



Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the church.



GREETERS
NEEDED



Get involved in serving.
Contact a pastor and let
us help you get going in
ministry





New Study Begins Sunday September 2nd

Join a Bible Study group this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Explore the Bible: Galatians Bible Study Book is a six-session study that examines Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia, which exposes the fallacy of the gospel of grace-plus-law and provides solid biblical evidence for salvation by grace alone.

Handwritten letters stand out in a stack of mail. Most likely you skip the junk mail and go directly to the personalized pieces. First-century Christians probably experienced a similar thrill when personal communications came their way. The spread of the gospel, in large part, was tied to these letters. These church plants needed Christian instruction, and the letters proved helpful. One of those earliest letters was from Paul to the Galatians.

This six-session Bible study will serve your group in a variety of ways. It highlights the freedom we have in Christ and the importance of guarding against false teaching with adherence to the truth of the gospel. It explores the life-changing effect of the gospel, which looses believers from the grip of legalism and inspires us to live in Christ. Your group will also learn that life in the Spirit far outpaces life in the flesh and enhances relationships with God and other people.

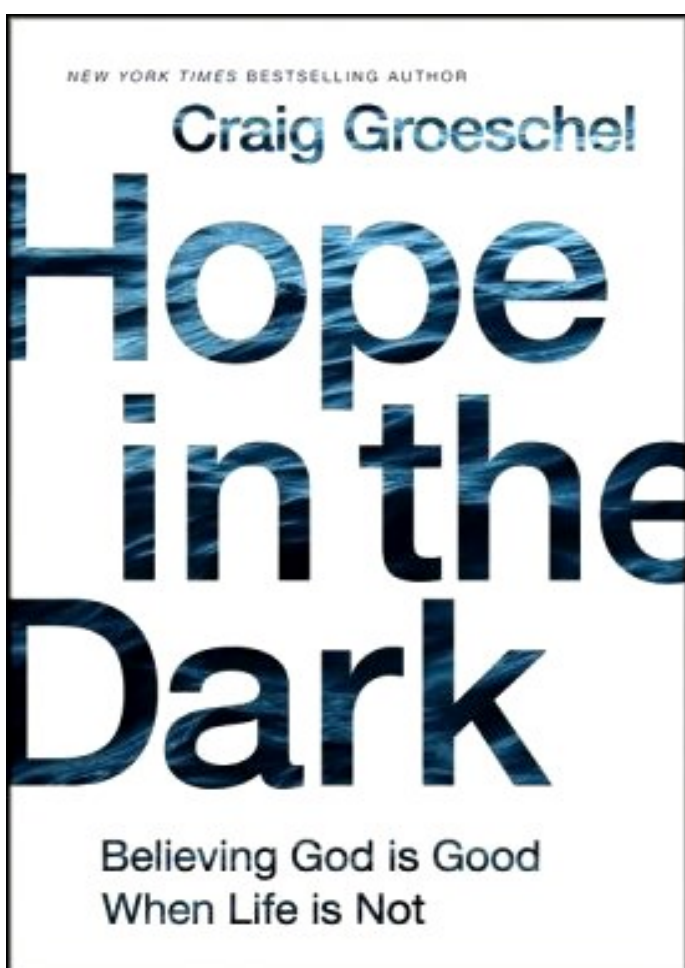


Pray for our friends serving the Lord with us in other languages.

Chambana Korean Baptist Church
Pastor and Mrs. Kang

River of Life Church of Champaign-Urbana
Pastor Thomas Li and Ying Zheng

East Central Illinois Baptist Association
Rev. David and Shannon Hutton



New Book
Coming Soon

Check it out at
christianbook.com

What's New in C-U:

A local addiction recovery program can now help 24 more men, after raising more than \$600,000—and almost half that money came from local businesses.

Lifeline Connect in Urbana has been around for more than a decade, helping more than 80 men get back on their feet. Now, with the new money raised, they can build another home and help even more people battling addiction.

For Brenton Kilbourne, he came all the way from Florida after losing almost everything and becoming addicted to heroin and crack cocaine. “I just wanted freedom because I was just stuck in depression and hopelessness. I really thought I was going to die,” said Kilbourne, who is a current resident.

“I didn’t see a way out and so my pastor told me about this program,” said Bixeman, who is a current resident. That program was Lifeline Connect, a one-year faith-based program in Urbana that currently houses six men.

Pastor Kevin Brown is so touched by the community’s help, saying it will help the community in return. That includes Lanz Heating & Cooling that has hired about eight graduates from the program.

And now, with more participants coming in, these graduates hope to be a role model for them.

The official groundbreaking for the new building is August 16 and the construction of it will wrap up by next spring. For more information about the groundbreaking or the program visit their website.

**LASAGNA LUNCH FUNDRAISER**

September 30th at PABC (Fellowship Hall)

The students will be serving lunch after worship services to help raise support for Extreme Winter Youth Conference in December and 2019 missions.

Cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple



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