

The Reminder

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HOPE

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,
firm and secure. Hebrews 6:19

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

*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

**The verses above have been our theme for 2018, and we
are entering the 4th quarter. This is not the time to slow
down or let up. This is the time to double-down and to
concentrate on the goal.**

**Hebrews 10:23-25, plainly states several goals for our
focus. Chronologically speaking, the first goal is to hang
on! If a farmer plowed, planted and nurtured the crops
then let them rot in the field, you would know there was
something wrong with the farmer. What a waste, what a
tragedy. The same would be true of us, if after praying,
planning and working to bring hope to our community, we
didn't see it through, we would miss the blessing.**

**This month, PABC will vote on a new identity
statement at our monthly Business Meeting. Please pray
and come to share in this opportunity to launch a new
season of ministry into our community.**

**Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church
Where the hope of Jesus is alive**

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



MissionRedemption

Worship Focus

Jesus saved us and He provides our purpose for living each day.

He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a special people, eager to do good works.

Titus 2:13

Redemption - the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt.

Entering the holiday season this year, our worship focus will center on the great plan of God to bring His beloved creation back into right relationship with Him.

Following up on the theme that we are “New Creations in Christ”, the point of His work in His people will be our subject. He came, He saves us and He saves us for a reason, to know Him and make Him known. We have a mission!

Jesus’ mission was “to seek and to save that which was lost.”) (Luke 19:10) He said, “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” (John 20:21)

All believers are a work of redemption and on mission for the redemption of our world.

Make our corporate worship a priority during this season of celebration.



FALL

FESTIVAL

*Wednesday Night
October 31st
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

The theme of the games this year during our Fall Festival will be “The Life of Jesus.” Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to help volunteer for this event.

Help is needed: serving food, supervising games, face painting, registration, and other fun opportunities.

Plan to attend the annual event that helps bring neighbors together and provides a safe, fun place for families. We need your help.

Fun - Food - Friends

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief in North Carolina

By Brandon Elrod

Lumberton, N.C.—Cars stretched out of the parking lot of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Lumberton, N.C. and down Highway 211 as residents waited in line to receive hot meals in a make-shift drive thru set up by Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) in the church’s parking lot.

Volunteers with the North Carolina Baptists on Mission (NCBM), who comprise North Carolina’s SBDR team, along with volunteers from churches in town, cooked and distributed meals to residents, many of whom lost everything during Hurricane Florence.

Blackburn surmised that at least 200 volunteers from Hyde Park and other churches were serving and that at least a third of those volunteers were now homeless or living with family.

“What’s amazing is that even when their lives are upside down, they’re still out there serving, which says a lot about their compassion and commitment to this community,” Blackburn said.

Flooding made it difficult for food and supplies to get into Lumberton, creating a lot of anxiety in the community. The North Carolina SBDR team served food to those who could drive up and packed meals into American Red Cross vehicles that delivered meals to nearby shelters. The National Guard used high water vehicles to deliver supplies and SBDR-prepared hot meals through the flood waters.

Teams from Mississippi and Florida will also be participating in the feeding and recover efforts. As of Wednesday evening, SBDR teams across North and South Carolina had served more than 118,000 meals. Around 20 chainsaw jobs or yard cleanup have been completed. SBDR will accelerate its recovery efforts in the coming days and weeks as many homes still remain flooded.

Mission Partnership News

Annual Meeting

Saturday October 20

9 a.m. - Noon

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Savoy, IL



IBSA

Illinois Baptist State Association

Annual Meeting

Wednesday November 7 - Thursday November 8

First Baptist Church
Maryville, IL

If you are planning on attending either of these meetings and would like to represent PABC as a messenger, contact the church office.



Wednesday October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Your involvement is needed and appreciated. Come, share and shape a great future for your church. Don't just come to church, be the church.

This month's meeting is set for Deacon Election, Calendar Updates and Building information.



**Wednesday
October 10
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday
October 10
6:30 p.m.**



P.A.B.C Anniversary 1909 - 2018

October 24th - Day 1, Year 110



109 years ago, on October 24th, a new congregation met in this setting. The railroad car was named “Herald of Hope”



The venue has changed, but the message is still the same, there is hope for all who come to life in Jesus Christ.

River of Life Church
a PABC Ministry

Pastor Thomas Li joined us in June of 2018, his wife Ying and daughter Isabel joined him in July. They are living in Savoy and doing great work in establishing roots for ministry in C-U.

Pray for these events, activities and meetings.

- Timothy Bible Fellowship

Student Ministry

currently meeting in the Youth building at TCBC

- Friday Fellowship

Dinner and Bible Study

Currently meeting at PABC

- Sunday School @ PABC

9:30 a.m. each week

Pray for Thomas as he preaches in Indianapolis on Sunday October 7, sharing his vision for the church here with potential ministry partners.

Thomas will also be meeting with a group of Chicago area pastors on October 22nd to seek their assistance in the work here as well.

We are very grateful for all the support and partnership already committed to this work, from PABC, IBSA, ECIBA, and churches from Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois. God is good! Please pray!!



FALL YARD WORK FUNDRAISING

November

The students are willing to do Fall yard work to raise support for missions. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like them to make a stop at your place. Work days will begin in November.



STUDENT BONFIRE

Coy Home

Oct 20

5pm-9pm

Students (6th through College) and their families are invited to the Coy Home for a Fall Bonfire. Bring a side or dessert to share. Contact Pastor Dave for details.



Greeter schedule

Oct 7- Youth Life Group

Oct 14- River of Life Group

Oct 21- Weickersheimer Life Group

Oct 28- Sechrest Life Group



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