

The Reminder

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Where the Hope of Jesus Is Alive



Rich's Review November 2019

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**Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Psalm 105:1

Gratitude is. a powerful emotion for believers to achieve and maintain. Harvard Health Publishing re-released an article in June from 2011 where researchers had concluded that those who practice gratitude are more optimistic than others and make fewer trips to the doctor. In their study the group that did best were those who took time each week to write down things they were grateful to have.

Of course, November is a time we set aside for thanksgiving, to remember God's provision, protection and blessings over the past year. Over the last few years a challenge has become popular on social media, like Facebook, to post each day for 30 days something in your life for which you are thankful. I would encourage you to take the challenge.

God is so good and the practice of recording things for which we are grateful can make us even more aware of His presence and grace. I hope you keep a daily prayer journal. As I write this note, I looked and counted 33 journals I have kept through the years. Make sure that as you make each day's entry that you start with the things for which you are grateful. It will change your life.

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



Questions on Giving

Three big principles of any solid financial plan are to save, spend and give. Most people forget about the giving part, though, because they think mostly about saving and spending.

But giving—specifically tithing—is just as important. It softens the heart of the giver and frees their soul from dependence on money. You'll never walk away from giving feeling bad! Giving comes in many forms, with your tithe being the most important, because it's a biblical mandate.

What is a tithe?

Let's start with the basics. Simply put, the tithe is the first 10% of your income that should be given to your local church. It's strictly measured in money, so you can't replace it with giving your time or your talents.

What does the Bible say about tithing?

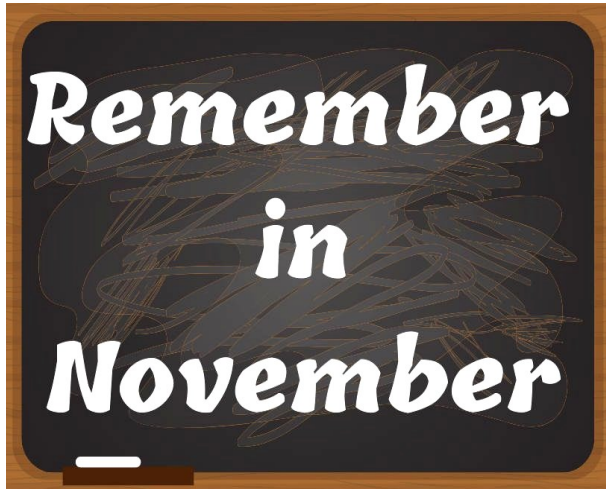
According to Leviticus 27:30 (TLB), "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy." And 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV) says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

What's the difference between tithing and offerings?

A tithe is an amount (a percentage of your income) and an offering is anything given beyond that, but not in place of the tithe.

Why should I tithe?

Tithing was created for *our* benefit. It teaches us how to keep God first in our lives and how to live unselfishly. Unselfish people make better spouses, friends, relatives, employees and employers. And they usually have better finances. God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time.



**Saturday
November 2nd
for Sunday
November 3rd
Turn your clocks
back 1 hour**



**Sunday November 24, following Worship
Sign-up in the hallway to join this effort of
Praise and Fellowship
Please invite friends and family to join us**



**Pack a Shoebox for a Child and bring it to church
on Sunday November 24th.
Boxes and instructions available at Church**

2019 IBSA Annual Meeting

This year's IBSA Pastors' Conference
and Annual Meeting will be held Nov. 5-7

at Cornerstone Church
2705 Walton Way Marion, IL.

We expect 500-600 messengers from our
IBSA churches to attend.

The theme is, "ReFocus," based on Hebrews 12:1b-2a,
"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing
our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."



East Central Illinois Baptist Association

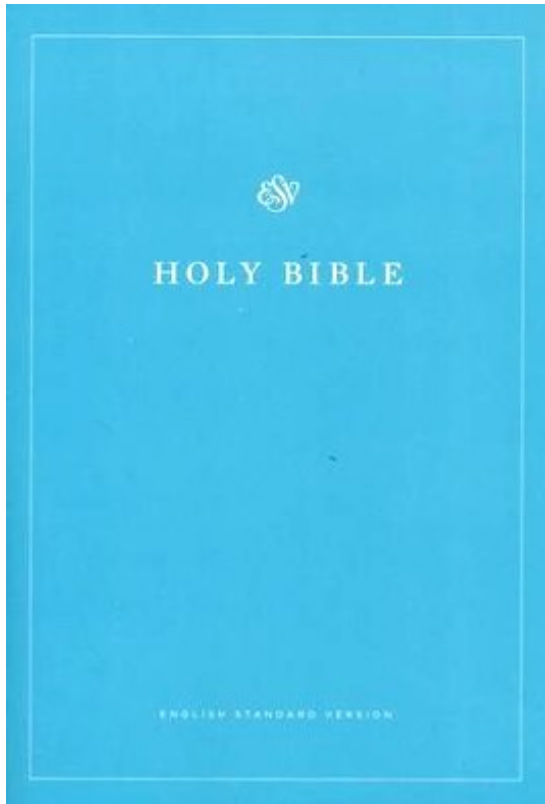
**College Avenue Baptist Church
has merged with Journey Church!**

**Our Association Welcomed a new sister church at
the annual meeting October 19 hosted at FBC LeRoy**



**Champaign's State Farm Center
Sunday November 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets available at statefarmcenter.com



Share God's Word

Have you given the gift of God's Word? Our Pew Bibles at PABC are gifts to be given and discipleship tools to be used.

If you can share a Bible with a friend, read along with them and encourage them in faith.

Over 50 Bibles have Been gifted so far. About 2 Bibles every week are being shared with family, friends and neighbors.

The ESV Outreach Bible

Special Features:

Article: Why Read the Bible

40-Day Getting Started Bible Reading Plan

Section: Plan of Salvation

HOPE

"Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made."

R C Sproul



Thank you.

I dwell upon
The goodness in my life.
Thank you.

I cherish in my heart
Your gift to me.
Thank you.

I notice the blessings
Of life, breath, loving and sharing.
I am so very grateful.

Thank you, Lord.

www.lords-prayer-words.com

Christians often tell us they wish their holidays could be centered on more than just sharing a meal together, but they just aren't sure how to do so.

In our experience, the spiritual discipline of thankfulness opens hearts to receive more from the Lord, and in turn, give back to this world that is so desperate for Jesus.

When you take time, to consciously tune your heart to an attribute, such as thanks, you will be surprised how your eyes change. We hope that this challenge brings you closer to God and to be more like Jesus.

<https://spirituallyhungry.com/30-days-thanks-challenge/>

There are many helpful tools online to develop our spiritual disciplines. Make this November a true time of thanksgiving to God.



Ministering to our elderly, their families and the staff at University Rehabilitation has been ministry of PABC for well over 40 years.

Volunteers are needed and welcome. You will be blessed as you meet some great folks with wonderful life stories. You will make a difference.

Ask Pastor Rich for information or just come on Sunday and see for yourself.

Sunday Morning Bible Study





F. I. S. H.

(Friday Incredible Student Hospitality)

Friday, November 15, 6:30-8:30 PM
PABC Upper Room (Youth Area)

Food, fellowship and Bible Study for college-age students.

Supper will be at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 PM will be in the Youth Area upstairs.

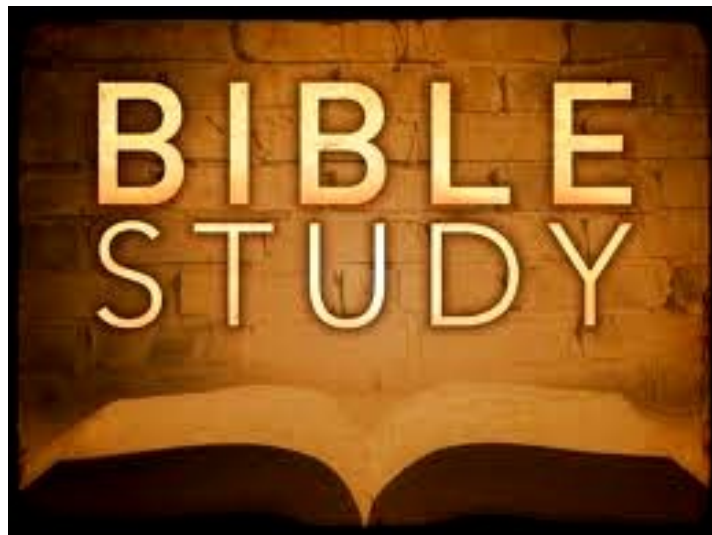


Beef House Roll Fundraiser

During the Month of November the PABC Student group will be selling Beef House Rolls and Jams to raise money for 2020 missions trips. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to contribute by participating.



**Fall Bonfire
Saturday, November 23, 5 PM
Pastor Dave's Home
Campfire Food, Fellowship and Fall Activities
for students 6th Grade through College.
Contact Pastor Dave if you need a ride, or for more details.**



**Life Group Teacher Meeting
November 17
Choir Room**

**Following the Morning Worship Service,
there will be a brief teacher meeting.
Light refreshments will be provided**



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Sunday School
Fellowship
Morning Worship

9:30 am
10:15 am
10:45 am