

The Reminder

MAY 2020

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***Baptist Children's Home and
Family Services***

a Season of Prayer and Support

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Join Us On Sunday
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship 10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.



For we do not preach ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord, and
ourselves as your servants for
Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

Rich's Review

May 2020

Let the Children Come

**Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward. Psalm 127:3**

The month of May can't help but draw our attention to family and community. Mother's Day is the second Sunday of May (May 10). The Last Monday is Memorial Day, on which we gather as a community to celebrate our brave relatives and friends who gave their lives for our freedom. On both occasions, the honor is for sacrifice and the sacrifice is consistent in its focus. The honor is for those who have given so much to those who come after them.

In a long held tradition PABC marks Mother's Day with a emphasis on the work of the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. On another page you can read about some of the ways BCHFS touches the lives of those across our state and world. Don't miss the highlight of a new ministry coming soon called GraceHaven. BCHFS does much needed and powerful care for some of the most vulnerable in Illinois. Please pray and give to this great work.

May is historically a launch month in the lives of young people. Commencements and promotions are held as schools complete their cycles. Soon following we typically celebrate Vacation Bible Schools, camps, mission trips and service opportunities all summer. Then, in just a few weeks it is back to school time and we are preparing our families for next steps. Pray with me that we will find unique and effective ways to help, serve and reach families with the Gospel this summer.

I am blessed to be your pastor,
Rich



The 5 Ministries of Baptist Children's Home and Family Services



Baptist Childrens Home - Carmi, IL

Baptist Children's Home offers residential care and treatment to teens with behavioral challenges. Often times, BCH can help redirect the life of a teen with the use of counseling, therapeutic recreation and a Christian, family-like environment.



Angels' Cove - Mt. Vernon, IL

Angels' Cove Maternity Care provides care for pregnant women and their children. While living in a safe environment, women are offered prenatal care, parenting education, counseling, family care, aftercare, and spiritual opportunities to equip them to be successful mothers.



Faith Adoption Ministry - Mt. Vernon, IL

Faith Adoption Ministry, through BCHFS, is fully-licensed in adoptive services for Illinois. We not only have the experience to handle complicated adoptions, but provide personal care, attention to detail and the willingness to create a harmonious environment for our families.



Pathways Counseling - Various locations throughout Illinois

Pathways Counseling offers licensed clinical services to children, individuals, couples and families in all stages of life. Utilizing your strengths, our professionally licensed therapists will help you overcome challenges and achieve personal goals.



GraceHaven: A Pregnancy Resource Clinic - Mt. Vernon, IL

Coming Soon - GraceHaven will be a source of information and help to those who find themselves dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. It will offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD testing, mentoring for expecting mothers and fathers and resources to empower individuals during this complicated time.



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Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

Type our church name into the YouTube search box, click on the link with the picture of our church, then subscribe by hitting the subscribe link.

There are now 6 videos on the channel, including Easter Sunday worship. People are finding us. I have talked with new people each week who said they saw the YouTube Channel. Including repeat viewers each week, there are almost 500 separate views of our videos.



Video Meetings, Webinars, and Conferences

Zoom is an easy, cost effective way to conduct Bible Study groups, hold Church Leadership Meetings and even virtual Pancake Breakfasts.

If you haven't connected to one the virtual, events or groups yet, I encourage you to get Zoom and connect with a Bible Study Group, join in a Thankful Thursday lunch time fellowship or host a meeting of your own.

It is a great way to stay connected in community

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How to manage social distancing fatigue

by Willie McLaurin

The coronavirus has propelled our world overnight into patterns that are not normal. Many of us had never heard the term "social distancing" until health professionals recommended that this is the solution toward "flattening the curve" of new coronavirus infections.

In a real way many have experienced or will experience what I label "Social Distancing Fatigue." Social Distancing Fatigue (SDF) is the cumulative effect of embracing new behaviors for survival that compound over time to a point of exhaustion.

Stay rooted in the faith

I would suggest a steady diet of prayer, bible reading and personal worship. Read through the Psalms or choose a Gospel to read through. Commit to adding five minutes to your prayer time each week. Colossians 2:5-7

Stay connected to your family

Technology has been a blessing, allowing our family to stay in touch with family members in different locations. The ability to spend a few moments communicating with family and hearing their stories is therapeutic.

Stay engaged with your fellowship

There is something special and scriptural about the local church gathering together in fellowship. Psalm 133 declares, "How good and how pleasant it is when God's people gather together in unity." Take time to pray for fellow believers; write encouraging notes, text or call. You'll be amazed at how staying engaged will assist you in this season.

Do good

Find a way to do something good for someone else. "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

Don't give up

Paul reminds us: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)



Bible Discovery Group

A six week conversation to develop biblical understanding with a goal toward sharing our faith

The second BDG was completed in April. This group showed great perseverance in finishing the last 4 meetings online. The insights the members of the group shared were encouraging and edifying.

New groups are coming soon. One group is likely to be led by one of the attenders of a previous group. That is fantastic!

Watch for details about future groups. If you are interested in BDG see Pastor Rich.

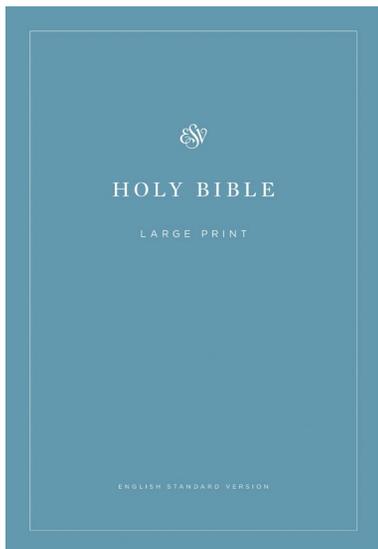
ESV Outreach Bibles

Join the movement by sharing God's Word with family and friends.

The blue pew Bibles are gifts to be given, shared with all who need them.

Encourage everyone you can to read and study the Bible.

Take one, mail one, gift one to a friend. Be a reading partner with them.



**National Day
of Prayer**

**Thursday
May 7**

2020 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Lord, we exist to give You glory. We exist because of Your glory, and in Your glory, as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We give you thanks and praise for every breath and moment You have given to us. We repent of our sin; for the shameful things we have done against You and for our silence when we did not speak up to proclaim Your Name, profess Your Word, or protect and practice Your will. We ask Your forgiveness. We pray that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across our nation and the entire earth as we seek Your Kingdom and righteousness; as we walk in obedience to You, and in humble unity, love one another. Jesus, the Bible says that You are “the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.” You have taught us to pray, commanded us to love, and commissioned us to share Your gospel of grace. Your glory fills our hearts and families, it overflows into our neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, churches, in our entertainment and media. We give thanks for our military and ask that Your glory would spread to, and through them as they preserve freedom around the world. We pray for our government, that all of our leaders and laws would be filled with Your glory, that they would magnify Your Holy Word and honor Your will and ways. We pray that Your grace and glory would spread to bring hope to the hopeless, and love where there is hurt and hate. God, use us as we pray your promise, that “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” In Jesus Name, Amen!

Kathy Branzell President, National Day of Prayer Task Force

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Do you have a prayer request? Do you have a person on your heart? Do you have a verse of Scripture that encouraged you today? Do you have a praise that would encourage others?

All of the above are good reasons to send an email to the prayer chain. All you have to do is send an email to pabcurbana@aol.com or pabcpastorrich@aol.com and you will have prayer partners join you in prayer and praise wherever they are.

If you would like to be a part of the email prayer chain you can. Just send an email to one of the same two addresses above and you will be added to the recipient list.

The email prayer chain list is always copied using the blind copy option. Your email address and personal contact information is not shared with the group.

Prayer is so important to our corporate and personal growth in Christ, so pray about joining this vital ministry.

it's time to pray.

We need to pray like we've never prayed before.

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Pray for these ministries and pastors
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