

# METRO PEORIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## The Heart-Beat

JUNE-JULY

### JUNE

4 Mission Spectacular -Local Mission Projects 8:00-5:30

5 Bartonville Baptist 50th Anniversary

6 Pastors lunch @ Noon @ Association

12 H2O Second Sunday Altar Call

20-25 Wisconsin Mission Trip

### JULY

10 H2O Second Sunday Altar Call

14 Children/Youth Camp sign-ups due in association office

25-29 Hope Builders-Local Home Improvement 5-day, all day event

### AUGUST

8-12 Children/Youth Camp

### HOPE BUILDERS

Local mission opportunity for one week. Join us for the week, one day, half a day, whatever fits your schedule. We will be completing construction projects on the South Side of Peoria for low income Seniors. There will be a variety of projects including roofing, painting, light carpentry, etc. Please call Harold Booze for further details 256-0925.



### READ ALL ABOUT IT



#### DAYTON AVENUE

Announcing...Anita Delgado has been elected as the new Music Director.

Russell and Linda Zears were recently selected by NAMB to serve as Chaplains.

Discipleship Training Groups meeting every Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

#### ROLAND MANOR

The last Grace Works Clothing giveaway resulted in 21 new families being reached. The next giveaway will be July 9. They are in need of any children's clothing.

#### RIVER TERRACE

#### Summer Upcoming Events

Women's Bible Study 6:30 every Monday

Wednesdays Food Pantry 3:30-5:30

Block party June 17 at Shore Acres

VBS June 19-24

#### RICHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

A mission team will be going to the Indian Reservation in South Dakota in early August. Please pray for this team as they begin preparations.

#### FIRST BAPTIST WASHINGTON

Outdoor movie night will begin at 7:00 June 10

Ironmen gathering at the R.O.C.K. on June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Amherst, Wisconsin Mission Trip is June 19-25. Please pray for this mission team as they reach out to this community that they will show God's love and that the community will be receptive to His word.

#### WOODLAND BAPTIST

Vacation Bible School is June 20-24

Family Mission trip to South Dakota June 25-July 2

## bro joe's journal

While in seminary I was pastor of a church located 100 miles from campus. We would drive over on Sunday, preach, visit and drive back Sunday night. The church members took turns "feeding the preacher" Sunday lunch. Each week we would be invited to a different home for the Sunday meal.

One Sunday a lady came up to me and very excitedly said "Next week you're coming to our house and I am fixing you a special dish! I'm fixing souse!" I didn't know what souse was and back then I couldn't "google" it or look it up on a souse website, but by the ooh's and aah's from the people who heard this amazement, I concluded souse to be good! The rest of that Sunday the people talked about how wonderful souse is and that I was in for a treat! The next Sunday people continued describing how delicious the souse would taste and how the hostess could prepare the dish better than anyone else.

Finally, the moment arrived. After church we drove to the home. We were seated at a large table with several church families. After I gave the blessing the food was passed around. When the souse came by I took a large helping which pleased everyone! I took my fork, pulled up a large bit and placed it in my mouth. I can't really explain the taste and the texture I was experiencing. I discovered souse is made from a pig's head that has been stewed with seasonings until it is a type of gelatin. All I know is, if I hadn't been at a table full of my church members, I would have spit that souse halfway across the dining room, but I smiled, swallowed, and didn't eat anymore.

I remember thinking, "why would someone presume that I would enjoy a dish like this?" Because they liked it, did people just assume I would, or because it was a favorite local dish they thought everyone should like it? Wouldn't it be better to find out what a guest likes and serve that?

I was thinking about that this week and I wondered, "Am I giving God what He likes or what I like? Am I spending my time giving God what pleases Him or me?" That's a serious question, at least to me. I don't want to live my life only to discover in the end that God didn't want what I was giving Him. Am I living to please me or Him?

What about you? What about your church? Are you doing what pleases the Lord or you? Are you doing what you prefer or He prefers?

But what pleases Him? I would suggest we carefully consider the last earthly words Jesus spoke to his disciples. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives his last words of instruction to His disciples. These verses contain one command. That command is to make disciples. I suggest to you that if the last instruction Jesus gave His followers was to make disciples, then that is what He expects us to be about. That's what pleases Him and if that's the last thing He said to his disciples, then what do you think will be the first thing He asks us?

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* <sup>19</sup> *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* <sup>20</sup> *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"

MATTHEW 28:18-20

# HOPE 2 OVERCOME

It may seem like September is a long way off, but for the team planning the H2O Event September 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at Five Points in Washington, we are 2/3 through with the time we've had to plan. We have been prayerfully planning since September 2010 and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of nationally known evangelist Brady Weldon and praise & worship artist Chad Lister to arrive in our area. And in some of our churches, God isn't waiting until September to stir the hearts of His people and open the eyes of the lost in the Metro Peoria area.

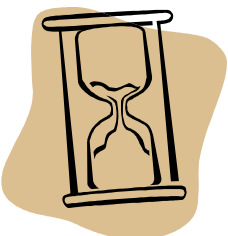
We have had prayer groups praying, training on praying for our communities, and bulletin inserts promoting the event to our churches. Soon we will be reaching out to the community through publicity and promotional materials, training will begin on decision counseling, and prayer efforts will intensify as 40 Day devotional guides come out, prayer walking continues in our communities, and churches that may have not been participating yet recognize the importance of prayer as the event approaches.

***So what is H2O?*** H2O stands for Hope 2 Overcome. It is the theme of Brady Weldon's Evangelistic messages. Brady Weldon has been speaking to churches, communities, and community leaders for a number of years. Some men may remember Brady from the days he was preaching at Promise Keeper events.

This event in September begins on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001. Although this will not be a memorial service to commemorate that tragic day, we want people to know that God still has a message of hope for those who are broken and hurting and need a fresh word from God. Millions of people flocked to churches in the midst of that national crisis, but God doesn't need a crisis to speak to us. This is an event to invite friends, family, and anyone you know that needs to be refreshed by the Living Water.

***So what can you do?*** Check out the Metro Peoria website and click on 2011 H2O Prayer and continue (or begin) to pray for God to move in the community around your church and in the lives of the lost loved ones you know. Also, ask your pastor how you can partner with him to pray for and promote H2O in your church.

We hope you are seeing God move around you. We hope you have a list of lost people that you are praying for an opportunity to invite them to an event like this. And we hope to see your excitement grow as September approaches in anticipation to seeing a great awakening happen in the Metro Peoria area.



***Pastor Jeremie Davis***

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***JUNE***

***BIRTHDAYS***

***JULY***

15 SHIRLEY HAUTER

20 WALTER GREENLEAF

26 R.L. LOCKERBY

2 CAROLE MACHEN

4 OGLE RIPLEY

6 SHIRLEY ENGLAND

16 SUNNY MOONEY

19 GARY ENGLAND

21 CATHY KLEIN

23 MARK TRAEGER

25 JUANITA NELSON

***JUNE***

***ANNIVERSARIES***

***JULY***

1 GERALD & BETTY LOU STEFFY

2 DERRON & NANCY HARRIS

7 CURT & DEB BIER

9 GARY & SHIRLEY ENGLAND

20 RICHARD & KATHY SHAW

26 LLOYD & LINDA MOSS

8 RON & CINDY STEWART

11 JEREMIE & TONYA DAVIS

25 JEFF & SUE MARQUARDT