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THE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO MINISTER TO OUR CONGREGATION, THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD, SO THAT ALL MAY EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND GRACE OF GOD.

PARISH NURSE MOMENT

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS YOU NEED TO TOSS!

Here's when you should plan on replacing everyday items like sponges, toothbrushes, makeup and medications to keep your homes safe and healthy:

- SPONGES** It doesn't take long for sponges to become a hotbed of bacteria. They can spread germs to your hands and then to your food. If you have a cut on your hand, bacteria can enter your body that way. Even if you boil or microwave after each use, scientists say it is best to replace them once a week.
- PILLOWS** Your nightly neck and head prop loses shape and firmness over time. It also absorbs the sweat, oil, and skin cells you shed while you sleep. Trade in your pillows for new ones every two years - sooner if they are flat, lumpy or stay folded after you bend them in half.
- TOOTHBRUSH** Twice a day scrubbing sessions really do in your toothbrush's bristles over time. For best cleaning results, switch to a new one every three to four months.
- MAKEUP** While products vary, a good rule of thumb is to restock cosmetics around the six month mark. Hopefully, that will keep bacteria at bay.
- MEDICATIONS** Manufacturers are required to put expiration dates on their meds. Some studies show they work much longer than their stamped shelf life but the best option is to keep your medicine cabinet current.
- EXTENSION CORDS** Any sign of wear on an extension cord means it is time to throw it away. Inspect cords before use and don't run one under a rug or overload with too many appliances.
- SMOKE ALARMS** Check the manufacturer's date on the device. If it is ten years or more old, get a new one. This goes for alarms powered by nine volt batteries, lithium batteries or those that are hardwired into your home.

One evening, I was taking Raegan to gymnastics. She enjoys running and jumping and playing with her friends. I enjoy sitting and reading for an hour. So it's a win, win for everyone. On our drive home, we encountered quite a bit of fog. My vision was blurred, and everything around us got fuzzy. I could still see, and the car lights were on, but it's a disorienting feeling.

As we travel through the beginning of this new year, we enter slowly into a world that I hope will be warmer, sunnier, and safer from global pandemic viruses. All of it feels a lot like coming out of a fog. The world has been blurry, almost unrecognizable and, in many ways, we are still there. But I have faith and an inner sense that we are nearing a new mile marker and this one is right at the edge of the fog. There is a better day ahead, and I'm eagerly marching toward it. I hope that you are too.

When God spoke to Abram, God promised that he would be the father of many nations, of kings, and that his descendants would number among the stars. God made a promise that spanned from one generation to another. This promise was a bit foggy for Abram. He was too old for children, and it all seemed unlikely. But we serve a God who stretches beyond time and age. The reason we know about that promise to Abram is because the people of God kept reminding one another of that promise, from one generation to another. We shall do the same! Keep reminding one another, and reminding our children and grandchildren.

That's our calling at First Baptist. We are figuring out the best way to pass on the promise of God to the next generation, so they can do the same long after we're gone. That's why we keep going through the fog. Because we know that the sun will rise and the fog will eventually blow away.

I have faith that we can do just that. With the grace of God, and the mercy found in Christ, together we will find our way to the other side, to the promise of God.

Serving Together,

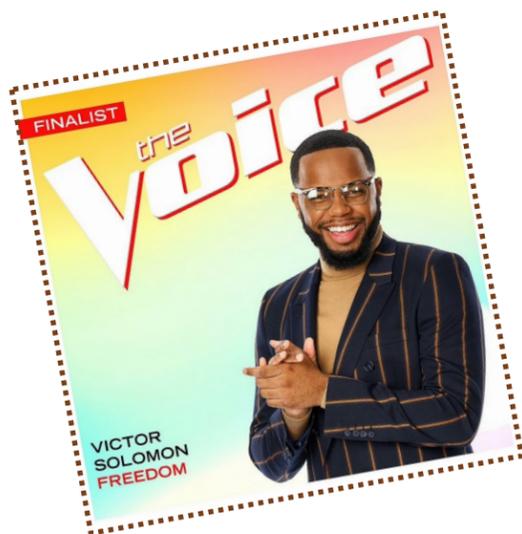
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Peoria native Victor Solomon will be joined by Jordan Feliz



Peoria friendship house of Christian Service presents

Concert for the City

Featuring Jordan Feliz and Victor Solomon
 July 2, 2022
 Dozer Park, Peoria, IL

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TICKET INFORMATION:

General admission tickets start at \$25. For larger groups, the concourse party areas will be available. Tickets for the concourse areas are \$30 per person, with a capacity limit of 40 people. The first base party deck, which can accommodate up to 75 guests, and the third base party deck, which can welcome 100 patrons, will also be available for purchase. Tickets for both party decks start at \$35 per person.

Thank you in advance for your planned 2022 giving in support of our ministry efforts ahead.

The following is the Budget approved at the Annual Meeting on January 30.

In Christ,
 Doug Miller. Treasurer

Receipts	2022 Budget	Disbursements	2022 Budget
Church Pledges	\$ 280,500	Trustees	\$ 113,140
Plate Offerings	\$ 44,650	Christian Education	\$ 4,685
Church Rentals	\$ 4,000	Missions	\$ 25,500
Activity Fund Supplement	\$ 15,770	Diaconate	\$ 2,850
Invest Earnings Supplement	\$ 49,578	Music	\$ 9,400
Unrestricted Supplement	\$ 4,207	Executive	\$ 273,730
Scholarship Earnings	\$ 6,000		
Other Income (Residency funding)	\$ 24,600		
Total Receipts	\$ 429,305	Total Disbursements	\$ 429,305



The Youth Group are taking orders for sub sandwiches to be ready on Sunday, February 13, just in time for the Super Bowl!! Contact the church office if you would like to order their awesome sandwiches!

The ABW Brunch will be Saturday, February 12, at 10 am to 11:30 am. Our speaker is Paul Gaumer, a relative of the Fredells. He is speaking on mental illness especially Bi-Polar (he has also written a book on the subject). Brunch cost is \$4. Please feel free to invite friends, just let me know, csimk@me.com or 309-685-1388. We will be collecting our Love Gift for Wayne and Katherine Niles, missionaries from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who have visited our church several times.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sun. Feb. 20 Baptist Women in Ministry
 Rev. Cheri Grizzard will be our guest minister.
- Wed. Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday Service
 6:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 13 Daylight Savings Time
- Sun. Apr. 10 Palm Sunday
- Fri. Apr. 15 Good Friday Service
 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Apr. 16 Community East Egg Hunt?
- Sun. Apr. 17 Easter

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Judy Ryan
- Garland Criswell
- Alyssa Russell
- Sally Heathcoat
- Sally Maubach's Mother
- All First and Medical Responders
- The tension between the Ukraine and Russia!