

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENTANT BAPTIST CHURCHES OF ILLINOIS

MAY 2024

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RECENT SCHEDULE:

Jan. 21 – First Baptist – Palos Hills – Randy Clark

Feb. 25 - Elmwood Baptist – Elmwood - Bill Cole

March 17 – Faith Baptist Danville – Al Rudy

March 24 Calvary Baptist – Chillicothe – Curtic Cochren

April 21 First Baptist Oregon AM David Snow

Faith Baptist Belvidere PM Jeremy Weary

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

May 19 Marquette Manor Baptist- Downers Grove – PM David Schlagel

June 30 Maranatha Baptist, Rantoul – Mark Wilkerson

A WORD FROM THE MISSIONS DIRECTOR:

Spring has certainly sprung in Illinois. There is life all around us especially in our churches. God is good to give us life through His Son Jesus Christ and that “more abundantly” (John 10:10). The life that we have is not just “eternal” but for today. It is such a blessing to be able to walk with God each and every day. In each day God gives us opportunities to know Him through His Word and speak of Him to others. We are privileged to be able to preach the Word and witness for His name (Acts 4:12).

In Genesis 22 God commands Abraham to offer his son Isaac on an altar. God is not condoning human sacrifice, but is testing Abraham’s faith. God knows that Abraham loves his son (v.2 “whom thou lovest”). This was normal and natural. The test is not whether he loves his son, but whether he loves God more (John 21:15; Matthew 10:37; 22:37) than anything.

Abraham believes that God has made a promise and will fulfill it. Faith is based on the Word of God. It is taking God at His Word and obeying what He says (Romans 10:17). Too often parents make decisions based on what their children want or on what makes their children happy. I was listening to a preacher recently who said, “We make decisions on what is right and best for our children, even if they do not understand the reason.” My family has made two major moves in our lives and in both cases my children did not understand why they had to leave their friends. In both cases Marcia and I had to decide if it was God’s will and lead our family accordingly.

In obedience the Bible says that Abraham showed that he “feared God” (Genesis 22:12). He respected and revered God above all else and was willing to follow Him no matter what. He realized that God had the power to raise Isaac from the dead. The best thing Abraham could do or teach Isaac was to trust God. Isaac never questioned the plan of God. I am not sure who said it first, but in a message by William Carey he said, “Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God.” Let us lead our churches to live and move in faith expecting God to work.



**Dr. David
and Marcia
Myers**

FALL SCHEDULING:

I am endeavoring to put together my schedule for the fall. If you would like to have me come, please contact me through my AIBCI email: aibcidirector@gmail.com or my phone 815-541-9567. I am excited about what God is doing in our churches. Pray for us and for each other that the power of God would be upon us.

MEN'S AND LADIES' RETREATS:

The retreats this year were some of the best we have ever had! Thank you to the churches who hosted (Bible Baptist in Normal – Men's Retreat and Faith Baptist in Belvidere – Ladies Retreat) and all those who attended (over 100 for the Men's and 175 for the Ladies', representing 15-20 churches in each). Evangelist Morris Gleiser was the preacher for the Men's Retreat and did a wonderful job of challenging the men. The Ladies had several workshops, and the main speakers were Grace Albright and Faith White.

Prayer Requests:

- Faith Baptist, Toulon– after 22 faithful years, Pastor Art Nutzhorn has resigned.
- Pastor Bill Cole's wife Carol, dealing with cancer.

Pastor Chris Nissley and son Timothy– sick with Dysautonomia

