

# VOICE OF FIRST ASSEMBLY

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## From the Desk of Pastor Dave

### LIVE LIKE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

1 Peter 2:9-10 says <sup>9</sup> *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*

In Christ, we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's special possession. We are made new in Christ Jesus and God gives us a new title. We are given a new title to do a new work. In Jesus, we can now be what we were born to be all along. God created us to be His hands, feet, and mouthpiece to a hurting and dying world. But before Jesus we couldn't live out our calling because we were held captive by sin and selfish ambition. Then Jesus came and freed us from the power of sin and self so we can now dive into the work of God. We are made new so we can begin this new life. 2 Corinthians 5 says <sup>17</sup> *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."*

In this new life we get committed to the message of reconciliation. All of who we are is designed to communicate this message of reconciliation. When we enter into that work life gets real fulfilling. Many people live their day to day lives frustrated and longing for something more. That longing comes from that desire deep within them to become what they were designed to be. My message to you this month is to encourage you to do everything you can to live the life you were born to live. Allow the Holy Spirit through prayer and the study of His word to unlock the gifts God has placed in your life. Then enter into the work. The work is helping people understand who Jesus is and what he wants to do in their life. God has gifted each of us to do this work relationally with the people around us. He has called us to help people be reconciled to God and to people around them. He has gifted us to be peacemakers between people and God. We also have a message of forgiveness. People live lives full of anger toward people, and God offers forgiveness and healing. This is the work that we have been committed to, to help people experience the love of God and teach them to love the world around them. It is a joy to be as God describes a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

As always, I love you and am praying for you to be full of joy as you live for God. May your life be fulfilling and your calling complete. May God bless the hurting and the lost in your life and thank you for your confidence in me as I serve,

In Love,

Pastor Dave Carrington

# MISSIONS

Hello to all. Our missions committee has been continuing to meet on a regular basis. As we come together as a team, I am excited about the meetings being filled with unity and passion. We are continuing to seek, brainstorm, and cast vision on what God wants missions to look like at First Assembly of God in Pekin.

We are striving to do our best in seeking his will and his plan. Pray for us as we dive into this. In your own lives, continue to ask God to daily mold your heart into a missions-minded heart.

Ask him to show you where YOUR mission field is and how YOU can make an impact for HIS kingdom.



Soon there will be an open door, much like the picture, for many opportunities for a chance to serve and step out in faith. Our plan is to do a combination of trips throughout the year -- sometimes within the U.S. and others within central Illinois. With our U.S. trips, we plan on offering some trips where it only involves a few days off your work schedule and a limited cost for those who decide to get involved. We would also like to focus on helping other churches in our Central Illinois area. We plan on calling around and seeing where the need is and trying to form a team together. This will be a day to leave Pekin and invest in a different community, although just as valuable as the one that we reside in.

Exciting times are coming -- we will be searching and needing captains for each of these trips. Please pray and consider serving in this position. Continue to give and invest sacrificially -- one day we will see the harvest.

Pastor Tyler

# EVENTS

## Cell Groups

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Women's Ministries (W.M.'s) Bake Sale, Sun., May 6th  
before and after service in the back upper foyer.  
Proceeds go towards W.M.'s mission work  
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Cell Groups, Sun. May 6th, 6:00PM  
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A1G Softball games, Diamond 1, Mon., May 7th, 7:00PM,  
and Mon., May 14th, 6:00PM, May 21 is a bye, no game on May 28th  
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Royal Rangers' Mother's Day Program, Wed., May 9th, 7:00PM  
in the Chapel  
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Mother's Day, Sun., May 13th. No PM Service.  
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Mother-Daughter Banquet, Tues., May 15th, 6:00PM-Save the date!  
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Illinois District Council at Carlinville, Mon.—Wed., May 21st—23rd  
Pastor Tyler Harris will be honored for receiving his license.  
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Second Wind Event (Ages 50+), Thurs., May 24th, 5:30PM.  
Will be going out to dinner, place to be announced  
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BGMC Change Drive, Sun. May 27th in AM service  
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**Sunday, May 6, 2012**

Dan & Rose Phillips— 6:00PM  
1820 Oakwood, Pekin  
Potluck—Bring a dish to share.

Tom & Leia Springer—6PM  
3413 Edgewater Dr., Pekin  
Bring finger foods to share.  
Short Bible Study

Isaac & Angel Carrington—6PM,  
509 Buckhaven St., Deerfield Estates, Pekin  
Potluck—Bring your own dish to share.  
Volley ball net will be up.

Roger & Roxie Greer—6PM  
601 Prince St., Pekin  
Cookout—Hamburgers and hot dogs provided.  
Bring a dish to share.

Chad & Lisa Richmond—6PM  
73 Grove Place, Pekin  
Please bring finger foods.

# FUSION

From the desk of Pastor Shane

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Fusion is doing well on all levels! The staff are beginning to get to know and connect with students in their cell groups. Worship has been awesome as the room just feels full of God's presence. Every week students almost run to the front of the room to go after Him. Special thanks to our amazing worship team and super leadership from Pastor Chad, who lead worship as worshipers themselves.

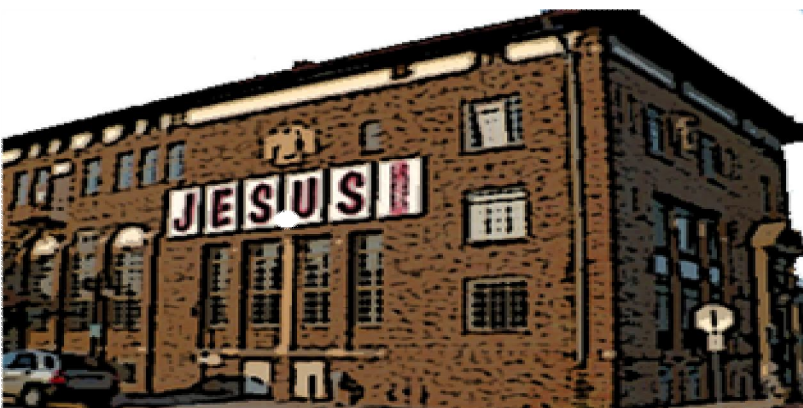
Bobby Lee and the newly formed drama team have added a great new visual element to our services. God is moving so we are following.

A couple of weeks ago the students helped with a project as cell teams formed an assembly line outside all the way up the fire escape into the 3rd floor. Two-hundred forty (240) bags of cellulose insulation were handed up in 15 minutes! This was cool because students felt like they were investing into the building project and it saved us hours of trips up and down those stairs! The second floor (dorm floor) is a couple weeks from completion. The carpet is to be installed and a few small items to be done and we will begin occupying the floor with Driven students.

Though we are excited to see the new students come we will be having one leave in a few weeks. Tyler Harris, "Little-T", has graduated our program and has been hired by the I Worship Center in Springfield. He will be greatly missed as part of our family here at the Fusion campus and at the First Assembly main campus. But we can't help but be super proud of him in his next step in ministry and he goes with our prayers, support and blessing. As we have poured into him, he will now lead others and spread the good news in Springfield!

Please pray for us as we pray for you!

Pastor Shane



Fusion Youth Center  
335 Sabella Street  
Downtown Pekin  
309-347-2163

Glory to God church!

I start with a celebratory hoot as I feel all things should glorify our Lord. Today I feel Jesus has blessed us in the Sunday School Department. He has provided people for our classes, teachers to lead, and resources to help.

This month's article is a spotlight article. I would like to spotlight all of the wonderful adult programs that are being offered at 9:30AM in our church right now.

Men's class – **Money Management** – I believe anyone could benefit from this class, so if you're an adult male, please consider attending this class in the old choir room, new library.

Women's class – **Things We Say** – I'm not sure if this is the exact title, but I do know it's about the things that come out of our mouths and the effect that has on people. WOW, what a great class, any adult woman would enjoy. This class is held in the chapel downstairs.

The following adult classes are also offered and will be highlighted next month, Special Touch – Peggy Eldredge, Adult Quarterly – Jim Majors.

I am eternally grateful for being entrusted with the Christian Education department at our church, and I WELCOME feedback. I am old enough to micro-manage if I see fit, and I am young enough to defer to wisdom and experience when necessary, so please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have.

Thank you! God Bless!

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**May is upon us. For those of you that are parents, this is your last month to not have to worry about what to do with the kids during the day while you're at work.**

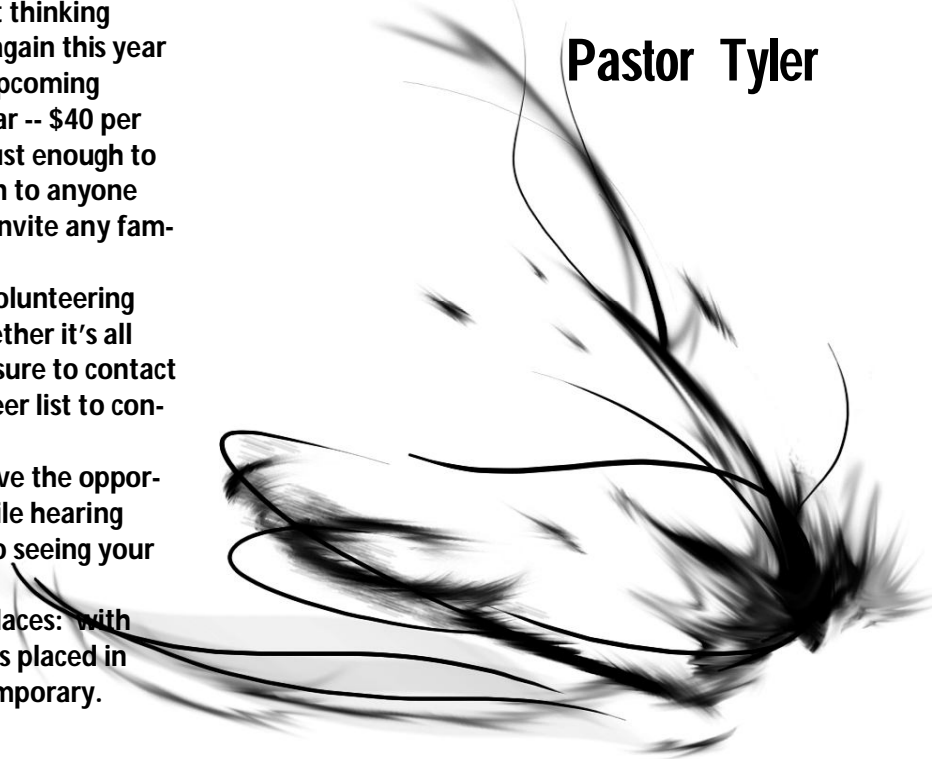
**I can guarantee that Spark will be there to help you with that for at least a week. It's time to start thinking about Camp Cannonball. It will be in August again this year -- a specified date will be announced in the upcoming months. The price will be the same as last year -- \$40 per kid for the WHOLE WEEK! That's \$1/hour -- just enough to cover the expenses! Camp Cannonball is open to anyone and everyone in the ages of 5-12. Be sure to invite any family you know.**

**Anyone that might be interested in volunteering during Camp Cannonball in any capacity, whether it's all week or just a couple hours a day, please be sure to contact me and let me know. I'll be forming a volunteer list to contact ahead of time.**

**Start saving now so your child can have the opportunity to have a ridiculously fun week, all while hearing God's plan for his or her life. I look forward to seeing your kids there!**

**Continue to spend time in the right places: with God, with family, and with those that God has placed in your life. Invest in the eternal and not the temporary.**

**SPARK**  
**Pastor Tyler**



# Pekin First Assembly of God

May 2012

## Week of May 1st—5th

Tuesday, 5/01 Prayer 7:00—9:00AM  
Women's Ministries Meeting at 9:00AM in Chapel  
Wednesday, 5/02 Wednesday Dinner Ministry in FLC, 5:30—6:30PM (\$2.00 per person)  
Family Night begins at 7:00PM at Main Church, Fusion 7:00PM at 335 Sabella St  
Thursday, 5/03 "Mountain Mover" Service in the Chapel—Study of the Word and Prayer, 10:00AM

## Week of May 6th—12th

Sunday, 5/06 Sunday School at 9:30AM—Classes for all ages, Membership class in Library Cove, 9:30AM  
Come, Worship the Lord! 10:30 AM Worship Service, Communion  
Spark Children's Ministry at 10:30AM, Baby & Toddler Nurseries and Pre-School provided  
Cell Groups (See info on Page 2). Watchman Prayer Group will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00PM  
Tuesday, 5/08 Prayer 7:00—9:00AM  
Women's Ministries Meeting at 9:00AM in Chapel  
Wednesday, 5/09 Wednesday Dinner Ministry in FLC, 5:30—6:30PM (\$2.00 per person)  
Family Night begins at 7:00PM at Main Church, Fusion 7:00PM at 335 Sabella St.  
Royal Rangers' Mother's Day Program in Chapel, 7:00PM  
Thursday, 5/10 "Mountain Mover" Service in the Chapel—Study of the Word and Prayer, 10:00AM

## Week of May 13th —19th

Sunday, 5/13 **"Happy Mother's Day"**, Sunday School at 9:30AM—Classes for all ages  
Come, Worship the Lord—10:30 AM Worship Service  
Spark Children's Ministry at 10:30AM, Baby & Toddler Nurseries and Pre-School provided  
No PM Service  
Tuesday, 5/15 Prayer 7:00—9:00AM  
Women's Ministries Meeting at 9:00AM  
Mother-Daughter Banquet in Gym, 6:00PM, Save the date—more details later  
Wednesday, 5/16 Wednesday Dinner Ministry in FLC, 5:30—6:30PM (\$2.00 per person)  
Family Night begins at 7:00PM at Main Church, Fusion 7:00PM at 335 Sabella St.  
Thursday, 5/17 "Mountain Mover" Service in the Chapel—Study of the Word and Prayer, 10:00AM  
Saturday, 5/19 Graduation Party for Erin Dolen in FLC, 1:00—4:00PM

## Week of May 20th—26th

Sunday, 5/20 Sunday School at 9:30AM—Classes for all ages  
Come, Worship the Lord—10:30 AM Worship Service, BGMC Change charge, Baby Dedication, Missions  
Spark Children's Ministry at 10:30AM, Baby & Toddler Nurseries and Pre-School provided  
Cell Groups' Project night. Watchman Prayer Group will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00PM  
Monday, 5/21— Illinois District Council, Carlinville—Monday AM to Wed. Noon, Ordination and Licensing service  
Wednesday, 5/23 will be Tuesday evening in Carlinville  
Tuesday, 5/22 Prayer 7:00—9:00AM  
Women's Ministries Meeting at 9:00AM in the Chapel  
Wednesday, 5/23 Wednesday Dinner Ministry in FLC, 5:30—6:30PM (\$2.00 per person)  
Family Night begins at 7:00PM at Main Church, Fusion 7:00PM at 335 Sabella St.  
Thursday, 5/24 "Mountain Mover" Service in the Chapel—Study of the Word and Prayer, 10:00AM  
Second Wind—Dinner Out (details to follow in announcements and bulletins)  
Friday, 5/25 King's Kids Graduation/Prom in Gym and FLC, 6:00—8:00PM

## Week of May 27th—31st

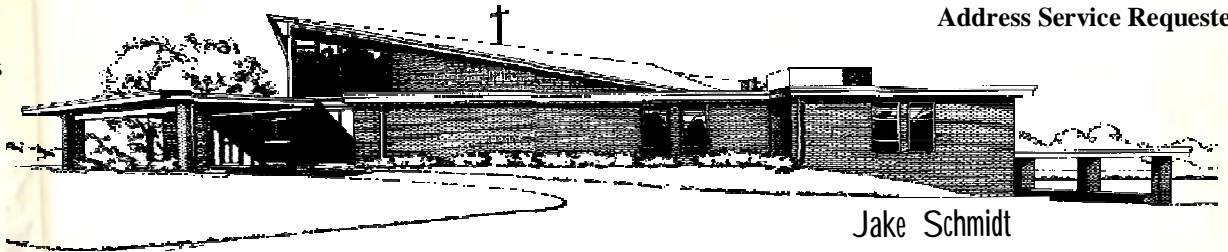
Sunday, 5/27 Sunday School at 9:30AM—Classes for all ages  
Come, Worship the Lord—10:30 AM Worship Service  
Spark Children's Ministry at 10:30AM, Baby & Toddler Nurseries and Pre-School provided  
Upper Limits—Prayer and Praise service in the Sanctuary, 6:00PM. Pastor Dave will be speaking  
Monday, 5/28 **Memorial Day—Office will be closed**  
Tuesday, 5/29 Prayer 7:00—9:00AM  
Women's Ministries Meeting at 9:00AM in the Chapel  
Wednesday, 5/30 Wednesday Dinner Ministry in FLC, 5:30—6:30PM (\$2.00 per person)  
Family Night begins at 7:00PM at Main Church, Fusion 7:00PM at 335 Sabella St.  
Thursday, 5/31 "Mountain Mover" Service in the Chapel—Study of the Word and Prayer, 10:00AM

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**Service Times**

Sunday- Sunday School— 9:30am  
Worship Service—10:30am  
Evening Service—6:00pm  
Wednesday Family Night—7:00pm  
Fusion Youth Center—7:00pm  
Thursday Morning—10:00am  
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