JAN LEE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Discover A Place to Call Home

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From the Pastor's Desk

I never been much on doing something "just because." I've almost always wanted a why attached to it, "why are we doing this?" A good answer to that question goes a long way in motivating me.

We are coming up on Easter Sunday this month. Churches around the globe are gearing up for this day of remembrance when we recall and celebrate Jesus's resurrection. But that day doesn't have the same significance it once had just as Sunday in general does not.

A couple of years ago I left our church's facilities to head home for lunch with my family after Easter Sunday service. As I drove past the park a couple of blocks from the church, I noticed a group of kids and adults. They were not participating in the cultural Easter tradition of hiding and hunting Easter eggs after church but rather having organized baseball practice.

While hunting Easter eggs has nothing to do with the biblical significance of the Resurrection, the fact that the group was practicing baseball on Easter Sunday morning rather than hiding and hunting eggs after church demonstrates Easter Sunday, and Sunday in general, has become just another day to most people.

Let me set the record straight: The first century church, as far as we know, did not set apart a special day once a year to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. So back to the "why" we started with. Why should we celebrate Easter Sunday to commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus?

First, we already live ***daily*** in the ***reality*** of Jesus's Resurrection, and ***celebrate*** it ***weekly*** together on the first day of the week, so let us adhere to the special remembrance.

Second, we uphold an almost 2000 year ***biblical*** and ***historical precedent*** by doing so. The early church as implied in Scripture (Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2) and lived out in the known history of the church did so, so should we.

Third, we attest to the resurrection's ***life changing power and its future hope***. Paul wrote in 1 Cor 15 that Jesus appeared to Simon, who had failed Jesus but became Peter the Apostle; James, His half-brother, who thought Jesus was out of His mind, who became the pastor of the Jerusalem church and Saul the terror of the early church who became Paul, the missionary to the gentiles whom owe him a debt of gratitude. Jesus's resurrection changed their lives and has changed ours. We live in the hope of not only His but our future resurrection as well.

Fourth, Resurrection Sunday witnesses to a world far from God the ***priority Jesus plays*** in our lives and creates an opportunity for us to share that hope with them. This is the time of year along with Christmas that people who don't know God are most willing to be introduced to Him.

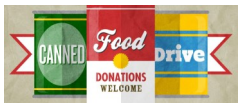
Let celebrating Resurrection Sunday, and every Sunday for that matter, be our excuse for missing things, not vice versa.

~Pastor Mark

Rathgeber House Report

Ladies I prepared a chicken dinner for guests at Rathgeber. Keep in prayer Christy Jo who is in need of recovery. Also remember Christie, an employee, battling cancer. She is doing better but still has a way to go. Always a delight to share time with them.

Thank you,
Fran Koch



Thanks for all your support. Every pound of food helps our community. For the month of March, we have donated a total of 59 pounds of food. The current needs for Grace Ministries are Ramen Noodles and Vienna Sausages. Thank you for your faithfulness to support this effort.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones

Mark Your Calendar

Nat'l Day of Prayer	May 2
Spring Picnic	May 5
Senior Sunday	May 19
Lemonade Stand	June 15
VBS	June 23-27
Team Kids Camp	July 24-27
Youth BackPack	July 28-Aug 1

EGG MY YARD FUNDRAISER
DEADLINE APRIL 10TH
SEE MELISSA DAVIS OR
JENNIFER NAAS FOR QUESTIONS

PRAYER WALK
1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH 8:45 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHURCH COULCIL
APRIL 7TH AT 4PM
DEACON & SECURITY TEAM
APRIL 14TH AT 4 PM
FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 17TH AT 7PM

TEAM KIDS CHOIR
"THE CROSS OF CHRIST"
APRIL 14 AT 11 AM

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 14TH AT 6 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADULT CHOIR
"BLESSED REDEEMER"
APRIL 21ST AT 11 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICES APRIL 21ST

FAREWELL TO THE DULEKS
LUNCHEON APRIL 28
AFTER AM SERVICES.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH 8 AM
JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Men's bathroom in Fellowship Hall had more damage than expected. Replacing all plumbing. Also installing door between Nursery and Childrens' Department. Estimate of $6500.

Prayer Team will have another Prayer Drive-By for the city offices and schools on March 27th at 7pm.

BISD Family Night is March 27. Our regularly scheduled services will continue. Mark is scheduled to speak at the school board meeting on March 28.

The Ladies' Prayer Group donated 14 blankets to Hospice of Wichita Falls in March.

A special thank you for all the desserts for the BSM Luncheon!

Ushers for March
Steve Jones, Dennis Smith, Scott Simmons, John King

PASTOR & DEACONS

Please feel free to call any of us at any time.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 prayer LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5:00 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM	4 Faith Mission 7:30 PM	5	6
7 PRAYER Team JOIN US FOR PRAYER WALK 8:45 AM JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL	8	9 prayer LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	10 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5:00 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM	11	12	13
14 children's CHOIRS TEAM KIDS CHOIR PRESENTATION "THE CROSS OF CHRIST" 11 AM	15	16 prayer LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	17 MeeTing PRAYER 5:00 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM FAM BUS MEETING 7PM	18	19	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY ADULT CHOIR PRESENTATION "BLESSED REDEEMER" 11 AM	22	23 prayer LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	24 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5:00 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM	25 NEWSLETTER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	26	24
28 Brotherhood BREAKFAST 8AM JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL	29	30 prayer LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP				

March 2019
Sunday School Attendance Record

Mar 3	45
Mar 10	61
Mar 17	62
Mar 24	53
Mar 31	44

Average Attendance: 53

Average based on 5 Sundays

March 2019
Financial Report

Tithes	$16,729.25
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2018 - 2019	$14,562.12
Designated	$ 2,329.83

April 2019
Deacon of the Week

Apr 1-7	Bill Lindenborn
Apr 8-14	Marvin Maherg
Apr 15-21	Robert Ritter
Apr 22-28	Rick Griffin
Apr 29-May 5	Bill Lindenborn

Prayer Chain

If you have an e-mail address and desire to be on the prayer chain, please call the church office with your email information.

Questions? Call Jennifer @ 569-1211

We're on the web!

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Jan Lee Baptist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30 AM
MORNING SERVICE	11:00 AM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	5:00 PM

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

PRAYER	5:00 PM
MEAL	5:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	6:00 PM

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