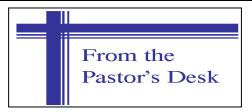


THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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I showed an online video article Wednesday evening March 31, 2021, of Dr. Jim Denison of Denison Forum entitled "Three stories of good news for the church in the culture: The best way to observe Silent Wednesday." In the article, Denison tells three stories of churches around the country who are impacting their communities and culture.

He reports that, "Many churches that are decline track and prioritize membership; many that are experiencing growth measure success in other ways. Many do not keep membership rolls, and they are reaching people nontraditional ways such as weekday services, outreach events. and community ministries.

As a Southern Baptist church it has been our way to primarily evaluate ourselves in a traditional way with membership rolls. But I am not writing today to argue that we ought to abandon the old way completely but rather reframe it as a simple vital sign to measure basic church health just as a blood pressure reading at doctor visit assess basic level of health in a human. If your blood pressure and further evaluation shows you are healthy, the doctor may say, keep doing what you are doing. If the opposite is true, he may say you need to change some things up and begin an exercise program.

One way Jan Lee Baptist Church exercises its faith is by reaching outside our walls to our community. We provide several options for our members to do just that.

Baptist Student Ministries is a ministry outreach to the students at Midwestern State University. Baptist churches in the area provide a weekly lunch to the students to meet a practical need but also to serve as an outreach tool to the campus where the gospel is sown. We participate in this at least twice a year and additionally provide funds through our local association to fund the ministry.

Camp Chaparral is a local Christian camping experience that we donate to monthly and have a member serve on its board of directors. We as a church also utilize the camp for our children and youth. This ministry, and the BSM are the two most evangelistic ministries we support.

The Center (formerly known as the Pregnancy Help Center) cares for young women (and also to the fathers) in need of care during pregnancy. We support this ministry both financially and through volunteers who teach the "Relationships Under Construction" material that teaches the benefits of sexual purity at local schools.

Faith Mission is a ministry to the homeless population in our county. We have members who support this by both providing a monthly meal and a preaching service to the clients at Faith Mission.

Grace Ministries is our local ministry to those in financial need and have food insecurities in our community. Recently we added several volunteers from our congregation who make food pick-ups, stock shelves, serve on the board of directors, and donate funds privately to support the ministry. In addition the church includes Grace Ministries in its budget and participates in food drives.

A long-standing personal ministry of Jan Lee Baptist Church is providing a monthly meal to the guests of Rathgeber House at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls.

We also craft and donate fleece throws to Hospice of Wichita Falls, provide drivers for Meals on Wheels, and provide Christmas gifts to the residents of Evergreen Senior Care.

This may seem like just a laundry list of ministries, but I do have an ulterior motive. While we do support many of these through the church, generically and in some cases with a few people, it is my desire to see every individual member of Jan Lee Baptist Church identifying and supporting at least one of these ministries on a monthly basis. "That is my ministry!"

Personally, I serve as President of the board of Grace ministries and volunteer to teach RUC through The Center. I don't say that to brag, but to let you know this includes me. And maybe you are doing something on a regular basis in another area not listed here, that's great! And if you're already one of the ones volunteering, thank you!

~Pastor Mark



Rathgeber House Report

Special thanks to Jennifer Naas, Ida Jones, Jessica Brinkley, and Debbie Ritter for helping provide an Italian dinner for the guests of Rathgeber Hospitality House during the month of March. The meal was greatly appreciated, and so are your continued prayers for the sick and their family members.

Thank you, Fran Koch 940-636-8215

If you would like to contribute towards one of our monthly meals with food or money. please see Fran Koch.



For the months of March, we collected 55 pounds of food for **Grace Ministries.** The needs for the month of April are canned Pork 'n Beans, Extension Cords, and Plastic Storage Bins with Lids. You can bring donations to JLBC Team Kids & Youth Group meet the church office, the home of Ida Jones, or deliver to Grace Ministries yourself.

For the months of March we had 11 blankets for Hospice of Wichita Falls.

On March 10, 2021, we delivered a meal to MSU Baptist Student Ministry. Thank you all for your generous support of this ministry.

Thank you, Steve & Ida Jones



Prayer Walk April 11 at 9am Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer FaceBook Live at 6pm Sanctuary is open at this time if you would like to attend.



Deacons' Meeting April 11 at 4pm **Church Council Meeting** April 18 4pm



Wednesday Nights. Dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Classes from 6-7pm.



Emergency First Aid Class April 10th Breakfast @ 830am Class @ 9am



Senior Boys Summer Camp June 11-16



Youth Group Camp **Completed 6-12 Graders** June 21-25

Team Kids Camp Completed Kinder-5th Graders July 21-24



Vacation Bible School July 25-29 5:15 pm—8:00 pm 4 year old through 5th graders Adult Volunteers Needed

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Faith Mission 7:30 PM	2	3
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	5	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	TELIVE BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS/YOUTH MEAL @ 530 CLASS @ 6-7	8	9	10
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	12	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS/YOUTH MEAL @ 530 CLASS @ 6-7	15	16	17
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	19	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS/YOUTH MEAL @ 530 CLASS @ 6-7	22	23	24
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	26 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS/YOUTH MEAL @ 530 CLASS @ 6-7	29	30	

March 2021 Sunday School Attendance Record

Mar 7 46
Mar 14 26
Mar 21 41
Mar 28 38

Average Attendance: 38 **Average based on 4 Sundays**

March 2021 Financial Report

Tithes \$ 9,447.00 Estimated monthly budget \$14,304.94 needs for 2020 - 2021

Designated \$ 4,628.75



April 2021 Deacon of the Week

Mar 29-Apr 4 Robert Ritter

Apr 5-11 Rick Griffin

Apr 12-18 Bill Lindenborn

Apr 19-25 Marvin Maherg

Apr 26-May2 John Naas

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! www.jlbcburk.com

Jan Lee Baptist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON HOLD MORNING SERVICE 11:00 AM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE ON HOLD YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES 5:30 PM

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE



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