

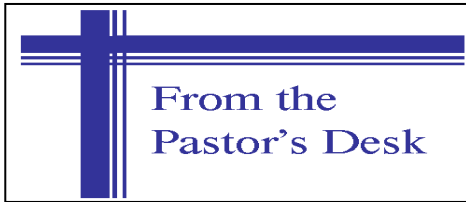


THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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During this year's Vacation Bible School an insightful young man asked me how long I had been the pastor of this church. I answered 15 years this August. He asked if I had been here longer than any other pastor to which I replied no, but that I was getting close.

Jan Lee Baptist Church and Burkburnett are the longest places of service for Kathy and I. We were in our mid 40's when we moved here. Both of our children were in college and unmarried. The church, community and country were in a very different place than it is now, there has been a lot of change.

After my first year of "getting my feet wet" so to speak, I challenged the church that while there were many positive things going on, unless we began to make some deliberate changes, particularly to reaching out to our community that Jan Lee Baptist Church would begin the process of dying. The church responded to that challenge and we saw about 100 growth in our worship attendance and regularly baptized several people every year.

My more laid-back leadership style worked well too for the people we had. Many mature and committed believes who were surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus, knowledgeable in the word of God, truly loved the church and sought

to share their faith with others did not require a lot of supervision, more just pointed in a direction and told to, "go."

The Lord has moved many of those saints either to be at home with Him or to another town and community to be closer to children and other family.

The question I ask myself now is, what is the future of Jan Lee Baptist Church?

I am certainly not the only one asking that question. Others at JLBC are asking it too. But it goes much deeper than that. You see, I find not only other Baptist asking that question, but also Methodist, Catholics and whatever Christian denominations are out there, wanting to know the same thing about their churches. And honestly the answer to that question is many will close their doors and cease to exist.

Will that be the fate of Jan Lee Baptist Church? And if it is, would anybody notice or care?

There are several ministry commitments I have made over the years. One was never to use manipulation or coercion to get people to do what they ought to be doing. I reaffirm that commitment to you.

Second, I commit to not have people doing meaningless "busy work" around the church and thus wearing or burning them out. This one is difficult to keep and requires constant vigilance from falling into that trap. But I reaffirm that commitment to you. Rather we want every member to fill the role God has

called and equipped them to in a meaningful way.

Lastly, I commit to not letting methodology (the way we do things) become sacred cow. I fought that battle as a young minister with an older minister who was tied to past methods. I will fight for those sacred boundaries, but I am willing to listen to new ideas on how we implement them.

I do not know how long God will keep me here as pastor at Jan Lee Baptist Church. I've have asked Him to make clear to me when it is my time to leave and let someone else take the reins.

Until then, I pray that as Pastor/Teacher, I have the energy and enthusiasm to "equip the saints (you) for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ (Jan Lee Baptist Church) until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son... becoming like Jesus (Ephesians 4:11-13).

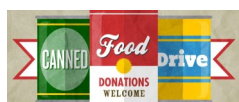
My final question is, how do I accomplish that when I only see you one hour every two to three weeks? It can't be done.

~Pastor Mark



Rathgeber House Report

Thank you Ladies II for a delicious meal. The tables were filled with guests who enjoyed the food. I was privileged to pray for a mother who may be losing her son Anthony today as they take him off life support. He has so many ailments. But who knows, God may have different plans for him. Another family was there that had a sister facing open heart surgery. We never know what little piece of comfort we can share.



Thanks for all your support. Every pound of food helps our community. For the month of July, we have donated a total of 86 pounds of food. We have a total of 758 pounds since January towards our goal of 1300 pounds for 2019.

The Tuesday Ladies group has taken 34 blankets to Hospice of WF this month.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Mark Your Calendar

Labor Day	Sep 2
Fall Festival	Sep 29
BSM Luncheon	Oct 16
Community Fall Fest	Oct 26
Daylight Savings Ends	Nov 3
Thanksgiving	Nov 28
Lottie Moon Event	Dec 8
Scripture Song Service	Dec 22



**HARRIS/DAVIS WEDDING
AUGUST 3RD AT 2PM**



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

**BACK TO SCHOOL
PRAYER DRIVE-BY
AUGUST 14TH AT 7 PM**



**DEACONS' MEETING
AUGUST 11TH AT 4 PM
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 25 AT 12PM**



**BISD FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 16TH**



**LADIES PRAYER GROUP
BLANKET GROUP
MEETINGS RESUME
AUGUST 20TH AT 1PM**



THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR TEAM KIDS SUMMER CAMP. WE TOOK 25 KIDS TO CAMP CHAPARRAL. THERE WERE 6 CHILDREN WHO ACCEPTED CHRIST AND ONE WHO REDEDICATED TO CHRIST. IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR THE KIDS AND ADULT SPONSOR AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FINANCIALLY AND PRAYERFULLY.



Falls Tree Service will be trimming the hedges.

Red River Acoustics approved to replace ceiling tiles in sanctuary.

Jeff Jinks will lead the Security Team and set meetings. The team is active.

Personnel Committee has approved the hiring of a paid nursery worker.

It is being considered to put up a prayer wall at the back of the sanctuary.



Ushers for August
Josh Dulek, Jaron Hopkins,
T. E. Amos, Brad Adcock &
AJ Lewis

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  Faith Mission 7:30 PM	2	3  DAVIS/HARRIS WEDDING 2 PM
4  PRAYER WALK 8:45 AM JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL	5	6	7  WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM	8	9	10
11  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM WORSHIP 11 AM	12	13	14  WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM PRAYER DRIVE-BY 7 PM	15	16 	17
18  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM WORSHIP 11 AM	19	20  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1PM	21  WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6 PM	22	23	24
25  ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & POTLUCK 12 PM	26  NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	27  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	28  WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL & WORSHIP PRAYER 5 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6 PM	29	30	31

July 2019 Sunday School Attendance Record

July 7	38
July 14	45
July 21	53
July 28	58

Average Attendance: 49

Average based on 4 Sundays

July 2019 Financial Report

Tithes	\$12,451.25
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2018 - 2019	\$14,562.12
Designated	\$22,023.71



August 2019 Deacon of the Week

July 29-Aug 4	Marvin Maherg
Aug 5-11	Robert Ritter
Aug 12-18	Rick Griffin
Aug 19-25	Bill Lindenborn
Aug 26-Sep 1	Marvin Maherg

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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