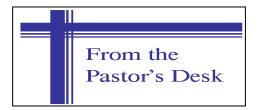


THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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So August 2020 is here... what do you think it holds? Who knows, right? There is not much we can do about it even if we did know. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount "Can anyone of you add one moment to your life-span by worrying?" And, He certainly meant that as a rhetorical question with the obvious answer being, "no." Jesus goes on to say rather than worry, "seek first the kingdom of God and righteousness..." instead.

Sunday evening our church council met to discuss not what we are worried about but rather how to begin moving forward as a church. I outlined for them what I see as Jesus's strategy for ministry based on Matthew 9:35-38:

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on thev them. *because* harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

I laid out what I think are seven obvious things Jesus did in ministry.

- 1. His ministry was proactive. It was not random and incidental, but rather planned and intentional.
- 2. His ministry was outward. While there were times He did teach at the Temple in Jerusalem, most of the time he was itinerant out among the people.
- 3. His ministry was wholistic. He cared for the person, body, soul, and spirit.
- 4. His ministry was "heads up"—"he saw the crowds." Jesus had a definite awareness about him concerning the needs of others.
- 5. His ministry was "heart-felt." When he saw the crowds it says, "He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (sounds familiar).
- 6. His ministry had a focus on prayer. While the need was obvious the first line of help was to pray.
- 7. Finally, his ministry was reproduceable. While the need was great, the workers were few, so we were to pray for more workers. And that pattern has existed for almost 2000 years and continues today.

We live in a world that is desperate for answers. And to quote the famous bumper sticker, "Jesus is the Answer!" And we are the messengers. What was true 2000 years ago is true today.

So, if what I have just stated is our mission strategy, what are the tasks that the early church did to accomplish the strategy? If you look through the Bible, particularly the book of Acts, I think you find a pattern of activity:

Submitting to God as God in acts of corporate worship and as a pattern of everyday life.

Loving one another as Jesus commanded His disciples to do, forming a fellowship of Believers.

Becoming a disciple to make a disciple. That is, being Biblically literate through study of and obedience to God's word.

Intentionally caring for those in both the church and community who are wounded, hurting and in need.

Personally introducing people to Jesus so they can experience forgiveness and the peace of God.

Let's face it, the world is in trouble... Jesus is the solution...You are the messenger... So, tag you're it!

~Pastor Mark



#### Rathgeber House Report

Our visits and meals to Rathgeber have been put on hold during the quarantine. Please continue to pray for those staying at Rathgeber House and their families.

Thank you, Fran Koch



For the month of July, we collected 45lbs of food! Thank you! If you would like to, you can drop donations off at Ida's home, the church office, or at Grace Ministries.

We delivered 10 blankets to Hospice of WF in July.

Thank you, Steve & Ida Jones



Prayer Walk Postponed until September. Please continue to pray for your prayer partners.



Deacons' Meeting August 9th at 4pm



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer will continue on FaceBook Live at 6pm. VBS Camp was a wonderful success. Tons of fun had by all ages, kids and adults.

Thank you all for your generous support and prayers!













AUGUST 23rd REOPENINGS
JLBC Nursery: RSVP required,
limited spots availabe, no masks
Children's Sunday School: during
Sunday message, masks required
Youth Group: Sundays at 6pm in
youth bldg, dinner served, masks
required



Virtual Baby Shower for Bryce & Ali Harris

Drop off or send gifts to JLBC Church Office

Bryce & Ali will open gifts on FaceBook Live, August 16th at 2pm.



Ushers for August Jaron Hopkins, Brad Adcock, AJ Lewis, & TE Amos

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# **AUGUST 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WORSHIP  WORSHIP  & MESSAGE 11 AM	3	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	Faith Mission 7:30 PM	7	8
9  WORSHIP  WORSHIP  &  MESSAGE  11 AM	10	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	12  BIBLE STUDY  & PRAYER 6 PM	13	14	15
WORSHIP  WORSHIP  &  MESSAGE  11 AM	17 School	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	20	21	22
WORSHIP  WORSHIP  &  MESSAGE  11 AM	ARTICLES DUE	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	BIBLE STUDY  & PRAYER 6 PM	27	28	29
ORDINANCE SUNDAY WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	31					

## July 2020 Sunday School Attendance Record

July 5 0
July 12 0
July 19 0
July 26 0

Average Attendance: 0

Average based on 4 Sundays

## July 2020 Financial Report

Tithes \$ 9,141.06
Estimated monthly budget \$13,746.06
needs for 2019 - 2020

Designated \$ 1,183.12



#### August 2020 Deacon of the Week

July 27-Aug 2Marvin MahergAug 3-9Robert RitterAug 10-16Rick GriffinAug 17-23Bill LindenbornAug 24-30Marvin MahergAug 31-Sep 6Robert Ritter

#### **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

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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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