

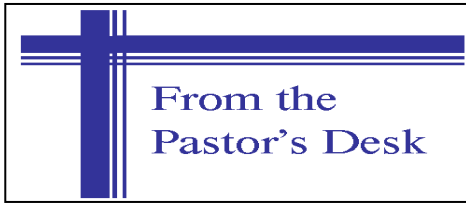


THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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Life is interesting when it moves from the theoretical to the practical.

In 1991, I was serving a short tour as an army chaplain at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Near the end of the two weeks my sister in New Mexico called to tell me that a doctor had found a malignant tumor in my mother's colon and she was going to have surgery. My mother had instructed my sister not to tell me as we had a family vacation planned following my chaplain duty and didn't want to interrupt that. I called my mother and she said, "don't come home, go on your vacation, I am fine." To which I asked, "If it were me where would you be?" She replied, "I'd be with you." To which I replied, "Exactly! We are coming home."

Several days after the surgery, I was visiting with her in the hospital and we were casually talking and I mentioned her cancer, that is I used the word "cancer" in direct reference to her. She stopped talking, and with a shocked look on her face she said, "I have cancer?"

Now, I don't know for sure if she was in denial, or no one had yet used that word with her but now life moved from the theoretical to the practical. Cancer wasn't just a disease that some people get, cancer was a disease inside her own body.

I heard those words last week, as did my son. Things have progressed from the theoretical: cancer is a disease that is a reality in our world; to the personal: people I know, love and care about have cancer; to the practical: I have cancer and what am I going to do about it?

One thing that came to mind from the Scripture was James 5:13-20.

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders (overseers) of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make him well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and some should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover a multitude of sins (NIV).

Based on this passage, what am I going to do?

First, I am going to pray. Cancer is a weird and troubling label to have associated with your name. Hopefully I have more empathy and compassion for others who have it too.

Second, I am going to retain my joy, gratitude, and happiness. I am going to express it in worship.

Third, I am going to access the benefits of membership in the body of Christ, the church. We bear one another's burdens. We pray for one another. We do good to each other.

Fourth, I am going to seek the best medical advice and treatment available to me.

Fifth, I am going to do a serious spiritual inventory of my life, confess and repent of any sin and seek to reconcile any relationships that needs to be mended.

Sixth, I am going to acknowledge any righteousness that I have comes from God and not myself. I am under God's grace.

Seventh, I am going to accept that I am an ordinary man, but I have access to extraordinary and supernatural resources.

Eighth, I am going to look to people both past and present who exercised great faith in difficult times. I will let them teach and inspire me to be a man of faith.

Ninth, I am going to keep doing the job God has called me to do.

I had coffee with Lee Shores Wednesday. We share a very broad and common label, cancer. But that is where the similarities end. We are on different ends of the spectrum as far as diagnosis, prognosis and life situation. My son is somewhere in the middle. Yet Lee still asked, "How are you and Andy doing?" He ministered to me.

Thanks for letting me express my thoughts that have been circulating in my head.

~Pastor Mark



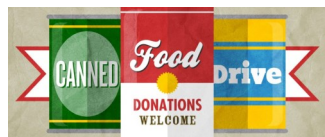
Rathgeber House Report

Thank you Ladies II for the meal you provided. Many guests enjoyed the food and fellowship. One family had been there a week knowing their loved one would not be going home.

We were asked not to be discouraged when sometimes only a few are there, as more will show up later.

Our ministry is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Fran Koch



Thank you all for your donations to Grace Ministries. Grace Ministries will be our benefactor for our Coin Drive for the month of February.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



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| JLBC Bible Drill | Mar 11 |
| BSM Luncheon | Mar 25 |
| BISD Family Night | Apr 2 |
| Women's Craft Event | Apr 4 |
| Community Palm Sun | Apr 5 |
| Easter Sunday | Apr 12 |
| Ken Hemphill Conf. | Apr 25 |
| Vacation Bible School | Jun 21-25 |
| Team Kids Camp | Jul 22-25 |



PRAYER WALK
1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH 8:45 AM



DEACONS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 9TH AT 4 PM
FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 12 AT 7PM



FOR ALL COUPLES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
DINNER AT 6:30 PM
SESSIONS 7-8 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
BREAKFAST AT 8:30 AM
SESSIONS 9 AM – NOON



BIG DADDY WEAWE CONCERT
FEBRUARY 16TH AT 7 PM



WOMEN'S EVENT
BRUNCH, CRAFT, & DEVOTIONAL
APRIL 4TH AT 10 AM
\$25 PER CRAFT MADE
SEE TERRIE COX OR
JENNIFER NAAS TO SIGN UP



MOTIONED AND APPROVED TO
TAKE \$6,000 OUT OF SPECIAL
GIFTS TO CHECKING ACCOUNT
SINCE RUNNING IN THE RED
SINCE OCTOBER.

SECURITY TEAM IS REALIGNING
SOME RESPONSIBILITIES. MORE
INFORMATION TO COME AT THE
NEXT MEETING.

MOTIONED AND APPROVED TO
HAVE JANUARY 26TH AS CAMP
CHAPARRAL DAY TO RAISE
FUNDS FOR THE NEW ROPES
COURSE, ZIP LINES, AND OTHER
EQUIPMENT. \$135,000 IS
NEEDED. GRANTS HAVE BEEN
SENT.

QUOTES IN PROGRESS TO
REMODEL OLD KITCHEN.



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

PASTOR & DEACONS

Please feel free to call any of
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FEBRUARY 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2  PRAYER WALK 8:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM WORSHIP 11 AM | 3 | 4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1PM | 5  PRAYER 5 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6 PM | 6  7:30 PM | 7 | 8 |
| 9  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM WORSHIP 11 AM | 10 | 11  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1PM | 12  PRAYER 5 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6 PM BUSINESS MTG 7PM | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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| 23  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM WORSHIP 11 AM | 24 | 25  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1PM | 26  PRAYER 5 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6 PM | 27 | 28 | 29 |

January 2019 Sunday School Attendance Record

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| Jan 5 | 47 |
| Jan 12 | 62 |
| Jan 19 | 48 |
| Jan 26 | 41 |

Average Attendance: 50

Average based on 4 Sundays

January 2019 Financial Report

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| Tithes | \$11,918.75 |
| Estimated monthly budget needs for 2019 - 2020 | \$13,746.06 |

Designated \$ 468.15



February 2020 Deacon of the Week

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| Jan 27-Feb 2 | Rick Griffin |
| Feb 3-9 | Bill Lindenborn |
| Feb 10-16 | Marvin Maherg |
| Feb 17-23 | Robert Ritter |
| Feb 24-Mar 1 | Rick Griffin |

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

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

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

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



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