

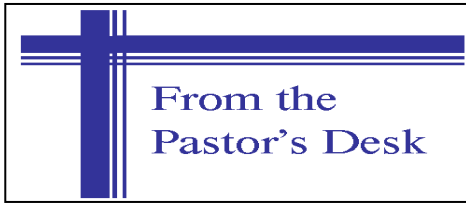


Discover A Place to Call Home

# THE MESSENGER

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I heard a story the other day I wanted to share with you in my own words.

Bill grew up in a good and happy home, with loving parents but it was not a Christian or even religious home. His parents would take him to a large mainline church a couple of times a year (Christmas and Easter) more for cultural reasons rather than religious.

As a teenager though, Bill began to feel empty inside and wondered if there was more to life than what he was experiencing. He began to attend the large church his parents had taken him to on his own, but it seemed to him more like a country club than a place where you would find answers to life's deep questions. His peers too, who attended, acted religious on Sunday, but he saw no difference in their lives Monday through Saturday. That was not what he was looking for and quit attending. But he was still empty and searching.

There was a girl in Bill's school though named Sandy, whom he sat next to in one particular class. She always seemed happy and one day Bill asked Sandy, "why are you always so happy?" She answered, "Because I am saved!" To which he replied, "What does that mean!?" Sandy led Bill into a faith relationship with Jesus Christ, he was baptized and joined a local church, and began his faith journey. He also knew at that moment that he wanted to spend his life pursuing and teaching the gospel message to others. His salvation and calling were almost simultaneous.

Another aspect of Bill's life was that he was born with a genetic physical disability that would not allow him to play sports. But he was somewhat competitive and applied that competitive nature to his academics. During his high school years he and Sandy remained friends but he lost contact with her after graduation. Bill would go on to earn multiple degrees in philosophy and theology and would become a well-respected Christian scholar, apologist, and author.

Years later, Bill was invited to speak at a university near his hometown in a publicized event. After his presentation people were coming down to the stage area to greet him and a woman approached, shook his hand but said nothing. Confused, he asked, "Do I know you?" she replied, "I'm Sandy." He related that a flood of memories came rushing back and was extremely happy to see her. His own salvation and life's calling, and purpose had begun by asking one question to this one happy Christian.

Bill, in this true story, is Dr. William Lane Craig but the real hero is Sandy. His testimony illustrates the difference one happy Christian can make in the world. When I heard Dr. Craig relate this story in a podcast the other day my thought was not wondering if I was like him but rather did my life reflect that of Sandy's?

Most people will never be famous, not even for 15 minutes, but we can matter to some individual that may go on to influence millions. More likely they will go on to influence just one or two more and that matters.

Dallas Willard defined joy as constant and pervasive sense of well-being. Jesus called that being blessed. The world often calls that being happy. And the world is looking for happy people who are happy even when there seems no reason to be so, people who love and are grateful, who give and receive grace and mercy, who have a solid foundation and daily purpose for life, people who know they are saved even though they do not deserve it because of what God has done for them Jesus Christ.

An old hymn has these verses...

*Why should I be discouraged?  
Why should shadows come.  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my pardon? My  
constant friend is He: His eye is  
on the sparrow and I know He  
watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be  
troubled," His tender word I  
hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I  
lose my doubts and fears.  
Though by the path He leadeth,  
but one step I may see, His eye  
is on the sparrow, and I know  
He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy.  
I sing because I'm free.  
For His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me. \**

Lord, help us be a "Sandy" to someone today!

God Bless You!  
Pastor Mark

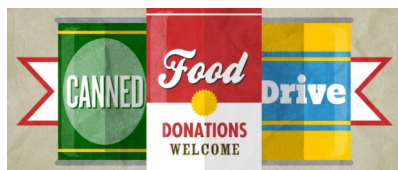
\*"His Eye is on the Sparrow" 1905;  
Matthew 10:29,31



## Rathgeber House Report

Special thanks Debbie Smith, Sharon Thompson, Taffy Sims, and Sherry Brinkley for making and taking the meal for Rathgeber. What a blessing this ministry is to those who are hurting.

Thank you,  
Fran Koch  
940-636-8215



For the year of 2020, thank you Jan Lee Baptist Church, we were able to bless Grace Ministries with 471 pounds of food that were brought to the church for our community. Our goal will be 500 pounds again this year.

Also thanks to all that help fund our Hospice Blanket Ministry. We were able to supply them with 87 blankets in 2020. That was 20 more than the previous year. Last year the woman in charge of pediatric Hospice asked if we could do blankets for her department. She provided enough fabric for 15 of those special blankets. This ministry is growing and I want to thank each of you that have helped with your generosity of giving financially or bringing in fabric or blankets you have made.

Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones

There was a Special Called Business Meeting on January 24. The new budget for 2020-2021 was approved. It was also approved to purchase a new soundboard and other components for our sound system.



## Prayer Walk

February 7th at 9am  
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer  
FaceBook Live at 6pm



Special Called Business Meeting  
February 7th after AM services

Deacons' Meeting  
February 14 at 4pm



Sunday School will resume for all ages on February 7th at 9:45am. Adults will be led by Robert Ritter and meet in the Fellowship Hall. All other age groups will meet at the same time in their designated locations.



JLBC Team Kids & Youth Group meet  
Wednesday Nights.  
Dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Classes from 6-7pm.



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  
Registration Deadline March 7  
for both Camps



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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# FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	3  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	4  7:30 PM	5	6
7  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	8	9  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	10  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	11	12	13
14  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	15	16  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	17  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	18	19	20
21  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	22  ARTICLES DUE	23  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	24  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	25	26	27
28  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM						

## January 2021 Sunday School Attendance Record

Jan 3	4
Jan 10	27
Jan 17	19
Jan 24	16
Jan 31	19

*Average Attendance: 17*

***Average based on 2 Sundays***

## January 2021 Financial Report

Tithes	\$18,660.17
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2019 - 2020	\$14,304.94
Designated	\$ 1,605.00



## February 2021 Deacon of the Week

Feb 1-7	Bill Lindenborn
Feb 8-14	Marvin Maherg
Feb 15-21	John Naas
Feb 22-28	Robert 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**

We're on the web!

[www.jlbcburk.com](http://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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