

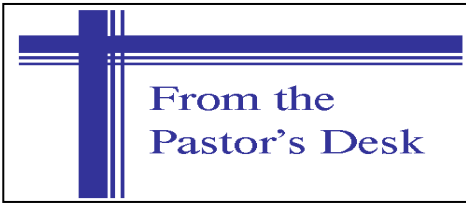


THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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There is an old saying or joke that goes, “When you put two Baptist in a room your likely to get three opinions.” We are not called “battling Baptist” without cause. At times they have been worthwhile fights, often they are not. COVID 19 is not one of them.

As COVID 19 flares up in Texas, and with the Governor's recent executive order, churches have been shown favor by not being restricted and have been left to govern themselves. And I believe there is an expectation we will do so responsibly.

Some denominations have a leadership hierarchy and those churches are being told by their state and national leaders how they are to respond. There are other churches who do not have a hierarchy but are governed internally by a board of elders who set policy. And still some radically independent churches are simply ruled by the pastor and he tells the congregation what to do. We, on the other hand, are none of these.

Jan Lee Baptist Church is an autonomous church. That is, we are self-governing. We make decisions based on a democratic process that we hope is based on the authority of the Scriptures and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Every member has an equal say and vote on church matters. The pastor and deacons cannot dictate to the church on how it operates. But I question, in our fast moving, fluid, and perilous society, and with our current church culture whether it continues to be a feasible form of self-governance. That is another conversation though.

That being said, and on consultation with a physician, the deacons and I are recommending face coverings for all people in worship Sunday, especially when entering and leaving the building and during times of singing and worship. This is one way we can demonstrate love for one another, by keeping each other safe without having to go to online services only again.

Kathy and I will be masked when we enter and leave the building; will remain masked and seated when we are singing. We will unmask during the sermon and other times we are not projecting our voices. I should be distanced enough on the platform as should the worship team to sing and preach without wearing face coverings. We will use hand sanitizer and practice social distancing. That is our decision to help keep you safe from us if we were to be exposed to COVID 19. I appreciate your patience as we attempt to navigate these “new waters” safely.

Please let me bring up something else.

About a year ago I issued you a “Who’s Your One” Challenge. The simplicity of that challenge is that you choose one person who does not know Jesus and you agree to pray for that person at one o’clock each day for one minute.

Beyond the simplicity of the challenge, it is an unobtrusive (at least on the part of the human participants, the Holy Spirit may have other ideas) way to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to a person and in turn bring them to faith in Jesus Christ.

But this is also a responsible way to bring gospel to people. While face to face witnessing will never go away, in these times it is not always possible. So engage them in prayer and let the Holy Spirit engage them face to face.

It is also a sure way to reach someone with the gospel. You are not having to try and convince someone they need Jesus. If you have to convince them, someone else may “un-convince” them. When the Holy Spirit does the convincing, there is no turning back.

It is also an active way to reach someone with the gospel. Prayer is never passive! You are going to war when you are praying for someone and putting the Holy Spirit on point. We saw the first fruit of that challenge this past Sunday through baptism. I thought we had been passive participants as a church in that person coming to Christ until I found out one of our people had been praying for the person for a whole year. Hopefully, we will share more of this story soon.

This is evangelism in the age of COVID 19.

So, we have discussed administration, worship, and evangelism. One last thing we must do is reimagine small group Bible study. Every member must, at some point, be a part of one if we are to grow in Christ and in turn, grow as a church.

~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



JLBC BIBLE DRILL

Congratulations to Hadley & Jane on their excellent scores at the Associational Level and State Level Drill!



For the month of June, we collected 10lbs 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 6 blankets to Hospice of WF in May.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



VBS Camp
July 21
Camp Chaparral



Prayer Walk
10:15 AM
July 5th

Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Deacons' Meeting
July 12th at 4pm

Church Council Meeting
July 26th at 4pm



Offices closed on July 2nd



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer will continue on Facebook Live at 6pm.



T-Shirt Fundraiser
for VBS Camp
Shirts are \$15 each
See Jennifer Naas to Order
Order deadline is July 12th



MEETING MINUTES

Family Business Meetings have been put on hold. A special called meeting was held on June 7th. Approval was given to allow JLBC VBS to be held as a one day event at Camp Chaparral on July 21st.



Project Back to School

July Coins for Christ Coin Drive will sponsor Project Back to School



Ushers for July
Steve Jones, Dennis Smith,
Scott Simmons, & John King

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	2  7:30 PM	3	4
5  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	6	7  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	8  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	9	10	11
12  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	13	14  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	15  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	16	17	18
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26  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	27  ARTICLES DUE	28  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	29  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	30	31	

June 2020 Sunday School Attendance Record

June 7	0
June 14	0
June 21	0
June 28	0

Average Attendance: 0

Average based on 4 Sundays

June 2020 Financial Report

Tithes	\$ 9,181.90
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2019 - 2020	\$13,746.06
Designated	\$41,853.00



July 2020 Deacon of the Week

June 28-July 5	Marvin Maherg
July 6-12	Robert Ritter
July 13-19	Rick Griffin
July 20-26	Bill Lindenborn
July 27-Aug 2	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!

www.jlbcburk.com

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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