

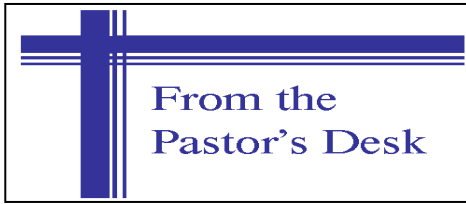


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Discover A Place to Call Home

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From the Denison Forum

“Whenever, wherever, however it happens—your first shave is special.” This is the caption of a Facebook ad by Gillette. It features a young person shaving while a father offers encouragement. What makes the ad unusual is that the person is transgender. The ad has received more than a million views as of this morning. A strategy that changed America as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month” begins later this week, we can expect many more messages like this in the media. They are part of a strategy that has been advancing in our culture for more than three decades.

In 1987, a neuropsychiatry researcher named Marshall Kirk and a social scientist named Hunter Madsen (using the pen name Erastes Pill) wrote an essay titled, “The Overhauling of Straight America.” Their strategy later became a book.

I encourage you to make time to read their article in its entirety. It is a fascinating and troubling window into the LGBTQ movement that has swept our country in the years since its writing. Kirk and Madsen framed a six-part strategy:

“Talk about gays and gayness as loudly and as often as possible” to desensitize the public.

“Portray gays as victims, not as aggressive challengers,” leading society to assume the role of protector.

“Give protectors a just cause” such as anti-discrimination and civil rights.

“Make gays look good” by elevating prominent homosexuals and celebrities who endorse them.

“Make the victimizers look bad” by associating them with Nazis, KKK members, etc.

“Solicit funds” for a massive media campaign.

Their advice for countering conservative churches was especially prescient:

“First, we can use talk to muddy the moral waters. This means publicizing support for gays by more moderate churches, raising theological objections of our own about conservative interpretations of biblical teachings, and exposing hatred and inconsistency.”

“Second, we can undermine the moral authority of homophobic churches by portraying them as antiquated backwaters, badly out of step with the times and with the latest findings of psychology. Against the mighty pull of institutional Religion one must set the mightier draw of Science & Public Opinion.”

Kirk and Madsen note: “Such an unholy alliance has worked well against churches before, on such topics as divorce and abortion. With enough open talk about the prevalence and acceptability of homosexuality, that alliance can work again here.”

My responses to their strategy

My purpose this morning is not to undo the last thirty years of cultural history. Rather, it is to do what I can to keep Kirk and Madsen’s remarkably effective strategy from influencing those who read this article.

Let’s respond to their six steps in turn.

First, we must not be desensitized to what the word of God describes as sin. Scripture clearly teaches that homosexual activity is outside God’s will for us (for more, see my article, “What does the Bible say about homosexuality?”). Repeating a truth claim doesn’t make it true.

Second, we must *never* victimize gay people, but we should not consider homosexual activity to be more acceptable because some homosexuals have been victimized.

Third, we should note that the civil rights of evangelical Christians are now being suppressed by those who would force us to act in ways that violate our biblical beliefs and religious liberties.

Fourth, we should not confuse the popularity of a position with its truthfulness. The crowds who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday condemned him on Good Friday (Luke 19:37–38; 23:21).

Fifth, we should not conflate the indefensible actions of some so-called evangelicals with biblical truth and morality. Those who ridicule LGBTQ persons do not represent the spirit of Jesus or manifest the “fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22–23).

Sixth, we should be careful to separate media messages, no matter how ubiquitous they become, from biblical truth. Our purpose in defending and proclaiming biblical truth

Our culture would have us believe that we must choose between loving LGBTQ people and standing for biblical sexual morality. The opposite is actually true: the more we love someone, the more we want God’s best for them.

Our purpose in defending and proclaiming God’s word is so others can know our Father’s “good and acceptable and perfect” will for their lives (Romans 12:2).

Would you pray by name for the LGBTQ people you know, asking God to show them his love and reveal to them his truth? Then, would you ask him to make you an answer to your prayer?

~Pastor Mark
(Article from the Denison Forum)

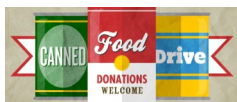


Rathgeber House Report

Guests so enjoyed the meal prepared by the Couples Class. It was a full house and you were able to bring comfort to those hurting.

Please pray for the family of Christie Huff. She was an employee with Rathgeber House and passed away this week after a long battle with cancer.

Thank you,
Fran Koch



Thanks for all your support. Every pound of food helps our community. For the month of May, we have donated a total of 51 pounds of food and an additional 65 pounds during the canned food drive.

The Tuesday Ladies group has taken 3 blankets to Hospice of WF this month. Two of them were patriotic colors. Thank you to those who made a donation towards a blanket.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Independence Day	July 4
Team Kids Camp	July 24-27
Youth BackPack	July 28-Aug 1
Davis/Harris Wedding	Aug 3
First Day of School	Aug 16
Annual Business Meeting	Aug 25
Labor Day	Sep 2
Fall Festival	Sep 29
Community Fall Fest	Oct 26



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



FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 19 AT 7PM
DEACON & SECURITY TEAM
JUNE 9TH AT 4 PM



HARRIS/DAVIS BRIDAL SHOWER
JUNE 2ND AT 2PM
JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL



SHELBY BABY SHOWER
JUNE 9TH AT 2PM
JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL



TEAM KIDS SUMMER CAMP
LEMONADE STAND FUNDRAISER
JUNE 15TH 9-11AM @ JLBC

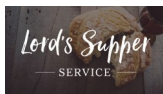
FATHER'S DAY



6.16.19



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 23-27
MEAL 5:15 & CLASSES 5:45-8PM
FAMILY NIGHT
JUNE 27 AT 7:15 PM



ORDINANCE SUNDAY JUNE 30



TEAM KIDS CAMP FUNDRAISER
SEE JESSICA FOR TICKETS
\$5 FOR SANDWICH, CHIPS, &
DRINK —DINE IN OR TO GO!



The Nominating Committee has filled the Team Positions vacated, but are working on the Teaching Positions.

Personnel Committee will meet on May 23rd.

New microphones and cables were ordered for the church.

Prayer Team - pray for every facet of our church and the unborn.

Providence Baptist Church is celebrating Juneteenth on June 14 & 15. JLBC is purchasing a full page ad in their pamphlet. This was approved.

18 & Under Team - need volunteers for Wednesday night services for Youth Group.



Ushers for June
Josh Dulek, Jaron Hopkins,
T. E. Amos, & Brad Adcock

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  8:45 AM  HARRIS/DAVIS 2PM	3	4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	5  PRAYER 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM	6  7:30 PM	7	8
9  SHELBY BABY SHOWER 2 PM	10	11  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	12  PRAYER 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM	13	14	15  TEAM KIDS LEMONADE STAND 9AM-11AM
16 	17	18  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 1 PM	19  PRAYER 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM FAM BUS MEETING 7PM	20  ARTICLES DUE TODAY!	21	22
23  VBS 5:15 - 8:00 PM	24  VBS 5:15 - 8:00 PM	25  VBS 5:15 - 8:00 PM	26  VBS 5:15 - 8:00 PM	27  VBS 5:15 - 7:15 PM FAMILY NIGHT 7:15 PM	28	29
30  ORDINANCE SUNDAY	ALSO ON THE 30TH  TEAM KIDS BBQ LUNCH AFTER AM SERVICES					

May 2019 Sunday School Attendance Record

May 5	51
May 12	54
May 19	49
May 26	58

Average Attendance: 53

Average based on 4 Sundays

May 2019 Financial Report

Tithes	\$12,399.00
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2018 - 2019	\$14,562.12
Designated	\$ 2,237.14



June 2019 Deacon of the Week

May 27-June 2	Bill Lindenborn
June 3-9	Marvin Maherg
June 10-16	Robert Ritter
June 17-23	Rick Griffin
June 24-30	Bill Lindenborn

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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