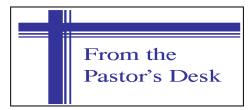


THE MESSENGER

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We live in a world where opinions are both highly prized and disparaged at the same time. If it is our opinion, we value it. If it is someone else's, not so much.

I find writing these days difficult, simply because there is so much information available that I ask if my thoughts are adding any value to overall discussion of all the things going on in the world. Besides, we have the internet and can easily "do our own research" to form our own opinion, to share on our own platform... why do I need to add my "two cents?"

One of my favorite journalists, Terry Mattingly, likes to comment on Twitter about a post, "What does @NYTimes say?" I am at a loss now, with the sheer volume of ideas and opinions on how the church ought to function in our crazy, upside down world, with "What does @TheBible say?"

This leads me to ask the question, "Does the church matter anymore?" The Bible says it does.

There was a time in the history of our country where the church was respected, carried a lot of weight in public opinion, and was the social arm of society. The church was the one who cared for the sick, homeless, widowed, and orphaned (we still do, by the way), but government has taken on many of those roles reducing, but not eliminating us, yet. If radical atheists have their way, they will. While their aggressive work has marginalized the church, it is not their final goal.

That goal would be to eliminate the church all together (search "Denison Forum – From Respected to Irrelevant to Dangerous" to read more).

A.W. Tozer comments,

"The world wants the church to add a dainty spiritual touch to its carnal schemes, and to be there to help it to its feet and put it to bed when it comes home drunk with fleshy pleasure."

I expect and accept that attitude from the world, but struggle with that attitude from those who claim the name of Christ. And I say this, acknowledging as a young Christian man, there was a time that I felt just that way. I wanted the church, my church, to just mind its own business and leave me alone. "Don't call me, I'll call you" was my attitude!

But when I look Biblically at God's attitude toward the church, I see something totally different now. I have repented of my error and returned. Why did this happen?

First, I believe as a young man, while I was carnal in many ways, I was also converted. This caused a great upheaval in my life, but in the end, I was drawn back to the family of God.

Second, I had been discipled by the church beginning at the earliest possible time. By that, I mean the nursery. This continued through high school. And while I ran from much of that equipping and teaching for a few years, those lessons were never forgotten.

Third, my parents were the ones most responsible for seeing the above two happen. I was not made to go to church by my parents; rather I was taken to church by my parents. They made sure it happened and it was as much a part of their life as it was mine. It also was a part of our home life too. While some people come to Christ later and become great servants of Christ in the church, statistically, those raised in the Church, stayed in the church. So, why does this matter?

If we, the church, are The Bride of Christ, which we are, and if Christ is our groom, and He is, then we are to love and submit to Him in worship.

If we, the church, are The Body of Christ, which we are, and if He is the Head of the church, which He is, then we are to work and serve Him as His physical presence in this world.

If we, the church, are The Building of Christ, which we are, and if Christ is the Chief Corner Stone of the church, which He is, then we are to add structure and order to a chaotic world.

How are you bringing love, service, and order to a world spinning out of control?

Please pray for our youth and children activities this summer. We have a great opportunity to evangelize and disciple the next generation of church leaders.

Thanks,

Pastor Mark



Rathgeber House Report

Thank you Dan Keown, Debbie Ritter, Kathy Janeke, and Fran Koch for making the food for Rathgeber.

We still only deliver the food and leave it there for the guests but the ministry is still taking place. If you would like to participate, June is open.

Thank you, Fran Koch 940-636-8215

If you would like to contribute towards one of our monthly meals with food or money, please see Fran Koch.



For the month of May, we collected 22 pounds of food, 1 extension cord, and 6 totes for Grace Ministries. The needs for the month of June are Grape Jelly, Vienna Sausages, and Spam. You can bring donations to the church office, the home of Ida Jones, or deliver to Grace Ministries yourself.

For the months of May we had 15 blankets for Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Thank you, Steve & Ida Jones



Volunteers Needed to help mow church yard. Contact Church Office to volunteer!



Prayer Walk
June 6 at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer FaceBook Live at 6pm
Sanctuary is open at this time if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome to join the meal at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Deacons' Meeting
June 20 at 4pm
Family Business Meeting
June 23 at 7pm
JLBC Fellowship Hall



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



JLBC Summer Camp Fundraiser
June 12 at 10am-Noon
JLBC Fellowship Hall Parking Lot
All Proceeds Support
JLBC Summer Camp Fund





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



Vacation Bible School
July 25-29 5:15 pm—8:00 pm
4 year old through 5th graders
Adult Volunteers Needed

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

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JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	2 NO ADULT SERVICES THIS WEEK! MEAL @ 530 KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	Faith Mission 7:30 PM	4	5
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	7	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	9 MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	10	SENIOR BOYS SUMMER CAMP JUNE 11-16	12
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May 2021 Sunday School Attendance Record

May 2 43
May 9 42
May 16 47
May 23 43
May 30 39

Average Attendance: 43 **Average based on 5** Sundays

May 2021 Financial Report

Tithes \$11,286.00
Estimated monthly budget \$14,304.94
needs for 2020 - 2021

Designated \$ 8,915.79



June 2021 Deacon of the Week

May 31—Jun 6

June 7-13

Robert Ritter

June 14-20

Rick Griffin

June 21-27

Bill Lindenborn

June 28-July 4

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 9:45 AM MORNING SERVICE 11:00 AM ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE Resumes in Fall

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

MEAL 5:30 PM PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES 6:00 PM



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