

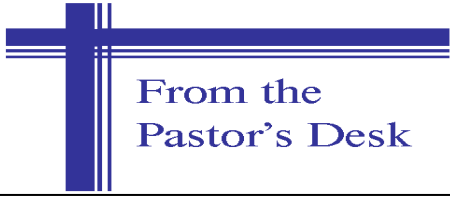


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Today is Election Day and this is the twelfth time I have voted for President. Every election, except the first back in 1976, Kathy and I have gone together even taking our kids along when we could. That was until this year. With the uncertainty of COVID and me in quarantine, she went ahead voted without me, wanting to make sure she had the opportunity to do so. I went as soon as I was able.

I went back and counted my presidential election “wins and loses” over the years and I’m “batting” just about .500. That probably lets you know I am a “party” voter, voting for big ideas and not so much for a person. It seems our country swings on a political pendulum, swaying back and forth between those big ideas and creates some checks and balances within our two-party system. It just seems now that gulf between these ideas is to wide cross.

As a pastor I have attempted to keep my political opinions from the pulpit not wanting to alienate anyone who might disagree with me from the gospel. Nor do I want my political opinions to be viewed as some sort of official pronouncements that the congregation should follow. This does not mean I am not willing to share my opinions. All you have to do is ask and be willing to enter into civil dialogue and I’m in.

But one thing is certain wherever we stand politically, our theology must just might become more conflicted and

influence our politics and not the other way around. In doing that though, you just might become more conflicted and not less as you will find God is neither a Republican nor a Democrat or even an American for that matter. So what are we who are the church to do?

We must be grounded and centered in a biblical worldview being both literate and articulate concerning the whole gospel of Jesus Christ. This means simply that you believe with your whole heart that God is real, the Bible is true, the church matters, and the mission God has given us is essential. Peter, the Apostle of Jesus Christ put it this way, *“In your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you”* (1 Peter 3:15). We must be prepared to not only defend but live out the sacred relationship and things of God. But we must remember we are not trying to convert someone to our political point of view but rather introduce them to the Creator, Savior and Ruler of the world.

We must also bear the spiritual fruit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control – Gal. 5:22) as a continuous way of life. Peter goes on to say, *“Yet do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience...”* (1 Peter 3:16a). We are called to be certain and bold in our beliefs but also taking into consideration not only our words but also our tone, volume, and body language in presenting and defending those beliefs. Be a good listener and speak in a way that allows you to be heard.

We must be prepared for strong opposition to our beliefs. Peter says, *“...when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil* (1 Peter 3:16b-17). If you want to be “popular” and accepted by the world, Christianity is the wrong religion for you. Both biblical and historical precedent holds this out to be true.

Finally, we must exercise our God given freedom constrained by the Christian conscience. This means that we defend the religious liberty of all people, even the ones who disagree with us. The only thing we demand in return is that we are allowed to freely compete in the marketplace ideas and not be subject to censorship. We do so because God is the author of freedom. (I recommend “The Christian Manifesto” by Francis Schaeffer if you want a full understanding of these ideas).

There is no doubt that our country and world are in crisis, and none of us know what tomorrow holds. But whoever wins the election and whatever direction the country and world decide to go, it does not change who we are and what we are called to do:

Confess Jesus as Lord.

Love God and your neighbor.

Go and make disciples

Treat all people with dignity and respect.

~Pastor Mark

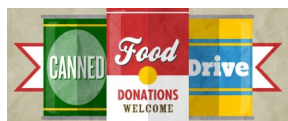


Rathgeber House Report

Thank you Debbie & Dennis Smith, Ida Jones, Sharon Thompson, and Taffy Sims for preparing a meal for Rathgeber guests. They decided not to stay and mingle but I am so appreciative for their efforts.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in helping this ministry.

Thank you,
Fran Koch
940-636-8215



For the month of October, we collected 81lbs of food. Thank you! Grace Ministries' needs for the month of November are canned pastas, any kind of beans (green, pinto, black, etc) and brown paper grocery bags. If you would like to, you can drop donations off at Ida's home, the church office, or at Grace Ministries.

We delivered 12 blankets to Pediatric Hospice in October.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Lottie Moon Auction Dec 12
Scripture Song Service Dec 23
Office Closing Dec 23-24



Prayer Walk

10:15 AM on November 1st
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
FaceBook Live at 6pm.



Deacons' Meeting
November 8th at 4pm



JLBC Nursery is open on Sunday mornings by RSVP only. Contact the church office to reserve your space.



JLBC Children's Sunday School takes place during Pastor Mark's Message each Sunday morning. Please remember to wear a mask.



JLBC Team Kids & Youth Group will meet on Sunday nights. A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM. Activities and lessons will follow from 6-7 pm. Team Kids will meet for lessons in the Children's Sunday School Classroom. Youth Group will meet for lessons in the Youth Building. Please remember to wear a mask.



Ordinance Sunday
November 8th at 11am



Community Wide
Thanksgiving Service
November 22nd
4 pm BHS Stadium



OFFICES CLOSED
NOVEMBER 25 & 26



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

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	4  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	5  7:30 PM	6	7
8  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	9	10  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	11  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	12	13	14
15  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	16	17  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	18  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM 	19	20	21
22  COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 6PM @ BHS STADIUM PARKING LOT	23  ARTICLES DUE	24  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	25  OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING NO WED NIGHT SERVICES	26  OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	27	28
29  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	30					

October 2020 Sunday School Attendance Record

Oct 4	46
Oct 11	44
Oct 18	29
Oct 25	0

Average Attendance: 40
Average based on 3 Sundays

October 2020 Financial Report

Tithes	\$10,601.58
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2019 - 2020	\$13,746.06
Designated	\$ 3,743.86



November 2020 Deacon of the Week

Oct 26-Nov 1	Marvin Maherg
Nov 2-8	Robert Ritter
Nov 9-15	John Naas
Nov 16-22	Rick Griffin
Nov 23-30	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	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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