

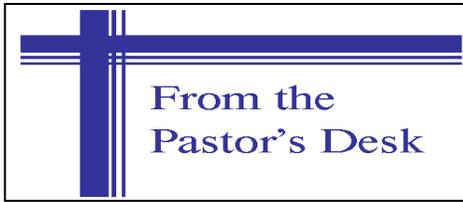


Discover A Place to Call Home

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I posted a quote to my Facebook page and was pleasantly surprised to receive a comment from an old friend who responded to that post. While he and I are of different denominations and may not agree in some other areas of life, we share a concern that the church understand the true nature and person of Jesus Christ.

The quote I repeated was simply this: *"A Christian without Christ is simply Ian."* It was made in response to a survey that said most people generally (58%) see Jesus a "good moral teacher." This is not surprising as the world has many and varying views as to who Jesus is, or from their perspective, was. At least most believe he existed and have a somewhat positive view of him. This is nothing new (see Matthew 16:13-14).

The surprising part was, and thus the quote, 30% of people who claim to be evangelical Christians hold to the belief that Jesus was simply a "good man and moral teacher!" My friend's response to this,

"Wow. Just wow. Then what defines our faith? And what maybe do we as clergy need to do differently?"

And this would sum up my response too. Let us look at his two questions one at a time:

First, "Then what defines our faith?"

On a very broad scope there are three basic world views: atheistic, that is no God; poly/pan theistic, that is many gods or god is in everything; or monotheistic, God exists, is one, and separate from His creation. And if the law of non-contradiction is correct, then only one of these views can be true. Either God exists or He does not; Either God is one or many; either God is separate from His created order or He is the created order.

Christianity obviously falls into the monotheistic category, but it has another distinguishing mark that separates it from the world's other monotheistic religions in the God/man, Jesus Christ.

Christians believe that the one eternal God has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes but with out division of nature, essence, or being. And that God the Son entered into human history as Jesus Christ. He was sent by the Father; was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of a virgin; lived a perfect life doing good; died on a cross for the sins of the world; was buried but raised on the third day; he appeared to many; he ascended to the Father; sent the person of the Holy Spirit to be with us now; and will return in victory someday for His Church.

This is the essence of the gospel and defines Christianity and the Christian. A person may believe something else but they should not try to pass it off as Christian.

C.S. Lewis in "Mere Christianity" put it this way:

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd be either a lunatic on a level with a man who says he's a poached egg or else he'd be the devil of hell."

You must make your choice, either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Pastor David Platt in his book "Radical" tells of having a conversation with two men, each of different religions than himself. They were describing their belief that we are all the same no matter what religion, seeking God at "the top of the mountain," but we are each just taking different paths to God. David posed the question, "What if God came off the mountain down to us?" which the men replied, "That would be wonderful!?" He answered, "Gentlemen, let me introduce you to Jesus Christ."

The second question posed was, "What maybe do we as clergy need to do differently?"

Well, maybe this was a start. I just want to be certain that Jan Lee Baptist Church understands where we stand in who Jesus is.

(There are numerous biblical references (too many to list here) for the basis of this belief. If you want to go deeper into this, consider works from two men who were atheist but examined the evidence and became followers of Jesus Christ, "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel and/or "Cold Case Christianity" by J. Warner Wallace).

~Pastor Mark



Rathgeber House Report

It felt like coming home to be back at Rathgeber again. There was a full house with guests hungry for food and fellowship. How fulfilling it is to bring some joy into lives when guests are concerned about their loved ones. They are always so grateful for this ministry.

Ladies I Class furnished the meal this month. Pastor Mark will be asking for volunteers in the next months. It's usually the third Tuesday of the month. Food needs to be there by 6:30 PM. I can answer any questions about this ministry. I can take the meal or you can, just let me know.

Thank you,
Fran Koch
940-636-8215



For the month of September, we collected 16lbs of food. Thank you! Grace Ministries' needs for the month of October are Ramen Noodles, Span, Vienna Sausages, 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 7 blankets to Hospice of WF in August.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



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



Prayer Walk

10:15 AM

October 4th

Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Deacons' Meeting
October 11th at 4pm

Church Council Meeting
October 18th 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.



Drive Thru Trunk or Treat

October 31 5-7pm

JLBC Parking Lot

Volunteers Needed for Bible Story Themed Trunks, to hand out candy, and for traffic control.

We also need donations of individually wrapped candy!



Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 1st at 2am



Ushers for October
Jaron Hopkins, Brad Adcock,
AJ Lewis, & TE Amos

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  Faith Mission 7:30 PM	2	3
4  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	5	6  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	7  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	8	9	10
11  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	12	13  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	14  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	15	16	17
18  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	19	20  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	21  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	22	23	24
25  WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	26  ARTICLES DUE	27  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	28  BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	29	30	31  DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR TREAT 5-7PM JLBC PARKING LOT

September 2020 Sunday School Attendance Record

Sept 6	0
Sept 13	0
Sept 20	0
Sept 27	0

Average Attendance: 0

Average based on 4 Sundays

September 2020 Financial Report

Tithes	\$ 9,754.27
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2019 - 2020	\$13,746.06
Designated	\$ 697.13



October 2020 Deacon of the Week

Sep 28-Oct 4	John Naas
Oct 5-11	Robert Ritter
Oct 12-18	Rick Griffin
Oct 19-25	Bill Lindenborn
Oct 26-Nov 1	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	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 VIA FACEBOOK LIVE	6:00 PM
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