

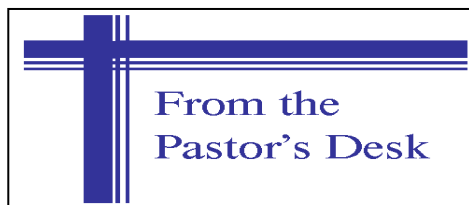


Discover A Place to Call Home

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What does it mean to flourish? Dictionary.com defines it... “to be in a vigorous state; to thrive, excel, influence; to be successful, prosper; to grow.” Who would not want this to describe you, your family, church, community, nation, and even the whole world? I would.

Dr. Jonathan Pennington is associate professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is the author of “The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing.” In an interview on the “Knowing Faith” podcast¹ Dr. Pennington suggested that the Greek word that is often translated “blessed” in the Bible, might be better translated “flourish.”

If you were to take that term and apply it to Jesus’s words in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), it might read like this:

“Those flourishing are Poor in Spirit...”

“Those flourishing mourn....”

“Those flourishing are meek...”

“Those flourishing hunger and thirst after righteousness...”

“Those flourishing are merciful...”

“Those flourishing are pure in heart...”

“The flourishing are peacemakers...”²

The Beatitudes and the Sermon as a whole are essential to a life that flourishes as a disciple of Jesus.

We must understand though that Jesus did not mean that one who flourishes won’t have trouble. As a matter-of-fact Jesus says there will be trouble in this life (Matt 6:34), that persecution could come for associating with him and/or for a person doing good (Matt 5:10-12), and that life’s “storms” come not only to the foolish, but the wise also (Matt 7:24-27). So, it must mean that we flourish in spite of these things. How does a disciple of Jesus do this?

Pastor Kyle Worley, one of the hosts of the podcast asked Dr. Pennington, “If someone wanted to go deeper into the Sermon on the Mount, what would you recommend as a first step?” His reply was simple and to the point: “Memorize it.”

Memorization leads us to not only hear Jesus’s words, but to internalize them. From there, we can obey and apply it to ourselves, our marriages, our children, co-workers, and other significant relationships. We can then teach this to others. Who knew that Jesus’s sermon applied could lead to greater joy in our personal life, a richer marriage, a strategy for effective parenting, a more productive and pleasant work environment, and a better world?

We begin our new fiscal church year in October. I want to challenge the church that we use this year to memorize the Sermon on the Mount. I started some time ago on my own and can tell you it can be a difficult task. I can quote the introduction and The Beatitudes. I can give you the outline of the rest of the sermon and quote most of the other key verses. That has taken awhile.

How should you start?

First, read and/or listen to the entire sermon in one sitting several times to familiarize yourself with the sermon as a whole. You will recognize at least some of it as familiar.

Second, memorize the outline of the Sermon:

Introduction (5:1-2); The Beatitudes (5:3-12); Salt and Light (5:13-16); The Fulfillment of the Law: [murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, eye for an eye, love of enemies] (5:17-48); Disciplines and attitudes of giving, prayer, and fasting (6:1-18); Treasures in Heaven (6:19-24); Don’t Worry (6:25-34); Judging others (7:1-6); Persistence in Prayer (7:7-11); Golden Rule (7:12); The Narrow Gate (7:13-14); Spiritual Fruit (7:15-23), Wise and Foolish (7:24-27); Conclusion (7:28-29).

Third, pick out key verses for memorization such as (and a good place to start) the Lord’s Prayer (Matt 6:9-13).

Finally, finish memorizing the sermon and meditate on its meaning. Then simply walk with and obey Jesus as you apply his words to your life daily.

I’ve witnessed someone do this and turn a marriage around that was languishing. We simply must trust Jesus on this. He said, “Wise is the person who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice. They have built their life on a solid foundation” (Matt 7:24-25).

It is a life that flourishes.

Pastor Mark

¹#7 – The Best Sermon Ever with Dr. Jonathan Pennington, [Knowing Faith](#); December 7, 2018.

²Matthew 5:3-9

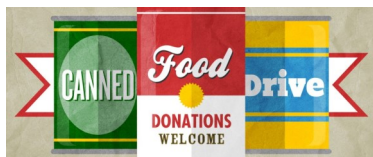


Rathgeber House Report

For the month of July, Norah, Becky, & Ida prepared a Mexican meal & dessert for Rathgeber House. While there, they visited with Donna. Please pray for the staff, guests, & their families that come through the door, that they feel comfort & peace through the prayers being raised up for them. Rathgeber & guests are always appreciative of the meal & prayers for them & their loved ones.

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.



Thank you to the kids from VBS for donating 81 pounds of food for Grace Ministries. For the month of September, we would like to do a canned food drive with a goal of 100 pounds!

For the months of July, we had 6 blankets and 5 in August for Hospice of Wichita Falls. If you would like to join, we meet on Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who donate fabric or money to this ministry.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Prayer Walk
September 5th at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



September, starts a new year of Prayer Partner Ministry. Information with a re-commitment form was emailed on 8-23. If you didn't receive & are interested, please contact Debbie Ritter at 940-631-7430.



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
Meal for Everyone at 5:30pm
Adult class in Sanctuary at 6pm
Youth & Team Kids class at 6pm



No Wednesday Services on September 15 due to BISD Family Night. JLBC will host a booth and serve caramel apples. We will need donations of apples and caramel sauce beginning on Sept 12. We also need volunteers to work at our booth. Contact Jennifer Naas if you are willing to volunteer.



Deacons' Meeting
September 12th at 4 pm

Annual Family Business Meeting
September 19th
after morning services
Covered Dish Meal will be served



Thank you all so much for your support of Vacation Bible School. It was a great success with an average attendance of 60 students and teachers over the 4 days we were able to be here. We are looking forward to VBS 2022!



Thank you all for your very generous support of our Summer Camp Program. We were able to send a total of 51 students, 3 student helpers (to Team Kids Camp) and 12 adults to camp. There were 8 professions of faith at Team Kids Camp. Thank you so much for all of your prayers, donations, and help! We are looking forward to 2022 Camp!

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	2  7:30 PM	3	4
5  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	6  OFFICE CLOSED TODAY	7  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	8  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	9	10	11
12  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	13	14  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	15 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES DUE TO BISD FAMILY NIGHT	16	17	18
19  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	20  ANNUAL FAMILY BUSINESS & LUNCH MEETING AFTER AM SERVICES 9-19 	21  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	21  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	23  ARTICLES DUE	24	25
26  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	27	28  LADIES PRAYER GROUP	29  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	30	31	

August 2021 Sunday School Attendance Record

August 1	0
August 8	0
August 15	0
August 22	29
August 29	38

Average Attendance: 34

Average based on 2 Sundays

August 2021 Financial Report

Tithes	\$11,190.00
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2020 - 2021	\$14,304.94

Designated \$ 612.67



September 2021 Deacon of the Week

Aug 30-Sept 5	Bill Lindenborn
Sept 6-12	Marvin Maherg
Sept 13-19	John Naas
Sept 20-26	Robert Ritter
Sept 27-Oct 3	Rick Griffin

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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