

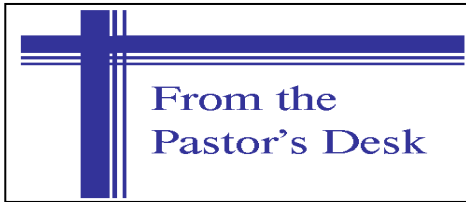


Discover A Place to Call Home

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There's the old "preacher" joke about the church calling a new pastor. The first Sunday, the new pastor got up and preached his first sermon. The congregation was pleased, not too long, not too short, but just right. The next Sunday rolled around, and the pastor got up to preach and he preached the exact same sermon as the week before. The congregation thought, "Hum... well that is interesting, and I wonder what all that's about?" The third Sunday comes, and the new pastor does the exact same thing. Now the congregation says, "Now wait a minute, what's the idea here, why have you preached the same exact sermon three weeks in a row?" The new pastor answers, "Well, as soon as we start doing what this one says, we'll move to the next sermon."

I may have told that joke one hundred times, but it does seem to me that I preach the same things over and over again. In fact, someone commented on my recent sermon series that I had preached those same passages just a couple of years ago. So why the repetition?

For me, the same biblical and doctrinal concepts and ideas continue revolving in my mind. I have yet to "master" the concept and I need to rework those in a new sermon series. Repeating them again in reading, study and presentation helps me move closer to biblical "mastery." And if I need it, you do too.

Also, we have people in the church that have aged into adulthood, or are new to our community and congregation, or are new to the faith and need to be instructed. They need to be taught as if they were hearing the gospel for the first time. When a pastor stays in one place for 18 years, that is going to happen.

Where we need to be cautious though is not becoming spiritually complacent in our Christian development. The writer of Hebrews says,

"Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God's revelation again... (deeper teaching) is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish between good and evil. Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity..." (Hebrews 5:12, 14, 6:1a CSB).

The elementary teachings about Christ concern the basics of what it means to be declared right with God. Children can understand, believe, and trust the gospel message: That Jesus is God and became a man; He lived a sinless life doing good; He died on the cross for our sins and was buried; God raised Him from the dead on the third day; He appeared to many and ascended to heaven; the Holy Spirit is His presence with the church now and, He is now interceding for the saints from heaven; and He will return from heaven one day for His people. That is the basics. That is what any person, young or old needs to know, believe, and trust to be saved.

When a person professes faith in Jesus, they are led to follow him in believer's baptism. This visual and symbolic representation of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and the new believer's visual statement about their own "death, burial and resurrection" to a new life in Christ is essential in being obedient to Jesus. Baptism though, must be seen as a beginning of something and not an end. It is the first step of a Christian's obedience and not the last. We are commanded to baptize and then teach these new Christians everything Jesus has commanded us (Matt 28:20).

Many Christians are satisfied with the "shallow waters" of their initial experience with Christ. May it never be so at Jan Lee Baptist Church. We must never let our contentment in Christ become complacency toward Christ.

Let us move forward from these essential and important teachings about Christ to the "deep end" of our faith of walking continually with Christ.

Let us delve into the nature of God and our relationship with Him.

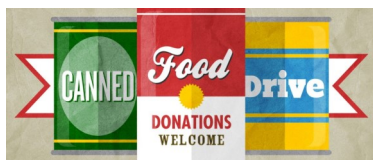
Let us explore our physical and spiritual origins and who we are in Christ and what it means to be created in his image (Gen 1:27).

Let us come to terms with the ultimate and eternal meaning of life, and how we are to live out that meaning in the world today.

Let us understand and come to grips with the consummation of our lives, our world, and the universe in the hands of our God.

Amen

~Pastor Mark



For the month of March, we donated 42 pounds of food to Grace Ministries. Thank you all who donated. The needs for April are small packages of instant potatoes, small packages of pancake mix, and crackers.

Thank you to everyone that donated to help purchase blanket fabric. We made 4 blankets for Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Thank you to everyone who brought snacks and sodas for the MSU BSM Luncheon. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Rathgeber House Report

We are sad to announce that the Rathgeber Hospitality House monthly meals has come to an end after 14 years. All monies that were donated for this cause have been used to purchase needed supplies. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Thank you,
Fran Koch
940-636-8215



Prayer Walk
April 3 at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
Meal for Everyone at 5:20pm
Adult class in Sanctuary at 6pm
Youth & Team Kids class at 6pm



Family Business Meeting
April 13th at 7pm

Church Council Meeting
April 3rd at 3pm



We are accepting applications for our
Paid Nursery Worker Position.
Please have interested parties
contact the church office.



Bluegrove Baptist Church has more
mission trips to the Del Rio/Acuna
area planned.

Contact Rick Griffin if interested.
May 1-4 & Jun 5-8



~Parking Lot has been resurfaced.
~There was an average of 39 in
Sunday School for the month of
February.
~Rathgeber Meal Ministry has
ended.
~Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 17
after morning services.
~We are changing our insurance
provider to GuideStone.



BISD
Family Night @ Park Apr 6

(6pm) Central Baptist Community
Palm Sunday Service Apr 10

South Africa Mission Trip
Fundraiser:

Mother's Day Pies Apr 24-
May 7

Summer Camp Fundraisers:

Egg My Yard Apr 3-16

God is Good T-Shirts Apr 11-30

Meals to Go #2 May 1-13

Lemonade Stand Jun 4

Youth Camp Jul 11-15
Team Kids Camp Jul 18-22

VBS July 31-Aug 4

Community Outreach
Garage Sale Aug 6

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APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	4	5  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	6  BISD FAMILY NIGHT IN THE PARK 6PM	7  7:30 PM	8	9
10  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	11  COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICES 6PM AT CENTRAL BAPTIST 	12  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	12  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	14  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON APR 13 	15	16
17  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	18	19  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	20  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	21	22	23
24  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	25  ARTICLES DUE	26  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	27  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	28	29	30

March 2022 Sunday School Attendance Record

March 6	41
March 13	39
March 20	36
March 27	35

Average Attendance: 38
Average based on 4 Sundays

March 2022 Financial Report

Tithes	\$12,860.00
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2021 - 2022	\$14,301.00
Designated	\$ 5,976.30



April 2022 Deacon of the Week

Mar 28 - Apr 3	Bill Lindenborn
Apr 4-10	Marvin Maherg
Apr 11-17	John Naas
Apr 18-24	Robert Ritter
Apr 25-May 1	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!
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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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