

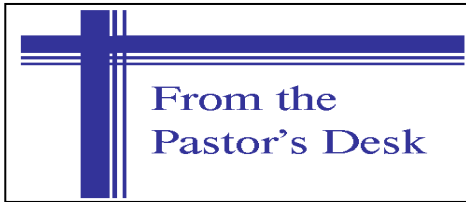


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Several years ago I had a young man who came to see me regarding moving in with his girlfriend before they got married. I felt that I gave both a biblical and gracious answer to his inquiry, but he did not like my answer as I did not tell him what he wanted to hear and give him "my okay." His response to me was, "well, marriage is more than just a piece of paper." I replied, "Yes, I agree, but it's certainly not less than that."

One of the arguments that pro-choice advocates of abortion make for the pro-life side is, "being pro-life is being more than pro-birth." And yes, I agree wholeheartedly, but it is certainly not less than that.

A document related to the Supreme Court's upcoming decision regarding abortion related to the "Roe v. Wade" ruling that made abortion legal in all fifty states was leaked from the court and it appears a majority of the Justices are ready to overturn the 1973 ruling. My understanding is that this issue would then be returned to Congress, who would then have to legislate laws regarding abortion.

What are some facts related to this...?

1) The United States has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the world. Though Europe is far more socially liberal than the USA, every European country is more restrictive than we are (Rod Dreher).

2) While most Americans support abortion rights (61%), this is in the first trimester. In the second trimester support falls to 34% and 19% in the third trimester (Forbes Magazine).

3) The overturning of Roe v. Wade will not stop abortions in the whole of United States, but it will return the decision to the individual states. Current thought is 24 to 26 states would make abortion illegal. Being able to travel to other states and the ability to purchase abortion causing drugs online from overseas would make abortion still available but harder to obtain. After Texas made abortion illegal at around six weeks, abortions at Texas clinics fell by half but the total number of abortions among Texas women fell only by 10% (James Denison).

In light of this, what can we, the Church, do?

1) We need to show the world our awareness that we are all sinners desperately in need of God's grace (Marvin Olasky).

2) Consistently teach and practice God's plan for human life, marriage, and sexuality, setting the example for the rest of the world.

3) Fight to end the "double standard" regarding sexual behavior. Hold men legally and financially accountable for the children they create.

4) Openly and actively support pregnancy help centers and Christian adoption and foster care agencies.

5) Consider fostering and/or adopting "unwanted" children.

6) Support women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy, particularly ones who have no other support, so they are not alone in their pregnancy.

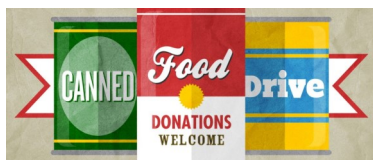
7) Boldly and graciously identify, intercede, and invest in people who disagree with you. Introduce them to Jesus by lovingly sharing with them, the gospel. This is largely a world view issue. Put yourself in their place. If you rejected a belief in God, where would you stand on abortion?

I heard syndicated columnist and Christian Cal Thomas speak one time and relate a story about his friend and Fox News liberal sparring partner, Bob Beckel. He and Bob went round and round on the issue of abortion, but Cal said that his best and most logical arguments on the pro-life position could not convince Bob to alter his pro-abortion position. Then one day Cal led Bob to Jesus... "Miraculously" Bob's position on abortion changed. Jesus matters in this, Jesus is the one who changes lives.

Pro-Life is more than pro-birth...

But it is not less than that either.

~Pastor Mark



For the month of April, we donated 32 pounds of food to Grace Ministries. Thank you all who donated. The needs for May are small cornbread mix, individual size tea bags, and crackers.

Thank you to everyone that donated to help purchase blanket fabric. We made 6 blankets for Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Rathgeber House Report

I want to thank everyone who helped serve meals at Rathgeber, cooked meals, or donated funds for this ministry. Guests were always so thankful for the meals. They also enjoyed our fellowship. This ministry started 14 years ago.

Thank you,
Fran Koch



Prayer Walk
May 1 at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Offices Closed
May 30
In Observance of
Memorial Day



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
May 11 at 7pm

Church Council Meeting
May 1 at 3pm

Deacons' Meeting
May 14th at 4pm



Matthew West
LiveStream Concert
May 20th at 7PM
JLBC Sanctuary



Bluegrove Baptist Church has a mission trips to the Del Rio/Acuna area planned on June 5-8.
Contact Rick Griffin if interested.



~JLBC has signed with Guidestone as our insurance provider.

~Jennifer's salary was increased to \$15/hour.

~Lori Sanders has been hired as our Nursery Worker.

~\$900+ was approved to purchase blinds for the youth building conference room, Mark's office, and the church office.



South Africa Mission Trip
Fundraiser:

Mother's Day Pies Apr 24-
May 7

Summer Camp Fundraisers:

Meals to Go #2 May 1-13

Lemonade Stand Jun 18

Youth Camp Jul 11-15

Team Kids Camp Jul 18-22

VBS July 31-Aug 4

Community Outreach
Garage Sale Aug 6



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

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MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	2	3  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	4  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	5  7:30 PM	6	7
8  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	9	10  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	11  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	12  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON MAY 11 	13	14
15  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	16	17  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	18  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	19	20  MAY 20TH AT 7:00 PM CT	21
22  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	23	24  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	25  MEAL @ 530 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	26  ARTICLES DUE	27	28
29  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	30  OFFICES CLOSED	31  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP				

April 2022 Sunday School Attendance Record

April 3	34
April 10	34
April 17	46
April 24	48

Average Attendance: 41
Average based on 4 Sundays

April 2022 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,285.00
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2021 - 2022	\$14,301.00
Designated	\$ 5,164.95



May 2022 Deacon of the Week

April 25-May 1	Rick Griffin
May 2-8	Bill Lindenborn
May 9-15	Marvin Maherg
May 16-22	John Naas
May 23-29	Robert Ritter
May 30-June 5	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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