

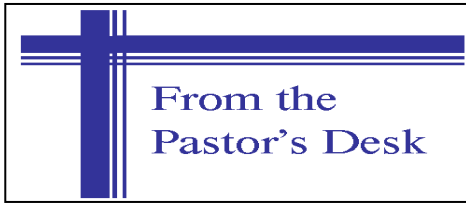


Discover A Place to Call Home

# THE MESSENGER

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What in the world is God doing? Coming out of the COVID disruption, we had grown back to a steady, in-person attendance of approximately 60 people in worship on a Sunday morning. Then on July 31 we saw an almost one hundred percent increase to 117 and have leveled off at average attendance of 87 with 66 average attendance in Sunday school.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth:

*"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through who you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:5-7).*

Someone might ask, "What are we doing to cause this?" My answer, "We are not doing anything that we have not always done. We just praise God for providing the growth."

It has always been my desire that the church faithfully and consistently "plant and water" - that we do so in a spirit of love and for His glory. And, that we do so to the best of our abilities and talents that He has gifted us with.

So, what are God's expectations?

First, God has called us to regularly worship Him with other believers, which is to give glory to God through praise and thanksgiving. This acknowledges who God is and aligns us with that reality.

God desires that we grow spiritually through both individual and group Bible study and prayer. These, along with the other disciplines build community and nurture us in the faith.

God also wants us to serve Jesus through the mission work of our church. My mantra is "Pray – Know – Give – Go" to make disciples of all nations through our church. That mission begins with our family and neighbors.

God expects His church to work hard. To do so effectively and efficiently each member must give their money, their time, and their talents to this end. This allows us to be good managers of God's resources, it lightens the load for each member, and builds community as we work together.

God desires that we be one with Him and one another. We recognize God's design for the church is unity within a diverse congregation. So we must serve and put the interests of others ahead of our own. We must seek and give forgiveness; we must protect the integrity of the church by our own Christ like attitude and behavior.

God wants us to pray for and follow the leadership of the church. Leadership is given to guide the church to worship, to care for one another, to teach God's Word, to equip the church for the work of ministry, and to protect the teachings and doctrine of the church against false teachers.

Finally, God wants us to share the good news of Jesus with others. As we identify those who are far from God, we intercede for them, we invest in them, and invite them to "come and see" who Jesus is and who we are. Ultimately, we want to introduce them to Jesus so they may have the same "reason for hope that is in us."

These seven expectations are how we "plant and water" just as Paul and Apollos did in Corinth. But we know who causes the growth. It is God!

I am grateful for every faithful, long-serving member of Jan Lee Baptist Church who has been here through thick and thin.

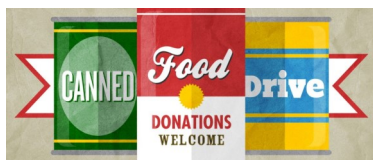
I am grateful for the Christians whom God has recently led our way. I look forward to serving the Lord with you in the time God allows us.

I am grateful for new believers in Christ whom we have recently baptized. I am excited to work with you as you grow in fellowship with God and His church.

I am grateful for you who are here but still seeking God's will for your life in your place of service. I have no doubt, that if you are a believer, you are to serve the Lord in a local church. I will pray that God lead you to your place. I am unashamed to say I hope and pray it is with us.

I am grateful for those who will come our way in the future... God knows who they are.

~Pastor Mark



For the month of August, we donated 29 pounds of food to Grace Ministries. Thank you all who donated. The needs for September are family sized tea bags, small & large jars of jelly, and instant potatoes.

Thank you to everyone that donated to help purchase blanket fabric. We made 7 blankets for Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones



**Mary Hill Davis Offering**  
2022 Goal: \$500  
Current Giving: \$570



**Men's Bible Study**  
Sunday Nights at 6pm  
JLBC Fellowship Hall



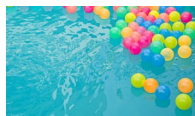
**Lady's Bible Study**  
Monday Nights at 6:30pm  
JLBC Fellowship Hall



**Prayer Walk**  
September 4 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



**Team Kids Popsicles & Pool Party**  
September 18th 2-4pm  
At the Naas's House



**BISD Family Night in the Park**  
September 21 6pm  
Volunteers & Donations  
of Apples & Caramel Needed



**Papenthien Baby Shower**  
September 24th 2pm  
JLBC Fellowship Hall



**JLBC Life Group**  
Potluck Lunch & Corn Maze  
September 25th after AM services



**Youth Group Bowling & Lunch**  
October 1 at 11am  
Meet at JLBC Fellowship Hall



**Recreation Ministries Hike**  
October 19-22  
\$150/pp



**Family Business Meeting**  
September 14 at 7pm

**Church Council Meeting**  
September 11 at 4pm

**Deacons' Meeting**  
September 18th at 4pm



**2022 Annual Family Business Meeting**

**Pastor salary increased by 5%**

**Secretary salary increased to \$16/hour**

**All new window blinds installed**

**Fascia work completed on church building**

**JLBC is searching for a part time youth pastor**

**2022-23 budget presented and approved**

**2022-23 Nominating Committee presented new positions and approved.**

## PASTOR & DEACONS

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# September 2022

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

### August 2022 Sunday School Attendance Record

August 7	62
August 14	75
August 21	64
August 28	66

*Average Attendance: 67*  
**Average based on 4 Sundays**

### August 2022 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,025.09
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$ 1,175.17
Designated	\$ 5,164.95



### September 2022 Deacon of the Week

Aug 29-Sept 4	John Naas
Sept 5-11	Robert Ritter
Sept 12-18	Rick Griffin
Sept 19-25	Bill Lindenborn
Sept 26-Oct 2	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**

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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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