

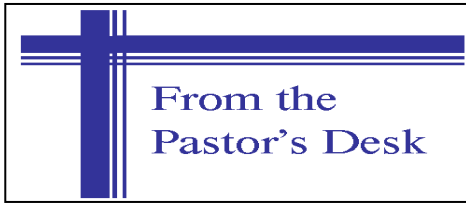


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Happy New Year! In honor of our agrarian roots, we begin a new fiscal church year this month (October 2022).

In seminary I was introduced to a book entitled, “His Needs – Her Needs” by Dr. Willard F. Harley. It was one of the most transformative books, outside of the Bible I have read. It validated me as a man, and it informed and educated me, as a husband, about my wife. I have incorporated it into my personal living, and I teach the concepts it promotes. I did so at a pastor’s conference in South Africa in 2017 in a change from a previously prepared class to get the pastors and their wives back on track, not only in the conference but in their marriages as well.

Dr. Harley’s source for the book came from evaluating his years as a Christian clinical marriage therapist. He found that couples came into counseling with ten specific yet common issues. One of the ten was “an attractive spouse.” Dr. Harley takes great pains to emphasize the danger of this perceived need in our modern media culture. Modern advertising and now with extensive social media, the “an attractive spouse” need can take on very unrealistic and unhealthy expectations. Images and ideals conjured up in someone’s mind, edited on a computer, and then plastered across our phones, tablets, and televisions give an image no one can meet.

Dr. Harley does not deny the need though. He simply states that, “a spouse simply ought to do the best he or she can with what God has given them.”

I want to change directions with this and apply it to the church.

The Church of Jesus Christ is referenced in the Scriptures by different metaphors. One is that the church is the “Building” (structure) with Christ being the Chief Cornerstone. Another is that the Church is the “Body” (function) with Christ being the Head. But the Bible also refers to the Church as the “Bride” (intimacy) in which Christ is the Groom, or Husband.

Paul writes on marriage in Ephesians but takes it to a much deeper level,

“Now... the church (bride) submits to Christ (groom)... and Christ loves the church and gave Himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. He did this to present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless (Ephesian 5:24-27).

The church is attractive simply because of who she is married to... which is Christ. But think of the most attractive person you know. And also think of the most unattractive person you know....and what if they were married. Looking in from the outside, you’d be saying, “what was he or she (the attractive one) thinking marrying him or her (the unattractive one).

Is that the way the world looks at Jesus and us? “What is Jesus thinking, marrying Himself to that?” Polling of non-Christians supports that is exactly what they are thinking.

And there are expectations from within too. We compare ourselves with churches all across social media and we can feel inferior.

We must remember, we are not trying to make ourselves (the church) attractive to the world or one another. We want to be attractive to Jesus. What does an attractive church look like?

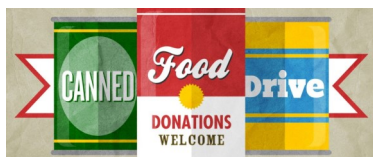
According to Revelation 2-3, Jesus says several things are attractive to Him:

- 1) We are loyal to Him alone.
- 2) We love Him passionately.
- 3) We work hard as a habit.
- 4) We are tough, able, and willing to endure hardship.
- 5) We don’t quit on the relationship.
- 6) We are maturing in our relationship.
- 7) We are open and honest with ourselves and Him.
- 8) We are growing in knowledge and wisdom and being transformed.
- 9) We are decent, kind, and honorable people who stand up for what is right.
- 10) We are enthusiastic and “all in” in the relationship.

One last thought: Jesus loves us because He loves us. Our desire to be attractive to Him is not to get him to love us more. We bring Him honor in the world, and thus, the world is attracted to Him. We must simply do the best we can with what we have.

Let us seek to be attractive to Jesus in this new church year!

~Pastor Mark



For the month of September, we donated 17 pounds of food to Grace Ministries. Thank you all who donated. The needs for October are individual sized tea bags, small jars of jelly, cornbread mix, saltine crackers.

Thank you to everyone that donated to help purchase blanket fabric. We made 8 blankets for Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Mary Hill Davis Offering
2022 Goal: \$500
Giving: \$857.79



Men's Bible Study
Sunday Nights at 6pm

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



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



Prayer Walk
October 2 at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



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



Membership Orientation Class
October 5 & 12 at 6-7 pm
Everyone is invited



MSU BSM Luncheon
October 12th at Noon
Please bring individually wrapped desserts and canned sodas to the office by 3pm on October 11th.



Recreation Ministries Hike
October 19-22



Community Fall Festival
October 29 at 3-5 PM
Burkburnett Community Center
Trunk or Treat Volunteers and Candy Needed!!!



Family Business Meeting
October 12th at 7pm

Church Council Meeting
October 16th at 3pm

Deacons' Meeting
October 9th at 4pm



Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 6th



Grace Ministries raised nearly \$20,000 during Texoma Gives. Thank you for your contributions.

Rick Sims will draw up some sketches of our options to update our restrooms.

It was approved to move forward and look over the plans from Rick Sims and possibly create a Long Range Planning Team.

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October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	3	4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	5  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	6  7:30 PM	7	8
9  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	10	11  BLANKET GROUP	12  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	13  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON OCT 12 	14	15
16  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	17	18  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	19  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	20	21	22
23  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	24  ARTICLES DUE  	25  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	26  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	27	28	29  COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL 3-5 PM
30  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	31					

September 2022 Sunday School Attendance Record

September 4	78
September 11	78
September 18	72
September 25	69

Average Attendance: 74
Average based on 4 Sundays

September 2022 Financial Report

Tithes	\$16,841.61
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 1,952.22



October 2022 Deacon of the Week

Sept 26-Oct 2	Marvin Maherg
Oct 3-9	John Naas
Oct 10-16	Robert Ritter
Oct 17-23	Rick Griffin
Oct 24-30	Bill Lindenborn
Oct 31–Nov 6	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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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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