

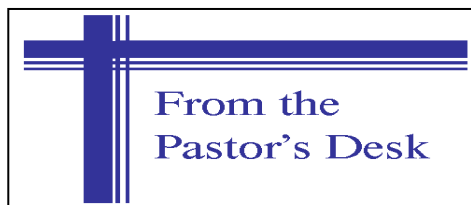


Discover A Place to Call Home

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I've enjoyed this holiday season, Thanksgiving to the New Year. Kathy and I have had the opportunity to spend quality time with our children, grandchildren, and much of our extended family. There are definite challenges along the way, both positive and negative, that will continue into the new year. With God's help we will face those challenges with a strong faith. I have thought though, "I'm ready to get back to a routine." But as I have pondered that, I want to change my paradigm from that of routine to rhythm.

God in His sovereignty and wisdom has placed regular rhythms to life. The earth orbits the sun once a year. The earth tilts on its axis causing us to experience four seasons - winter, spring, summer, and fall. The moon makes its monthly orbit around the earth. The earth spins on its axis every 24 hours. Rhythm.

Within these astronomical realities we have the march of human history that God has ordained and worked through. We have chosen to set aside certain significant events in human history to commemorate those things. As Christians, on December 25 we celebrate the incarnation, the first advent of the Christ into the world. We move quickly from there to Easter and remember and give thanks for the reason Christ came, to redeem us from our sin and establish a relationship with God through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. These create a rhythm in their own right.

One such rhythm that God established from the beginning is the Sabbath rest.

"Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done" (Genesis 2:1-3).

Thousands of years later, after establishing a people (the Jews) for Himself, He set apart for them the Sabbath as something sacred, holy, and serious.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy" (Exodus 20:8-11).

Over the next 1400 years though, the Sabbath takes on a life of its own and through the strict interpretation and enforcement by the religious elite, the Sabbath became a burden versus the blessing it was intended to be.

Now, we must understand, there is no place within the New Testament that commands Christians to keep the Sabbath Day. This is simply because Jesus is our Sabbath Rest.

Jesus is the "Lord of the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:8). It is literally, "His Day." And being His Day Jesus taught in Mark 2:27 that the "Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath." It is for our benefit.

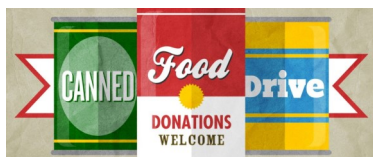
Now, Jesus did good and healed on the Sabbath. The early missionaries used the Sabbath as an evangelistic opportunity in the Jewish Synagogues. The church from the beginning gathered regularly on the first day of the week (Sunday as resurrection day vs. Saturday, the Sabbath) for worship, prayer, fellowship, and study of the Scriptures. And while this rhythm is important, it is not the main rhythm we seek.

Jesus would go on to say, "Come to me all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

We are to establish a daily rhythm of resting in Jesus continually. When life seems to be out of sync, when the burdens of daily living become overwhelming, begin the day with Jesus in prayer and meditation and not neglecting gathering together with one another.

The daily and weekly cycle of rest are a blessing from the Lord.

~Pastor Mark



For the year of 2022 we made a total of 86 blankets for hospice. We took the month of July off for the "no sale garage sale". Without the support of all that contribute money and ones that make the blankets, this mission would not be possible. So thank you and anyone that would like to come on Tuesdays, we meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1-3 pm. We would enjoy your company.

For Grace Ministry we collected a total of 489 pounds of food in 2022. The January needs for Grace Ministries are spam, chili, crackers, and small cans or bags of coffee.

One other ministry we have at JLBC is our prayer shawl / lap throw blanket. If you knit or crochet and would like to make one, we have a few, but may be needing some. Any questions, call Ida.

Also thank you all for support of our Angel tree gifts for Evergreen nursing home. The gifts were delivered Dec 20.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Please update your address, email, and phone numbers with the church office for the 2023 JLBC Church Directory!



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



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



Offices Closed January 2nd

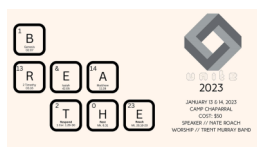


Deacons' Meeting
January 8th at 4pm

Family Business Meeting
January 11th at 7pm



JLBC Lawn Care Fund
Cost is \$75/week
Needed: \$1950
Current: \$600



Youth Unite Conference
January 13-14
At Camp Chaparral
Scholarship Sponsors Needed



JLBC will purchase a 2002 church bus for \$4,000. It is in great condition. It seats 22 and a driver and has seatbelts. Drivers must have a CDL Class C License.

Lawn care will continue for the new year. You can sponsor a week of lawn care for \$75 and the goal is \$1,950.

Constitution and Bylaws committee will present the new version of the Constitution & Bylaws at the January business meeting. The church will have two months to review or make changes. If no changes, it will be voted on at the March business meeting.



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January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	4  MEAL @ 520 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 @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	12  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON JAN 11 	13  YOUTH CONFERENCE AT CAMP CHAPARRAL LEAVE JLBC AT 4:30PM	14  YOUTH CONFERENCE AT CAMP CHAPARRAL LEAVE JLBC AT 4:30PM
15  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	16	17  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	18  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	19	20	21
22  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	23	24  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	25  MEAL @ 520 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	31  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP				

December 2022 Sunday School Attendance Record

December 4	56
December 11	62
December 18	61
December 25	0

Average Attendance: 60
Average based on 3 Sundays

December 2022 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,069.46
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 2,612.01



January 2023 Deacon of the Week

Dec 26-Jan 1	Rick Griffin
Jan 2-8	Bill Lindenborn
Jan 9-15	Marvin Maherg
Jan 16-22	John Naas
Jan 23-29	Robert Ritter
Jan 30-Feb 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	5:20 PM
PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES	6:00 PM



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