

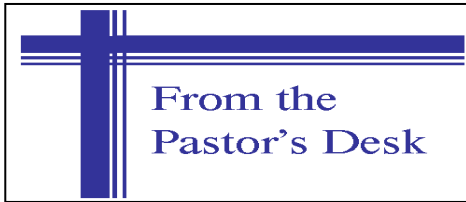


*Discover A Place to Call Home*

# THE MESSENGER

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One of the strengths of the U.S. Military is continuing leadership at all levels. The late historian, Steven Ambrose believed that World War II in Europe was fought and won at the company level. That meant young twenty somethings and older teenagers (18-19 year olds) carried the weight of the war. When the allies were preparing to cross the Rhine River, a large amphibious assault led by the British was planned. But a young US Army lieutenant leading a scout platoon discovered an intact bridge across the river at Remagen, Germany. He made the decision to cross and establish a bridgehead on the eastern side of the river. His actions most likely shortened the war and saved many lives. Things worked like they were supposed to.

As a young tank platoon leader, I found myself in the field with only one junior sergeant who spoke very little English (how that happened is too long a story to share here, but it was not a good thing). One afternoon I was unexpectedly ordered to the company tactical operations center. I was picked up by an armored personnel carrier, transported there, and then to the battalion headquarters. Late that night, I was incredibly anxious as I did not know what was going on with my platoon or who was in charge. But over the radio I hear PFC Whipple (18 years old but looked 12) on the radio leading our First Sergeant into our position with food for the platoon and fuel for the tanks. Things worked like they were supposed to.

This works in the church too. When the communist took over in Cuba, pastors and priests were arrested and thrown into prison. The churches who were autonomous and not encumbered by a top down hierarchy and held to the priesthood of all believers (Baptist and other evangelical churches) continued to function even under the harsh conditions. When the pastor was arrested, the next person simply stepped up and continued to lead the church in its mission. Things worked like they were supposed to.

What is the purpose of these stories? I am not trying to be overly dramatic, but I am incredibly grateful to serve as pastor in a church where I can be absent and I don't feel the least bit anxious that the body of Christ called Jan Lee Baptist Church will continue to function as God intends. Things will work as they are supposed to.

Kathy and I will be gone for at least two weeks to minister to our son Andy and his family as our daughter-in-law Lauren recovers from surgery and continues her cancer treatment. Andy will be gone a good part of February for work. Kathy and I will be helping with home schooling, chauffeuring, cooking, cleaning, and nursing as necessary. Plus, we hope to get some good grandkid time!

I am grateful for Rick, Robert, Marvin, Bill, and John, our deacons, for their leadership, and support and encouragement in this season of our life.

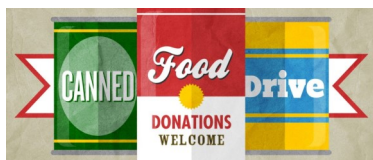
Darrell Brown, our Director of Missions for the Wichita-Archer-Clay Baptist Association, will preach for me and continue the series we have been in. Darrell is a good friend, personally and of our church, and has worked with us in the rewrite of our constitution and bylaws.

Dave Toms and Bill Banks will be leading men's Bible study on Sunday night. Robert Ritter will lead Wednesday nights, teaching "What Every Christian Ought to Know." Jennifer will keep the everyday operation of the office going. Cherry and the worship team will continue to prepare and lead. Teachers will teach. Ministries will go on. Things will continue to work as they are supposed to.

I want to thank you as a congregation for your love and support, not just now, but through this whole ordeal and over many years. I am fortunate to get to be your pastor.

God bless you and with genuine love,

Pastor Mark and Kathy



For the month of January we delivered a total of 32 blankets to hospice. Thank you to Becky & Vance Atkinson for a donation of 21 throw blankets. Without the support of all that contribute money and ones that make the blankets, this mission would not be possible. So thank you. 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 36 pounds of food in January. The February needs for Grace Ministries are cake, cookie, or brownie mixes and cans of frosting. We thought they might like a sweet treat for the month of February!

Our next BSM Luncheon will be on March 8. We will be collecting canned sodas and individually wrapped desserts (think Little Debbie). These need to be delivered to the church office by noon on March 7th.

We are planning our next Garage "No" Sale on August 12th. If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the church. However, if you have clothing, please make sure your clothing is clean, separated by size and gender, and labeled before being put in a box or bag. Please keep sizes separated. For bedding, please be sure the size is clearly marked on the box or bag it is contained in.

Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones



**Prayer Walk**  
February 5 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



**Deacons' Meeting**  
February 12th at 4pm

**Family Business Meeting**  
February 15th at 7pm



**JLBC Lawn Care Fund**  
Cost is \$75/week  
Needed: \$1950  
Current: \$1170.95



**Valentine's Candy Needed for Tower Elementary & Gateway Faculty & Staff.** Bring to church office before February 14th at noon.



**Youth Camp**  
July 10-14  
**Team Kids Camp**  
July 19-22  
Register by  
March 15th

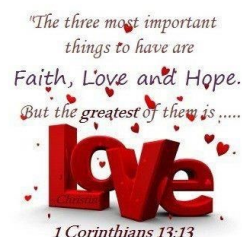


Every member has a copy of the revised Constitution & Bylaws to review and study for any corrections.

The Garage "No" Sale was approved for August 12th.

Letter was granted to Charly Cook to move her membership back to Western Hills Baptist Church.

South Africa Mission Trip will be June 22-July 2. Jennifer & Jane Naas and Amy Owens have been invited. Hopefully more spots will open at a latter date for more interested persons to attend. They will be working to fundraise some of the cost for the trip.



## PASTOR & DEACONS

Please feel free to call any of us at any time.

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# February 2023

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

### January 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

January 1	59
January 8	59
January 15	68
January 22	52
January 29	47

*Average Attendance: 57*

***Average based on 5 Sundays***

### January 2022 Financial Report

Tithes	\$19,511.04
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 2,366.66



### February 2023 Deacon of the Week

Jan 30-Feb 5	Rick Griffin
Feb 6-12	Bill Lindenborn
Feb 13-19	Marvin Maherg
Feb 20-26	John Naas
Feb 27-Mar 5	Robert Ritter

### 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	5:20 PM
PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES	6:00 PM



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