

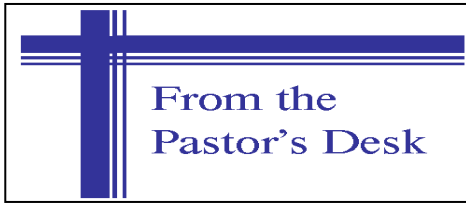


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Most people look to Christmas as the quintessential Christian holiday. It is enjoyed by all (mostly) whether they truly believe the story that goes with it or not. As far as we know, the early church did not celebrate this holiday until many years later. But from the very beginning the church has been “Easter people.”

Now when I say “Easter people” I don’t mean people who just looked forward to one special day of the year, but rather people whose whole life was structured around this historic event, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did this radical life they lived have any real meaning to it or was this all just a fairy tale of wishful thinking as some claim it to be? What are some of the facts related to the Resurrection of Jesus?

1) The empty grave is reported or implied in extremely early sources (The Gospel of Mark and 1 Corinthians 15) which date so close to the event that they could not possibly have been products of legend.

2) The fact that the gospels report that women discovered the empty tomb bolsters the story’s authenticity. If you were going to make up a story in the first century you wanted others to believe was true, you would not have used women in it (Mark 16:1-8).

3) The site of Jesus’ tomb was well known to both his friends and enemies alike, and no one on either side ever claimed the tomb was still occupied. Instead a fictitious story was invented by his enemies that said Jesus’ body was stolen by his friends; a theory that not even the most skeptical critic believes today (Matthew 28:13-14).

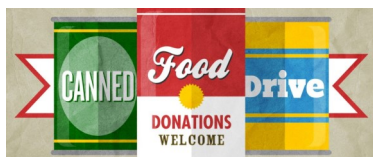
4) The Resurrection story was one that did not develop over time, but rather it is one that was told from the very earliest days of the church (1 Corinthians 15:1-3).

5) The radically changed lives of early detractors who become followers to include Jesus’ brother James and the Apostle Paul; their willingness to die as martyrs for the message of the Resurrection, along with thousands of Jews who gave up key social and religious practices to follow Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:5-8).

Some people need more than a simple faith to believe. The Disciple and Apostle Thomas, after the resurrection, had missed the first appearing of Jesus to his followers. When they told him about it, Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw Jesus and touched his wounds. Jesus honored that request and did not criticize his skepticism but rather appeared, spoke and offered his wounds. Thomas replied, “My Lord, and my God!”

The evidence for Jesus’s resurrection is solid; share it with skeptics you may know today. This year, Easter falls on April 9th. Encourage your family and friends to come hear Steven Ger on Thursday, April 6th at 6pm as we remember the first “Lord’s Supper” with a Passover Seder meal and also to church with you on Easter/Resurrection Sunday. Challenge them to hear for themselves the saving message of God’s grace made available through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus!

Brother Mark



For the month of February we delivered a total of 7 blankets to hospice. 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 54 pounds of food in January. The March needs for Grace Ministries are dried pinto beans, jiffy cornbread mix, and sugar free Jell-o

Our next BSM Luncheon will be on March 8. We are 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
March 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
March 12th at 4pm

Family Business Meeting
March 15th at 7pm



JLBC Lawn Care Fund
Cost is \$75/week
Needed: \$1950
Current: \$1680.95



Donations of individually wrapped snacks and canned sodas needed.
Bring to church office by noon on March 7th.



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



Charlotte Holtzen was approved to be our new Pre-School Director.

Copies of the revised Constitution & Bylaws are available. We will be voting on the approval of the changes at our Family Business Meeting on April 12th .

It was approved to make the drywall repairs to the choir room.

Building Update Team will meet with Rick Sims in March.



Del Rio/Acuna Area
Mission Trip Opportunity
March 19-22 See
Rick Griffin for details.

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March 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  FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6PM JLBC FELLOWSHIP HALL
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 MAR 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	29	30	31	

February 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

February 5	47
February 12	56
February 19	55
February 26	57

Average Attendance: 54
Average based on 4 Sundays

February 2023 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,732.09
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 5,556.77



February 2023 Deacon of the Week

Feb 27-Mar 5	Robert Ritter
Mar 6-12	Rick Griffin
Mar 13-19	Bill Lindenborn
Mar 20-26	Marvin Maherg
Mar 27-Apr 2	John Naas

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!
www.jlbcburk.com

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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