

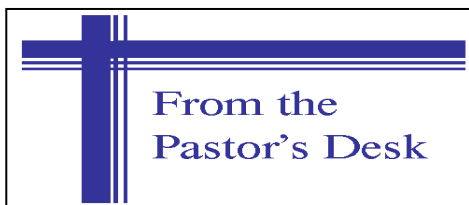


Discover A Place to Call Home

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I was listening to a podcast that was reflecting on the host's relationship and friendship with Pastor Tim Keller who recently died of pancreatic cancer. The host was playing portions of his last interview with Keller, and he asked him about his thoughts on faith and dying. Keller admitted that when he received his terminal diagnosis, it shook his faith. But, he said,

"If the resurrection of Jesus really happened, then ultimately God is going to put everything right. Suffering is going to go away. Evil is going to go away. Death is going to go away."

As Christians we have an eternal hope, it is the present brokenness of this world that gets us down. We try all kinds of ways to make things better by putting "patches" on the world's wounds. The most we can hope to do is take away the pain for a little bit, to relieve the symptoms, but we know though that the pain will return. Even Jesus said to his disciples, *"Each day has enough trouble of its own"* (Matt 6:34b).

God did not intend the world to be this way... After he made everything He declared it, "very good indeed" (Gen 1:31). We long for the day when all our troubles will vanish, and things will be back to the way they were supposed to be, everything will be very good indeed.

But what do we do with this moment that we have now? (And I use the word moment as none of us knows what even the next moment will bring). Let's look at four things.

Let go of your tomorrow as tomorrow belongs to God... Jesus said, "Don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matt 6:34). James wrote, "Come now you who say, '...tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring – what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, 'if the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that...'" (James 4:13-15a).

Learn how to really live from and like Jesus... He says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all the things you need will be provided for you" (Matt 6:33). And also, "Come to me, all of you who are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me... and you will find rest" (Matt 11:28-29).

Then, **Live** for today... Jesus again said, "I have come that you might have life (to live) and have it in abundance (John 10:10).

Long for the reality of God's kingdom and presence among us. Pray for it to be a reality (Matt 6:10). Hope in its promise (John 14:1-3). Seek to make it a reality by loving as God intended you to love (Matt 22:34-40). Spread and share the reality of God's life and love with others (Matt 28:18-20).

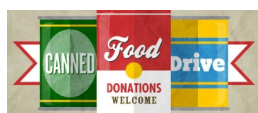
During a recent ministry opportunity for the church (one that you responded to well with genuine love) I was taken aback by the "lostness" of the people being ministered to. I don't mean lostness as a derogatory term either. That family simply were like what Matthew described in his gospel, "distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt 9:36).

But it doesn't have to be this way. I've often shared the story of Eric. He was a man I knew years ago who was blatantly "lost." I lost track of him but many years later came across him and he was blatantly "saved." He told me his son had come to Jesus from a life of hopeless drug addiction. His son's witness to him was simply, "Dad, we don't have to live this way anymore!"

I am praying that God will give us His peace; that we share with Christ his passion that results in genuine compassion for those who are lost, weary, distressed, and dejected. That the power of the Holy Spirit so fills each of our lives that His fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control spillover into our spheres of influence. The world needs to know from us, "you don't have to live this way anymore."

I heard a statement the other day that I think is relevant. "For the Christian, this life is as bad as it gets. For the unbeliever, this life is as good as it gets."

~Pastor Mark



For Grace Ministry we collected a total of 48 pounds of food in May. The June needs for Grace Ministries are chili, crackers, spaghetti sauce, and spaghetti noodles.

For the month of May we delivered a total of 8 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. As always, anyone that would like to come on Tuesdays, we meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1-3 pm. We would enjoy your company.

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



JLBC Youth Group Lock-In
Drop off: August 18th 7:30pm
Pick up: August 19th 8am



Recreation Ministries
Hiking Trip
to Wheeler Peak
September 6-9



Prayer Walk
June 4th at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Night Services
Join us for our Summer Study Series
Healthy Christians Healthy Churches
Tour through the 7 Churches in Asia
Revelations 1-3
May 24-August 9
All Ages Welcome



Deacon Meeting
May 7th at 4pm
Special Called Business Meeting
June 7th at 7pm



Vacation Bible School
June 10th 9am-3pm



JLBC Summer Camp Fundraiser
June 3 at 10am-Noon
JLBC Fellowship Hall Parking Lot
All Proceeds Support
JLBC Summer Camp Fund



Bus Ministry was added to the budget. Bus Team was formed with John Naas as Chair, Rex Adams, and Heath Holtzen.

Leslie Nieves was approved as the new co-teacher for the Children's Sunday School Class.

Heath Holtzen was approved to work with the Youth Group on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

It was approved to send a \$100 donation to Providence Baptist Church in honor of Junetheenth.



JLBC Summer Camp Fundraiser
Fruit of the Spirit T-Shirts
\$15 each
Order deadline is June 20

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June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Faith Mission 7:30 PM	2	3
4  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	5	6  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	7  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	8	9	10  VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9AM-3PM
11  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	12	13  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	14  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	15	16	17
18  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	19	20  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	21  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	22  ARTICLES DUE 	23 	24 
25  REGULAR SCHEDULED SERVICES 	26 	27  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP 	28  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL 6PM 	29 	30 	

May 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

May 7	66
May 14	51
May 21	57
May 28	56

Average Attendance: 58
Average based on 4 Sundays

May 2023 Financial Report

Tithes	\$15,249.34
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 9,741.58



June 2023 Deacon of the Week

May 29-Jun 4	Marvin Maherg
June 5-11	John Naas
June 12-18	Robert Ritter
June 19-25	Rick Griffin
June 26-July 2	Bill Lindenborn

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



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