

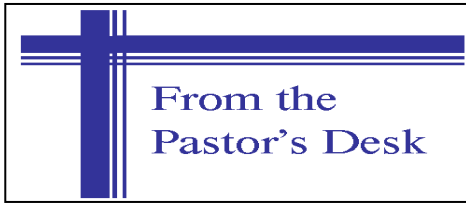


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Many years ago, an insightful young man asked me how long I had been the pastor of this church. At that time, I answered 15 years this August. He asked if I had been here longer than any other pastor to which I replied no, but that I was getting close.

Jan Lee Baptist Church and Burkburnett are the longest places of service for Kathy and I. We were in our mid 40's when we moved here. Both of our children were in college and unmarried. The church, community and country were in a very different place than it is now, there have been a lot of change.

After my first year of "getting my feet wet" so to speak, I challenged the church that while there were many positive things going on, unless we began to make some deliberate changes, particularly to reaching out to our community that Jan Lee Baptist Church would begin the process of dying. The church responded to that challenge and we saw about 100 growth in our worship attendance and regularly baptized several people every year.

My more laid-back leadership style worked well too for the people we had. Many mature and committed believers who were surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus, knowledgeable in the word of God, truly loved the church and sought to share their faith with others did not require a lot of supervision, more just pointed in a direction and told to, "go."

The Lord has moved many of those saints either to be at home with Him or to another town and community to be closer to children and other family.

The question I ask myself now is, what is the future of Jan Lee Baptist Church?

I am certainly not the only one asking that question. Others at JLBC are asking it too. But it goes much deeper than that. You see, I find not only other Baptist asking that question, but also Methodist, Catholics and whatever Christian denominations are out there, wanting to know the same thing about their churches. And honestly the answer to that question is many will close their doors and cease to exist.

Will that be the fate of Jan Lee Baptist Church? And if it is, would anybody notice or care?

There are several ministry commitments I have made over the years. One was never to use manipulation or coercion to get people to do what they ought to be doing. I reaffirm that commitment to you.

Second, I commit to not have people doing meaningless "busy work" around the church and thus wearing or burning them out. This one is difficult to keep and requires constant vigilance from falling into that trap. But I reaffirm that commitment to you. Rather we want every member to fill the role God has called and equipped them to in a meaningful way.

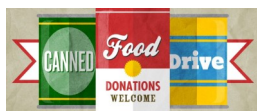
Lastly, I commit to not letting methodology (the way we do things) become sacred cow. I fought that battle as a young minister with an older minister who was tied to past methods. I will fight for those sacred boundaries, but I am willing to listen to new ideas on how we implement them.

I do not know how long God will keep me here as pastor at Jan Lee Baptist Church. I've have asked Him to make clear to me when it is my time to leave and let someone else take the reins.

Until then, I pray that as Pastor/Teacher, I have the energy and enthusiasm to "equip the saints (you) for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ (Jan Lee Baptist Church) until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son... becoming like Jesus (Ephesians 4:11-13).

My final question is, how do I accomplish that when I only see you one hour every two to three weeks? It can't be done.

~Pastor Mark



For Grace Ministry we collected a total of 52 pounds of food in July. The August needs for Grace Ministries 1 pound packages of spaghetti noodles, ramen noodles, and crackers.

Our blanket ministry is on hold as we prepare for the garage sale. We will resume the week after the sale. 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 through August 9th. 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



A new changing station has been installed in the ladies' room by the choir room.

Youth Group will be going to a Rangers game on Aug 5th.

Bus ministry has been added to the financial statements.

17 Youth and 15 Kids going to camp.



Prayer Walk
August 6th 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
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August 9 will be prayer & devotional
Regular Schedule resumes 8-23



Family Business Meeting
August 16th at 7pm

Annual Family Business Meeting
August 27th after AM services



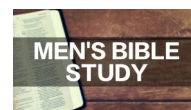
Garage "NO" Sale
August 12th 8am-12pm



Youth Group Lock In
Drop Off August 18th at 7:30
Pick Up August 19 at 8am
See Jennifer Naas to Register



Back To School Bash
August 23 at 5:20pm
Dinner then Bible Study from 6-7pm



Men's Bible Study
Resumes in September



Recreation Ministries
Hiking Trip to Wheeler Peak
Sep 6-9
\$190/person 10 spots available



We Are Messengers Concert
Oct 20 @ Evangel Church
\$32/person



Newsboys Concert
Nov 9 in Lawton, OK
\$36/person

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August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	2  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	3  Faith Mission 7:30 PM	4	5
6  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	7	8  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	9  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM	10	11	12
13  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	14	15  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	16  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	17  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON AUGUST 16TH 	18  YOUTH GROUP LOCK IN DROP OFF AT 7:30PM	19  YOUTH GROUP LOCK IN PICK UP AT 8AM
20  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	21	22  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	23  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	24  ARTICLES DUE	25	26
27  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	28  	29  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	30  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	31		

July 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

July 2	42
July 9	53
July 16	54
July 23	55
July 30	61

Average Attendance: 53

Average based on 5 Sundays

July 2023 Financial Report

Tithes	\$17, 259.79
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2022 - 2023	\$15,695.00
Designated	\$ 1,325.51



August 2023 Deacon of the Week

July 31-Aug 6	Bill Lindenborn
Aug 7-13	Marvin Maherg
Aug 14-20	John Naas
Aug 21-27	Robert Ritter
Aug 28-Sept 3	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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