

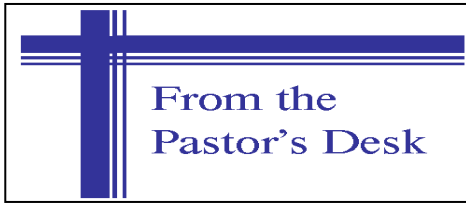


Discover A Place to Call Home

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I recently did something, after 37 years of ministry, I had never been asked to do. I was asked to preach at a revival service in the United States. I have done this in Brazil, South Korea, Cuba, and South Africa, but never here.

Duane Perkinson, a friend and former pastor of Central Baptist Church, Burkburnett, and now interim pastor at FBC, Byers, asked me to preach for one night of a revival service on a text of my choosing. I chose the text from the very first sermon I had ever preached, Matthew 9:35-38, "The Compassionate King." This text has been important to me as I see it as a great model of ministry for the church.

The theme of the Gospel of Matthew, written primarily for a Jewish audience, is that Jesus is the promised King or Messiah and He has come to establish His Kingdom... in this section running from Matthew 10:1 to 11:1, we see a declaration of the King's presence... *"The Kingdom of Heaven is near!"* (Matthew 10:7). But before this declaration is made, we see in the text a demonstration of the King's power and His compassion for His subjects.

Let's examine the model of this ministry and see how we might imitate Jesus in his ministry.

First, if we are going to imitate Jesus in ministry, we must **be Intentional**.

If you know the Bible's overall story there is a beginning, a climax, and an end. John 1:1-14 recaps and demonstrates God's divine plan in Jesus Christ that was established from the beginning (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1). And now Jesus was implementing the climatic point of God's plan as he actively carried it out on earth.

While Jesus was intentional, he was also flexible, but there was nothing haphazard or any "flying by the seat of his pants" so to speak in doing ministry. And this should be true for us.

Small churches can be notorious for operating week to week, but it should not be that way. A strategy for ministry to the community must be in place and implemented.

Second, if we are going to imitate Jesus in ministry, we must **be outward focused**.

Matthew 9:35 says, "Jesus went to all the towns and villages..." While the temple was His Father's house, and while he did frequent and teach there, it was not his primary place of ministry. We see clearly, He went to where the people were.

We must accept the fact that the days of the community coming to us are over. If we are going to reach the community, we must go out to them. So, look for opportunities... our "No Sale Garage Sale" and active involvement with Grace Ministries are examples.

Third, if we are going to imitate Jesus in ministry, we must **be holistic** in approach.

Jesus taught in the synagogues, engaging the mind, emotions, and will (or the soul). He preached the good news calling people to repent and believe, driving at their conscience (the spirit), and healed and fed them, ministering to their physical needs (the body).

The Jews thought all these things made a person who they were, and all were important. Greeks separated and dismissed some as less important, particularly the body. To minister like Jesus, is to minister to the whole person.

Fourth, if we are going to imitate Jesus in ministry, we must **be heads up**.

"When he saw the multitudes..." is a statement of Jesus's amazing awareness of the people around him. The woman with the bleeding disorder was healed by touching Jesus's hem amid a large crowd touching (or crushing) him... yet he says, "Who touched me?" (Luke 8:42-48).

Can we take our eyes off ourselves? We must if we are to see and love our neighbors.

Fifth and finally, if we are going to imitate Jesus in ministry, we must **be heart felt**.

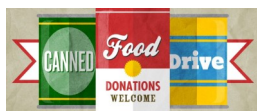
"...He had compassion on them..." Why? *"Because they were harassed and helpless (depressed) like sheep without a shepherd."*

Does this not describe our current culture? Harassed and helpless, wondering aimlessly without guidance. What do you feel toward that culture? Anger or compassion?

The call is to compassion and compassion is empathy (putting ourselves in that person's place) plus action (seeking to alleviate their condition). That is what Jesus did on the cross. That is what we are to share.

So, what are we then to do? Jesus calls us to Face reality, pray earnestly, and repent and enter ministry. Let's all be like Jesus!

~Pastor Mark



For Grace Ministry, we collected a total of 66 pounds of food in September. The October needs are Sugar (Pastor Mark) and Mac & Cheese (Bill Lindenborn) until October 15. The board members are in a contest to see who can bring in the most of a single item by October 15. After October 15, we will need to bring Rice, Beans, Cornmeal & Paper Shopping Bags. We have a goal of 75 pounds for October!

For the month of September, we delivered a total of 8 blankets to hospice. Thanks to everyone that helps support this ministry by money, fabric, or help. Anyone that would like to come on Tuesdays, we meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1-3 pm. We would enjoy your company.

Also coming up on October 11 is the BSM Luncheon. The church will furnish pizza and we are asking for donation of individually wrapped desserts and canned sodas.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Send Relief
2023 Goal: \$300
Current Giving: \$160



PreSchool Playground Fund
Goal: \$500
Current Giving: \$217.37



Prayer Walk
October 1st 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



Family Business Meeting
October 11th at 7pm



Fields of Faith for the Youth Group
October 11
Meet at Fellowship Hall at 5:15pm



Needs:
Volunteers for Game &
Trunk or Treat
Individually Wrapped Candy
2 Liter Sodas



November 4 at 9am



Member Orientation Class
November 12
9:30-10:30am



Two new funds were established. We are trying to raise \$500 for new PreSchool Playground Equipment. When that one is complete, we will raise \$3,000 for new furniture for the Youth Group.

John Naas asked for \$1,000 for new laptop computers for the Youth Building and Fellowship Hall. Cherry will consult with Budget & Finance.

The Deacons met and have elected new officers. Bill Lindenborn is now Chairman, Robert Ritter is Vice-Chairman, and John Naas is Secretary/Treasurer.

Our joint service with Providence Baptist Church has been postponed until 2024.



PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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October 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM | 2 | 3  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP | 4  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM | 5  7:30PM | 6 | 7 |
| 8  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM PICNIC AT NOON | 9 | 10  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP | 11  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM | 12  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON OCTOBER 11  | 13 | 14  YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT 6-8PM |
| 15  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM | 16 | 17  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP | 18  PRAYER TIME AND DEVOTIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME (NO NURSERY) 6PM | 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  COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL 4:30-6:30PM |
| 29  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM | 30 | 31  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP | | | | |

September 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

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| September 3 | 58 |
| September 10 | 51 |
| September 17 | 55 |
| September 24 | 40 |

Average Attendance: 51
Average based on 4 Sundays

September 2023 Financial Report

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| Tithes | \$48,033.88 |
| Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024 | \$16,182.00 |
| Designated | \$ 5,055.82 |



October 2023 Deacon of the Week

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| Sept 25-Oct 1 | Robert Ritter |
| Oct 2-8 | Rick Griffin |
| Oct 9-15 | Bill Lindenborn |
| Oct 16-22 | Marvin Maherg |
| Oct 23-29 | 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

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| SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:45 AM |
| MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 AM |
| ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE | Resumes in Fall |

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

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



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