

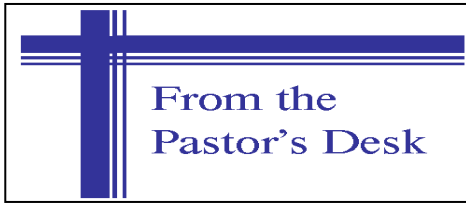


Discover A Place to Call Home

# THE MESSENGER

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The “guys” from the “Bible Project” have an interesting take on the purpose behind Noah’s flood. Humankind was on a path to total self-destruction. God intervened and accelerated the inevitable and through a remanent saved the human race.

In the aftermath of the flood, God establishes the first laws after the fall of man and they both have to do with human life. Genesis 9:6-7 says:

*Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in His image. But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it.”*

We are not to take a human life, but rather we are to create new human life. Life is sacred and matters to God. It should matter to us too. January is “Sanctity of Life” month and I want us to understand and celebrate its significance.

The late pastor, Adrian Rogers, in his work “What Every Christian Ought to Know” has a section entitled Understanding the Biblical Concept of (life). He says:

*With the body, I have physical life, I know the world beneath me. With my soul, I have psychological life, I know the world around me. With my spirit, I have spiritual life; I know the world above me. Plants have a body, but not a soul or spirit. Animals have a body and a soul but not a spirit. Only man has a body, soul, and spirit.*

Let me illustrate what this might look like.

Concerning the body: When I was a freshman in college, I was watching a program describing how to perform the Heimlich maneuver. A few days later, I was sitting in the school cafeteria when a classmate sitting with her back to me suddenly stood up, grabbed her throat indicating she was choking. I turned, put my arms around her waist, formed a double handed fist on her diaphragm and thrust upward and inward. A piece of food dislodged. A couple of weeks later at an orienteering meet in Louisiana the same thing happened with a fellow competitor. I had never heard of the maneuver before watching it on TV and I have never had to do it again since those two times. But, with the most rudimentary “training” I was able to act in a way to impact someone’s physical life.

On January 10, Bill Banks, who is a Wilderness First Responder will train us in basic lifesaving skills so if that unexpected moment when someone’s physical life is in danger, we will know what to do.

Concerning the soul: I have unfortunately had to conduct funerals for three suicide victims. I have sat in my counseling office with a young student who told me if she went home today, she was going to kill herself and she was not kidding. I had responsibility as a chaplain in the New Mexico Army National Guard for suicide prevention training. One point I always emphasized with the soldiers; I was not going to be the one who helped one of their friends who was thinking of taking their own life. They were, and they needed to know what to do.

On January 17, John Naas, who is trained and tasked to conduct suicide prevention at his workplace, will in turn train us to know the signs of what to look for and what to do if we encounter someone in psychological distress and potentially suicidal.

Concerning the spirit: One of the greatest privileges in this life is to lead someone into a relationship with Jesus that they may have eternal life. Several years ago, I visited a woman in assisted living. She asked me if I would do her funeral when she died. I said sure but we needed to talk first. She asked, “what about?” I asked her if she knew for certain that she had eternal life and would go to heaven when she died. She replied, “I don’t know that!” That led to a gospel conversation that led her into a saving relationship with Jesus. Several months later I did do her funeral. What a great comfort it was for her family and for me personally that this person was with Jesus in heaven.

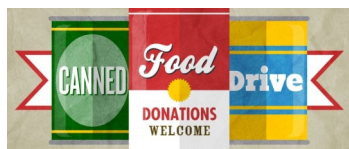
On January 24, Kieth Beanland, MSU-BSM Director, will train us on how to start and have a gospel conversation with another person. Students affiliated with the BSM on the University campus have been very effective in leading people to Jesus Christ.

But why does all this matter?

Matthew in his gospel tells us, “So he (Jesus) continued going around all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues (soul); preaching the good news of the kingdom (spirit); and healing every disease and sickness (body). When he saw crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like ‘sheep without a shepherd’ (Matthew 9:35-36).

Life mattered to Jesus so it should matter to us.

~Pastor Mark



Thank you for all the support that you have given for our blanket ministry for Hospice of Wichita Falls. As reported last month, we met and exceeded our goal of 100 blankets with 124 blankets for 2023. Our goal for 2024 will be 100 blankets again.

Thank you also for Grace Ministry donations of food. Our goal was 550 pounds for 2023 and will keep that goal for 2024. We exceeded that goal with 899 pounds of food including 363 pounds from the desserts for Thanksgiving. Our needs for January are dried beans, canned soup, and cornbread mix.

Thank you all for supporting these missions.

Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones



Our monthly donation to Grace Ministries has been increased to \$100 and to The (Pregnancy Help) Center donation has been increased to \$30.

The bus door has been repaired and the air conditioner will be repaired soon.

Fascia and window repairs are needed. It was approved to have Gutters to Go do the repairs.

Church Council will meet on January 7th.



**Prayer Walk**  
January 7 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



**Church Council Meeting**  
January 7 at 4pm

**Deacon Meeting**  
January 14 at 5pm

**Family Business Meeting**  
January 17 at 7pm



Thank you for your generosity!

**\$4,208.70 Raised for 2024**



**Valentine's Dinner**  
Sweetie Pie's Ribeyes  
February 10 leave at 3pm



**Wear Red on February 4th**  
Support our Family & Friends  
fighting Heart Disease



**Youth Building Furniture Fund**  
Goal: \$3000 Current: \$1706.24



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# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	3	4  7:30PM	5 YOUTH GROUP UNITED WEEKEND AT CAMP CHAPARRAL JANUARY 5-6, 2024	6 
7  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	8	9  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	10  MEAL @ 520 LIFE SAVING SERVICE 6-7PM BILL BANKS	11	12	13
14  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	15	16  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	17  MEAL @ 520 LIFE SAVING SERVICE 6-7PM JOHN NAAS	18  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON DECEMBER 13 	19	20
21  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	22  ARTICLES DUE	23  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	24  MEAL @ 520 LIFE SAVING SERVICE 6-7PM KEITH BEANLAND	25	26	27
28  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	29	30  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	31  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7			

### December 2023 Sunday School Attendance Record

December 3	46
December 10	51
December 17	55
December 24	0
December 31	49

*Average Attendance: 50*

***Average based on 4 Sundays***

### December 2023 Financial Report

Tithes	\$18,093.27
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024	\$16,182.00
Designated	\$ 9,196.22



### January 2024 Deacon of the Week

Jan 1-7	John Naas
Jan 8-14	Robert Ritter
Jan 15-21	Rick Griffin
Jan 22-28	Bill Lindenborn
Jan 29—Feb 4	Marvin Maherg

### Prayer Notification

If you have an e-mail address and desire to be on the prayer notification, 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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