

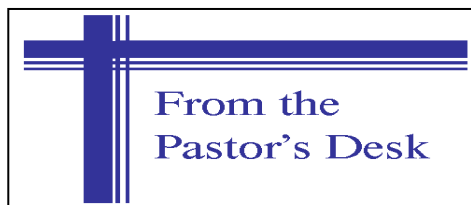


Discover A Place to Call Home

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We celebrate Easter early this year. Have you ever wondered who decides when Easter is? I came across a section in the “The Book of Common Prayer” entitled “Tables and Rules for Finding the Date of Easter Day.”

Easter day is always the Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21, a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox. This full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday following. But Easter Day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

The article goes on from there to explain two reference points: “the Golden Number” and “the Sunday Letter” that are used to determine Easter Day. I am not going to attempt to explain beyond this...I will leave it up to you if you want to see the formula and do the math. It is a mystery to me.

I don't know who came up with this formula or when, but not knowing that, it still influences me. I, along with you, are going to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus along with billions of other Christians around the world on March 31, 2024. This is a mystery to most of the rest of the world. But it is to us too but in a very different way.

The Apostle Paul wrote:

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for his body, that is, the church. I have become its servant, according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of the mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, warning, and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me... that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 1:24-29, 2:2-3).

Mystery to the world is something that is not understood. For the believer it has a very different meaning. It is, “something that had at one time been hidden but is now being revealed to God's people. The writer of Hebrews says,

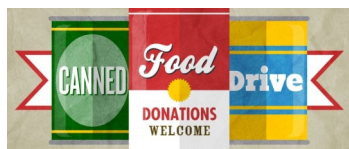
“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world” (Hebrews 1:1-2).

So, what is the mystery of God in Christ that we understand, believe, and are trusting for our eternal salvation? This is the Good News:

1. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the preexistent author of creation.
2. Jesus Christ was sent by the Father and conceived by the Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ was born to a virgin.
4. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life completely fulfilling the will of God on earth.
5. Jesus Christ was accused, arrested, tried, beaten and crucified...He died on a cross for our sin.
6. Jesus Christ was buried but God raised him from the dead.
7. Jesus Christ appeared and interacted with many people over 40 days.
8. Jesus Christ ascended to the Father, sat at His right hand, and intercedes for the saints.
9. Jesus Christ will return for his church in victory and glory.
10. Jesus Christ will reign forever and ever.

Why would God do this? Because he loves me. That He does is the mystery that remains. Yet by faith, I know and believe He does. And in that I have hope.

~Pastor Mark



Thank you for all the support that you have given for our blanket ministry for Hospice of Wichita Falls. We are well on our way to our goal of 100 blankets with 22 for the year so far.

Thank you also for Grace Ministries donations of food. We have donated 81 pounds of food so far this year. The needs for March are saltine crackers, small jars of jelly, and spaghetti noodles.

Thank you all for supporting these missions.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Prayer Walk
March 3 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



Deacon Meeting
March 10 at 5pm

Family Business Meeting
March 13 at 7pm

Church Council Meeting
April 14 at 4pm



Volunteers needed in nursery
during Sunday School and
Worship Times
Sign up sheet in foyer



Donations of individually wrapped snacks and canned sodas needed. Bring to church office by noon on March 5th.



Youth Group NBA Basketball Trip
March 8 Leave JLBC at 4pm



August 17 8am-Noon

Please bring clothing & household items to church during office hours.



New member Caroline Sherman is a resident at Evergreen Nursing. She would enjoy visitors. Please see church office for her room number.

Narcotics Anonymous is no longer meeting at Jan Lee. They have moved to evening meetings at Red River Cowboy Church.

Nominating Committee has placed John Naas as Youth Director and Jennifer Naas as VBS Director. Kathy Simons will assist Marvin Maherg in Sunday School and he will assist her with Team Kids. Bill Lindenborn and Natalie & Ethan Papenthien will be helping out on Wednesday nights with the Youth Group. The Pre-School Director position is still open.

One more person is needed to run the sound system. Volunteers should see Cherry Lindenborn.

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	4	5  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	6  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	7  7:30PM	8  YOUTH GROUP OKC THUNDER GAME 4PM	9
10  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	11	12  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	13  MEAL @ 520 LIFE SAVING SERVICE 6-7PM BILL BANKS	14  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON MARCH 13 	15	16
17  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	18   MERE CHRISTIANITY DISCUSSION GROUP & DINNER @ 5PM	19  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	20  MEAL @ 520 LIFE SAVING SERVICE 6-7PM JOHN NAAS	21	22	23
24  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	25  ARTICLES DUE	26  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	27  MEAL @ 520 LIFE SAVING SERVICE 6-7PM KEITH BEANLAND	28	29	30
31  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM						

February 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

February 4	44
February 11	46
February 18	42
February 25	46

Average Attendance: 45
Average based on 4 Sundays

February 2024 Financial Report

Tithes	\$16,010.57
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024	\$16,182.00
Designated	\$ 3,512.81



March 2024 Deacon of the Week

Feb 26-Mar 3	Marvin Maherg
Mar 4-10	John Naas
Mar 11-17	Robert Ritter
Mar 18-24	Rick Griffin
Mar 25-31	Bill Lindenborn

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

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	On Hold

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

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



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