

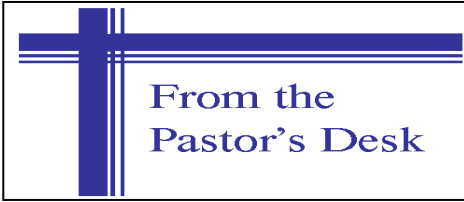


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Does the church matter anymore? There was a time in the history of our country where the church was respected, carried a lot of weight in public opinion and was the social arm of society. The church was the one who cared for the sick, homeless, widowed and orphaned (we still do by the way), but government has taken on many of those roles reducing but not eliminating ours, yet. If radical atheist have their way they will. While their aggressive work has marginalized the church, it is not their final goal. That goal would be to eliminate the church all together (search "Denison Forum – From Respected to Irrelevant to Dangerous" to read more).

A.W. Tozer comments that "The world wants the church to add a dainty spiritual touch to its carnal schemes, and to be there to help it to its feet and put it to bed when it comes home drunk with fleshy pleasure." I expect and accept that attitude from the world but struggle with that attitude from those who claim the name of Christ. And I say this, acknowledging as a young Christian man, there was a time that I felt just that way. I wanted the church, my church, to just mind its own business and leave me alone. "Don't call me, I'll call you, was my attitude!"

But when I look Biblically at the God's attitude toward the church, I see something totally different now. I have repented of my error and returned. Why did this happen?

First, I believe as a young man, while I was carnal in many ways, I was also converted. This caused a great upheaval in my life but in the end, I was drawn back to the family of God.

Second, I had been discipled by the church beginning at the earliest possible time and by that, I mean the nursery. This continued through high school. And while I ran from much of that equipping and teaching for a few years. Those lessons were never forgotten.

Third, my parents were the ones most responsible for seeing the above two happen. I was not made to go to church by my parents; rather I was taken to church by my parents. They made sure it happened and it was as much a part of their life as it was mine. It also was a part of our home life too. While some people come to Christ later and become great servants of Christ in the church, statistically, those raised in the Church, stayed in the church. So, why does this matter?

If we, the church, are The Bride of Christ, which we are. And if Christ is our groom, and He is, then we are to love and submit to Him in worship.

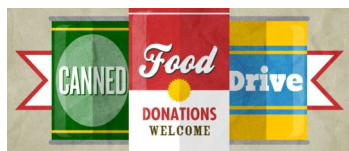
If we, the church, are The Body of Christ, which we are. And if He is the Head of the church, which He is, then we are to work and serve Him as His physical presence in this world.

If we, the church, are The Building of Christ, which we are. And if Christ is the Chief Corner Stone of the church, which He is, then we are to add structure and order to a chaotic world.

~Pastor Mark

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

HEBREWS 10:24-25 (NIV)



Thank you for all the support that you have given for our blanket ministry for Hospice of Wichita Falls. We made and delivered 9 blankets in March.

Thank you also for Grace Ministries donations of food. We have donated 14 pounds of food in March. The needs for April are spaghetti noodles, Jiffy cornbread mix, and canned spaghetti & meatballs.

Thank you also for all the donations for the BSM Luncheon. The students really enjoyed all the pizza, sodas, and goodies you supplied.

Thank you all for supporting these missions.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



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



BISD Family Night in the Park
April 24 6-8pm
Volunteers & Donations of apples & caramel needed



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
April 14 at 5pm

Family Business Meeting
April 17 at 7pm

Church Council Meeting
April 14 at 4pm



Camp Chaparral Work Day
April 13 8:30am-4:30pm
Lunch provided
Work available for all skill levels

Youth Camp
July 8-12

Completed 6th-12th Grade
\$250/student

Team Kids Camp
July 17-20

Completed K-5th Graders
\$200/Student

See Jennifer Naas to register!



Vacation Bible School
July 28-August 1
5:15-8pm
Dinner served nightly
Family Night on Aug 1 at 7pm



August 17 8am-Noon

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



There was no business meeting in March.

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	3 MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	4 7:30PM	5	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 JLBC MEN & BOYS HIKE APRIL 13 ELK MOUNTAIN 9AM-3PM SEE BILL BANKS TO SIGN UP	13 CAMP CHAPARRAL WORK DAY 8:30AM-4:30PM
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 APRIL 17	19	20
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	22 ARTICLES DUE	23 LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	24 BISD FAMILY NIGHT IN THE PARK 6-8PM No Services @ JLBC	25	26	27
28 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	29	30				

March 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

March 3	41
March 10	36
March 17	40
March 24	46
March 31	56

Average Attendance: 44

Average based on 5 Sundays

April 2024 Deacon of the Week

April 1-7	Marvin Maherg
April 8-14	John Naas
April 15-21	Robert Ritter
April 22-28	Rick Griffin
April 29-May 5	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

March 2024 Financial Report

Tithes	\$61,421.94
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024	\$16,182.00
Designated	\$ 4,542.71

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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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