

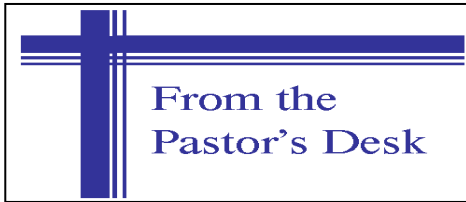


Discover A Place to Call Home

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I mentioned to the Men's Bible Study Group that if anything keeps me awake at night as a pastor, it is the inability of the church to reach and disciple young families for the Lord. While we have a large group of older adults who are committed to both Christ and His Church, we, along with many other smaller churches, don't have many younger adults or young families. Again, it keeps me awake at night. What are we to do?

Years ago, when I was coaching track and field, the school I was working at, our outdoor athletic facilities were in poor condition. I had a parent of one of my athletes tell me that they raised and trained horses. The track they used to train the horses on was in much better condition than the track her daughter was running on at school, so she was just going to let her daughter work out at home. I acknowledged that I did not doubt that, but if she were going to be a part of the team, she would need to be at practice on our substandard track with all the rest of her teammates.

There are some similarities in coaching track and field and being the pastor of a small Baptist church.

First, in track and field there are some basic things related to warmups, core conditioning, and cool down that the whole team participated in together. In the church there are five basic tasks that every church member must participate in:

1) corporate worship, 2) group Bible study, 3) stewardship, 4) ministry to those both inside and outside the church, and 5) evangelism and missions. These are not spiritual gifts but rather sacred tasks of the whole church (see Acts 2:42-47).

Second, track and field athletes do different events they are particularly suited for at varying times. The individual athlete participates in these events, though not for their own sake alone, but for the success of the team. In the church we not only have sacred tasks, but each believer has been given a particular spiritual gift that has been assigned by God. These gifts ought to be used beyond the scheduled times that the church meets together, putting them to use in the community to build up the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:1, 14; 14:12).

Third, track and field athletes need coaching, support, and direction. Many things need to be in place to help an athlete be successful. Conditioning, event training, scheduling, transportation, equipment needs, and injury care are just some of the things that go into helping an athlete to be competitive. Coaching at a small school allowed for athletes to crossover from one sport to another in the same season. I had a senior baseball player, who happened to be fast and wanted to come run in a meet and was subsequently beaten by one of our freshman sprinters. He was upset and wondered what happened. I asked him what he thought we did at practice. In the same way, God has provided leadership in the church to equip the church in the work of service. That leadership is to coach, support, and direct the members so that they can be effective in ministry (see Ephesians 4:11-16).

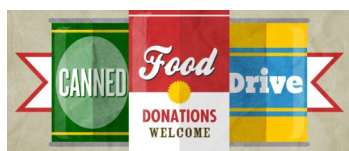
Finally, a team needs a team culture. My first meet as a head coach was in a small oil field community in southeastern New Mexico. All the kids got to the meet and curled up in the stands totally oblivious to what was going on except for their own running times or field events. That is, all but two. We had a brother and sister on our team, immigrants from Mexico. They were not particularly talented but set personal performance goals, worked hard at both practice and meets, and were responsible young athletes who were easy to coach. But what set them apart was their enthusiastic support of one another. Every Monday Jose and Rosa would go to tutoring to catch up academically. They would be late for practice because of it, but every Monday they would bring me a note excusing their tardiness. On the Monday following the first meet, before Jose and Rosa showed up, I pulled the team together and told them we were going to build our team culture around them. All churches have a culture. The question is, what kind? Galatians 6:1-10 give us a good model for a healthy church culture.

Just as I looked around and saw a model for a healthy team culture, who would you see as models for a healthy church culture?

Can this healthy church culture be used to attract young adults and families for discipleship?

Let us live it and reach new disciples of Jesus!

~Pastor Mark



Thank you for all the support that you have given for our blanket ministry for Hospice of Wichita Falls. We made and delivered 8 blankets in April.

Thank you also for Grace Ministries donations of food. We have donated 27 pounds of food in April. The needs for May are pancake mix, syrup, crackers, and small jars of jelly.

Thank you all for supporting these missions.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



The choir room needs to be finished. The cost will be \$875 to have the chair rail installed properly and the baseboards installed.

The building will be rekeyed at the cost of approximately \$700.

Grace Ministries purchased a new van to haul more food and supplies. JLBC will donate \$1,000 and challenges the congregation to collect \$1,000 as well.

Our summer Wednesday night services will be Bible Drill for all ages and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall from June 5-August 7.

We have reached our goal with fundraising for summer camp.



Prayer Walk
May 5 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
May 15 at 7pm

Deacon Meeting
May 19 at 5pm



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



Youth Camp
July 8-12
Completed 6th-12th Grade

Team Kids Camp
July 17-20
Completed K-5th Graders

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.



Men's Breakfast on Thursdays
8am at Chief's Cafe

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May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	2  7:30PM	3	4
5  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	6	7  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	8  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	9	10	11
12  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	13	14  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	15  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	16  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON MAY 15 	17	18
19  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	20  ARTICLES DUE	21  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	22  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	23	24	25
26  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	27	28  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	29  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	30	31	

April 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

April 7	39
April 14	43
April 21	46
April 28	34

Average Attendance: 41
Average based on 4 Sundays

April 2024 Financial Report

Tithes	\$15,289.05
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024	\$16,182.00
Designated	\$ 9,156.86



May 2024 Deacon of the Week

April 29-May 5	Bill Lindenborn
May 6-12	Marvin Maherg
May 13-19	John Naas
May 20-26	Robert Ritter
May 27-June 1	Rick Griffin

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!
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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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