

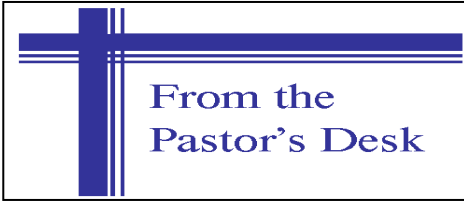


Discover A Place to Call Home

# THE MESSENGER

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Several years ago, Kathy and I took a vacation to our nation's capital in Washington DC. It was a great trip in many ways but there is a caveat to time and space. We chose to go in June, and we chose to stay in, as it was said to us, a "trendy area." Our choice of time and space in DC were simply based on availability and price but we wound up getting way more than we bargained for staying at "ground zero for Pride Month. We had a great trip, but we received an "education" also.

Dr. Jim Denison in his June 3, 2024 "The Daily Article" outlines briefly the origins of Pride Month... how we got here. To quote him:

*"In 1989, neuropsychologist Marshall Kirk and advertising executive Hunter Madsen joined their psychological and marketing expertise to chart a game plan to make same-sex marriage the law (and sentiment) of the land:*

- *Focus on the normalization of homosexuality.*
- *Identify churches that can be manipulated to promote homosexuality and the idea that gays are victims.*
- *Convince Americans that the issue is anti-discrimination, not gay rights.*
- *Reclaim or invent a noble history of gay people.*
- *Caricature opponents of gay marriage as hateful.*

*Their book became a seminal reading for gay activists. And their game plan worked. According to Gallup, 68% of Americans opposed same-sex marriage in 1996; today, 71 percent support it.*

Now activists have an entire "Pride Month" in which to pursue their four-fold strategy: normalize LGBTQ behavior, legalize it, stigmatize those who oppose their agenda, and criminalize such opposition."

Years ago, President Obama used (maybe he coined it) a phrase, "the wrong side of history." If we oppose homosexual behavior and same-sex marriage as normal, in the short term at least, we are on the wrong side of history. What are we to do?

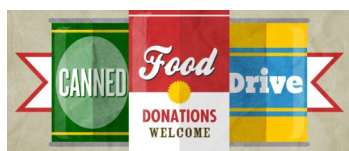
Let me make some proposals:

1. We must affirm and uphold the ideal of biblical marriage, family, and human sexuality. This takes us beyond the issue of same-sex relationships to all intimate relationships. Jesus never addresses same-sex relationships directly but challenges his disciples to uphold an overall sexual ethic that would include, by default, same-sex relationships (Matthew 5:27-32, 19:1-12; Mark 7:20-21).
2. We must practice what we preach. Jesus says we are wise not only if we hear his words but act on them (Matthew 7:24-27). When we act in a way that is different sexually than what we say we believe we lose our credibility and witness.
3. We must acknowledge we struggle with sexual temptation; Christians are not immune. As a matter of fact, it is said of Jesus, "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

4. We must then go to the source of our strength, which is Christ Himself, to overcome. "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).
5. We then, as we have removed the proverbial "log" from our own eye, can effectively help someone by removing a "splinter" from their eye (Matthew 7:1-5).
6. We must understand also that it is very unlikely that we will ever "debate or argue" someone out of a life of sexual immorality. Only Jesus through the Holy Spirit can do that (Matthew 7:6).
7. We must treat all people, friend, or foe, agree, or disagree, whether they come to Jesus or not, with love, dignity, and respect (Matthew 5:38-48; 7:12).

Several years ago, I heard a Christian political commentator speak. He said he had an opponent that he would argue with over moral issues. He said never once did he convince him of his side. Then one day he had the opportunity to share the gospel with his opponent and he came to Jesus. Never again did they argue over morality.

~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 10 blankets in May.

Thank you also for Grace Ministries donations of food. We have donated 222 pounds of food in May. The needs for June are Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, and Individual Size Tea Bags.

Thank you all for supporting these missions.

Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones



We will be donating \$1,000 from our Global Mission Fund to Kurt & Wendy Urbanek's Cuba Mission.

JLBC will be licensing Robert Ritter to the ministry.

Bible Boot Camp will begin June 5 and run through August 7. This is a Bible Drill type event that is open for 1st graders through adults. We will meet weekly in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights. Dinner will be served at 5:15pm and BBC will be from 5:45-7pm.

It was approved to repair the sanctuary bathrooms, replace the church signs out front, and to update Pastor Mark's office.



**Prayer Walk**  
June 2 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**  
June 9 at 5pm

**Family Business Meeting**  
June 12 at 7pm



**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.

Please join us to organize the donations that have already come in on June 25 from 9am-noon.

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**PASTOR & DEACONS**

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

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# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	3	4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	5  MEAL @ 515 BOOT CAMP @545-700	6  7:30PM	7	8
9  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	10	11  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	12  MEAL @ 515 BOOT CAMP @545-700	13  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON JUNE 12 	14	15
16  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	17	18  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	19  MEAL @ 515 BOOT CAMP @545-700	20	21	22
23  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	24	25  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	26  MEAL @ 515 BOOT CAMP @545-700	27  ARTICLES DUE	28	29
30  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM				South Africa Mission Trip June 19-July 1 		

### May 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

May 5	47
May 12	43
May 19	46
May 26	46

*Average Attendance: 46*  
**Average based on 4 Sundays**

### May 2024 Financial Report

Tithes	\$16,458.65
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024	\$16,182.00
Designated	\$10,537.44



### June 2024 Deacon of the Week

May 27-June 1	Rick Griffin
June 2-9	Bill Lindenborn
June 10-16	Marvin Maherg
June 17-23	John Naas
June 24-30	Robert Ritter

### 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](http://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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