

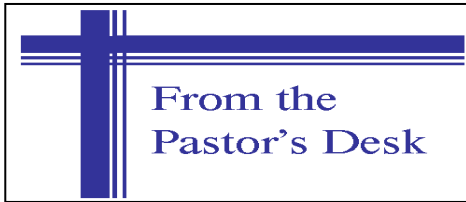


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Ten reflections on twenty years of ministry at Jan Lee Baptist Church...

1. Kathy and I were a forty something year old empty nesters with two kids in college when I was called to pastor Jan Lee Baptist Church.
2. The church was grieving, dealing with the recent death of its pastor, the loss of two children in the congregation, and several people having lost parents.
3. While I had pastored in the community we lived in, I was then working as a counselor and track and field coach at the public school. I was also serving part time as a chaplain with the New Mexico National Guard.
4. The church was being served by interim pastors as the pastor search committee had prayerfully sought out a new pastor.
5. We made plans to make the move to the Texoma area for family reasons after the kids had left home. I felt led by God to return to the pastoral ministry and began to seek out opportunities.
6. We had planned to move a year before we did but had been counseled to allow our daughter to get a year of college under her belt first. Jan Lee Baptist Church would not have been looking for a pastor and the position would not have been available if we had made the move early. I see this as a God moment.

7. The church had decided to sell the parsonage, so after we did come, we had to both find a home in Burk to buy and sell our home in New Mexico. God provided for both in a mighty way within days of accepting the call.
8. The church was running about 40 to 50 in worship with few young families with children. The church made an intentional and successful move to reach that demographic. I remember standing in the foyer one Sunday morning after worship and seeing a yard full of kids playing.
9. The world has been dramatically altered in the last 20 years. The aftermath of 9/11, the redefining of marriage, and a global pandemic, the introduction of the smartphone, social media, and now, AI, have all reshaped the way we view and interact with the world.
10. Jan Lee Baptist Church has changed too as old saints have gone to be with the Lord or have retired and moved to be closer to family. And others have joined us, some long term and others for a season.

Thanks for letting me reminisce but what about the next twenty years?

1. I can almost 100% guarantee you that in the next 20 years Jan Lee Baptist Church will have a new pastor. I don't know when, but it is a normal process in the life of the any church.

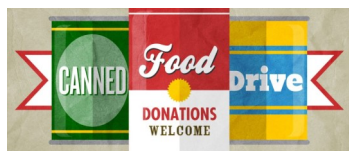
2. The way the church reaches and disciples the next generation is going to be altered. I had a pastor friend who chose to retire saying, "I feel like I am trying to shoot a moving target in the dark" expressing his frustration with ministry in the 21st century. I feel it, but am committed to trying to understand and implement a ministry model that glorifies God, reaches the lost, and builds up the church.
3. But most importantly, we must ground ourselves in the Truth that is eternal and never changes. Jesus Christ is Lord and the head of the church. Trusting the Gospel, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ still saves sinners. And the Church is still the people of God called out to holiness and mission, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

So, what is the future of Jan Lee Baptist Church? I don't know. But what Jesus tells His disciples individually in the Sermon on the Mount applies equally to His disciples corporately in the local church.

So don't worry... But seek first the kingdom of God... don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:31-34).

Thank you for letting me serve the Lord as your pastor.

~Pastor Mark



Thank you for all the support that you have given for our blanket ministry for Hospice of Wichita Falls. We did not make blankets in July as we prepared for the garage sale.

Thank you also for Grace Ministries donations of food. We donated 27 pounds of food in July. The needs for August are Crackers, Small Jars of Jelly, and Individual Size Tea Bags.

Thank you all for supporting these missions.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



The remodel of Mark's office, the sanctuary bathrooms, and choir room will begin after VBS.

Preston Condra and his book "I Have a Question" will be the focus of an evangelism training coming up on October 13th.

The Nominating Committee is working on filling positions for the new year. Please pray about where you can fill a position.



Volunteers needed in nursery during Sunday School and Worship Times



Prayer Walk
August 4 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
August 11 at 5pm

Annual Family Business Meeting
August 25 at 12pm
Potluck Lunch afterwards

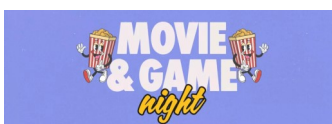


We will host a Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 14th

Dinner will be served at 5:15pm

Pastor Mark will share a short devo for back to school at 5:45pm

Regular Classes will resume for all ages from 6-7pm



Wednesday Night Services
Meal for Everyone at 5:20pm
Adult class in Sanctuary at 6pm
Youth & Team Kids class at 6pm



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.



Wear Blue on Sept 1 to show support of our friends and family fighting and surviving Prostate Cancer.

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Faith Mission 7:30PM	2	3
4  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	5	6  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	7  MEAL @ 515 BOOT CAMP @545-700	8	9	10
11  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	12	13  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	14  MEAL @ 515 DEVO @ 545 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER @6-700 ALL AGES	15  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON JULY 17 	16  YOUTH GROUP MOVIE & GAME NIGHT 6-10PM	17  NO SALE GARAGE SALE 8AM-NOON
18  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	19	20  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	21  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	22  ARTICLES DUE	23	24
25  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	26  	27  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	28  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	29	30	31

July 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

July 7	43
July 14	39
July 21	39
July 28	45

Average Attendance: 42
Average based on 4 Sundays

July 2024 Financial Report

Tithes	\$15,212.43
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2023 - 2024	\$16,182.00
Designated	\$ 985.83



August 2024 Deacon of the Week

July 29-August 4	Robert Ritter
August 5-11	Rick Griffin
August 12-18	Bill Lindenborn
August 19-25	Marvin Maherg
August 26-September 1	John Naas

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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