

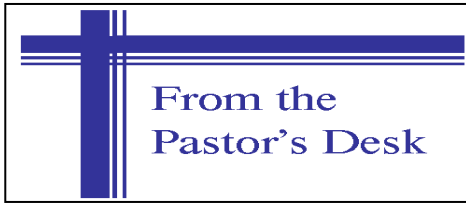


Discover A Place to Call Home

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One of the magnificent and intriguing things about God's creation is how it remains both consistently the same, yet ever changing. It is the fall season, and it was the fall season last year at this time and the year before, and so on... but it is also changing out of summer into fall, which will transition into winter, spring, and then back to summer. I have a standing joke of telling people in the summer, "I'm ready to start complaining about it being too cold!" And in the winter, "I'm ready to start complaining about it being too hot." Again, God created our world to be consistently the same, yet everchanging.

We mere humans follow God's lead and create consistency and change in our own lives. As a church we schedule October to begin our new church year. A little has changed but not a lot, but it does give us a chance to create an intentional reset and begin again.

The question I pose to you, the church in 2024 – 2025 is, "How do a group of primarily sixty- and seventy-year-olds reach a new generation for Christ?" We see that the answer for the small church is particularly challenging. Carey Nieuwhof is a church life and leadership strategist who notes that current trends show the small church getting smaller and the large church getting larger. What do we need to do the same and what must we do different to reach a new generation for Christ.

I've said to you before that the kingdom of God is bigger than Jan Lee Baptist Church. If Jan Lee Baptist Church ceased to exist, the kingdom of God would go on. But Jan Lee Baptist Church is certainly a part of the kingdom of God, and she matters to God.

How do I know JLBC matters to God? Because I matter to God, and you matter to God, and you and I together make up JLBC. Thus, the Body and Bride of Christ that gathers at 1004 Jan Lee Drive matters to God.

We also matter because we are a church who are, literally, on a mission from God. In 1980 Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi made a film, "The Blues Brothers." The story is a comedic tale of redemption for a paroled convict and his brother, who set out on "a mission from God" to prevent the foreclosure of the catholic orphanage in which they were raised. What they meant for comedy, God meant for us, for real.

Before Jesus ascended to heaven he gave his disciples a mission. Matthew records,

"Jesus came and said to them, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Luke, in Acts recorded the words of Jesus,

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

And Jesus certainly extended the mission to us, the following Christian generations. John records Jesus's words in His high priestly prayer prior to His crucifixion:

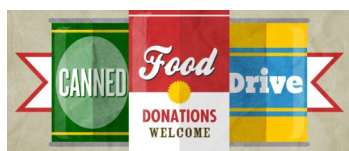
*"I do not ask for these only, but also **for those who will believe in me through their word,** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:20-21).*

We live in a country and world that is in turmoil. We certainly do not know what tomorrow holds, but Jesus said, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).*

When I was a tank platoon leader it was drilled into us that the soldier, the tank crew, and platoon to my right and left was counting on me to do my job so that we might both survive and win the battle. In the same way, the church in America and around the world is counting on me and you to do our job, not only that we might survive but that we too may, when the spiritual battle that rages around us, liberating those who are lost and far from God into the eternal hope we have and enjoy in Christ Jesus.

Evangelism training event - Preston Condra - October 13 following worship.

~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 5 blankets in September.

Thank you also for donations of food for Grace Ministries. We donated 28 pounds of food in September. The needs for October are small jars of jelly, rice, and ramen noodles.

Thank you all for your willingness to help with projects when asked.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Our new 2024-25 Budget was approved.

The television in the nursery will be replaced with a smart TV so those in the nursery can stream our services.

It was approved for JLBC to be jointly aligned with the SBTC. A one time donation of \$200 will be given.



Volunteers needed in nursery during Sunday School and Worship Times



Prayer Walk
October 6 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



Church Council Meeting October 6 at 4pm Everyone Welcome

Deacon Meeting
October 13 at 5pm

Family Business Meeting
October 16 at 7pm



Youth Group will Trick or Treat to collect canned goods for Grace Ministries



South Africa Mission 2025
June 25-July 7
Cost is \$4,000 per person
We will fundraise to help lower that amount.
See Jennifer Naas for application



- October 6 - Pink Out
- October 6 - Church Council
- October 9 - BSM Luncheon
- October 9 - Fields of Faith (Youth Activity)
- October 13 - Preston Condra Evangelism Training
- October 27 - Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat
- December 7 - Lottie Moon Dinner & Auction
- December 15 - Christmas Presentation
- December 22 - Scripture Song Service

PASTOR & DEACONS

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October 2024

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

September 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

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| September 1 | 39 |
| September 8 | 44 |
| September 15 | 37 |
| September 22 | 39 |
| September 29 | 44 |

Average Attendance: 40

Average based on 5 Sundays

September 2024 Financial Report

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| Tithes | \$17,591.01 |
| Estimated monthly budget needs for 2024 - 2025 | \$19,492.51 |
| Designated | \$ 4,815.75 |



October 2024 Deacon of the Week

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| September 30-October 6 | John Naas |
| October 7-13 | Robert Ritter |
| October 14-20 | Rick Griffin |
| October 21-27 | Bill Lindenborn |
| October 28-November 3 | Marvin Maherg |

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

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| SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:45 AM |
| MORNING SERVICE | 11:00 AM |
| ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE | On Hold |

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

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



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