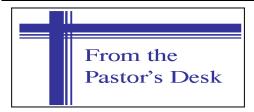


## THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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Kathy and I want to express our appreciation for your recognition and gift to us for our twentieth anniversary with Jan Lee Baptist Church. What a great group of people you are, and we thank God for you!

We will be traveling to New Mexico this next week to take a few days off. We plan on spending some time in the mountains to have some down time together. The times we have been gone this year; it was "all hands-on deck" taking care of grandkids while their parents recovered from surgeries. So, we are looking forward to this.

My sister from Arizona is also coming in, and we will have a sibling's reunion with her and my brother and other sister and our spouses. This was a commitment we made to one another after our dad passed away; to be intentional in it or we would lose track of each other.

We are also going to participate in my home church's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our family has been affiliated with the church for at least 90 of those years, but probably much longer than that. I grew up in the church from a newborn in the nursery to a senior in our youth group. But the most significant thing that happened there for me was the ten-week internship I did in the summer of 1986 prior to leaving for seminary. Three words come to mind when I think about that time:

- 1. It was **clarifying**. In surrendering to Jesus's Lordship and control over my life, I knew God was calling me into vocational ministry, but to do what? I was still "bargaining with God" saying "ok Lord, but I'll do anything but preach." When Mike Dean sat down with me to talk over my duties for the summer he said, "Your first sermon will be..." But I was internally saying "no!" but allowed it to play out. After that first sermon I knew what God was calling me to do.
- 2. It was practical. One of the things my job description said was, "anything as assigned by the pastor." And I did everything from shovels for painting groundbreaking ceremony to preaching a sermon. I was taught how to do home and hospital visits. I helped the youth minister with a youth mission trip and other activities. I got to experience the pastoral side of VBS. I attended Sunday School week at Glorietta. I got a good practical picture of what the work life of a pastor was like.
- 3. It was **encouraging**. The people of the church knew me, they had watched me grow up and were proud of me. They provided me with a safe and caring place to get my ministry feet wet. The experience left a good feeling in my heart for ministry. Something to look forward to.

As we bring Michael and Melissa Summers on staff this year, this is the goal I have for him. A safe and caring place where he can experience Christian ministry and gain valuable skills in building God's kingdom. This must be a church-wide activity with all of us involved.

As we begin a new church year (that's October 2024 to September 2025 for the uninitiated) the burning questions I have been asking myself are, "how does a group of mainly 60- and 70-year-olds reach a new generation for Christ?"

Let's tackle the big question by asking some rhetorical questions:

Is God real?

Is the Bible true?

Are those who are ignorant of God or have outright rejected Christ eternally separated from God?

Has the church has been commissioned by Jesus to reach, initiate, and teach those who don't know God?

The answer to those questions is a resounding yes! This then, is the very reason why Jan Lee Baptist Church must seek to actively connect our Community with Christ.

~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 6 blankets in August.

Thank you also for donations of food for Grace Ministries. We donated 94 pounds of food in August. The needs for September are coffee, small tea bags, small jars of jelly, and ramen noodles.

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

Thank you, Steve & Ida Jones



Michael Summers will begin a 1 year internship on October 1st.

The 2024-25 budget was proposed and will be voted on in September.

Serving a meal for the NA/AA group that meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays was approved.

Mark is making arrangements with their leader.



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 September 8 at 5pm

Family Business Meeting September 11 at 7pm Potluck Lunch afterwards



Ice Cream Social September 29th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall



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

December 7 - Lottie Moon
Dinner & Auction

December 15 - Christmas
Presentation

December 22 - Scripture Song Service



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# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	Faith Mission 7:30PM	6	7
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	9	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON SEPT 11	13	14
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	16	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	19	20	21
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	23	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	ARTICLES DUE	27	28
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEPT 29 AT 6PM	LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP				

#### August 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

August 4 34
August 11 35
August 18 45
August 25 38

Average Attendance: 38 **Average based on 4 Sundays** 

#### August 2024 Financial Report

Tithes \$15,412.12

Estimated monthly budget \$16,182.00

needs for 2023 - 2024

Designated \$ 2,912.18



#### September 2024 Deacon of the Week

August 26-September 1 John Naas

September 2-8 Robert Ritter

September 9-15 Rick Griffin

September 16-22 Bill Lindenborn

September 23-29 Marvin Maherg

September 30-October 6 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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