

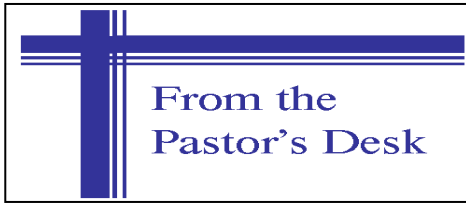


Discover A Place to Call Home

# THE MESSENGER

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Years ago, eighteen and a half to be exact, I preached a state of the church message. It was not the state of the universal church (all believers everywhere over time) but specifically Jan Lee Baptist Church. I had been at the church as pastor for one year, had gotten my feet on the ground, had begun to build relationships within the church, and had a chance to honestly evaluate the church's strengths and weaknesses.

Backtracking a few months before, right after we moved to Burkburnett, the Baptist General Convention of Texas hosted a new pastors' conference in Dallas that Kathy and I were able to attend. It was a helpful and encouraging weekend. There, I was gifted several books, but one in particular, "Shaped by God's Heart – The Passion and Practices of Missional Churches" by Milfred Minatrea was by far the most useful. The book guided me in assessing where we were at as a church related to our overall health.

The book is over twenty years old, and I don't hear the term "missional" as much as I used to, if at all, but I do think the term and certainly the concept is still valid. Minatrea said that what he meant by the term missional, "is a quality of the essence of being Church" (p. 10). Missions in not just something we send and support, it is who we are and what we do. It is not just representative, but participatory. It is not just one expression of ministry; it is why we exist. Defined...

Jan Lee Baptist Church is a Great Confession Church: The earliest Christian confession was "Jesus is Lord" and it was an uncompromising stance the Church took even under the threat of death. Jesus is Lord of all, but the confession in the Church is unique in that the Church acknowledges His Lordship, and we bow before Him in worship.

Jan Lee Baptist Church is a Great Command Church: Jesus is asked multiple times, "what is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Every time the answer is the same, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5). We express our love for God in the command, "love your neighbor as yourself, I am the LORD" (Leviticus 19:18). The Lord is the highest Person, and love is our highest value. We demonstrate our love for God by loving one another.

Jan Lee Baptist Church is a Golden Rule Church: Jesus says simply, "Whatever you want others to do for you, do also for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12). Jesus provided us with a moral compass that guides our ethics in the right direction as the church. We do have the details in the "Ten Commandments" (Exodus 20) and we should know them. But this simple rule encourages us to be empathetic and challenges us to ask not only, "how do I want people to treat me" but "if I were that person, how would I want to be treated." We treat all people with dignity and respect.

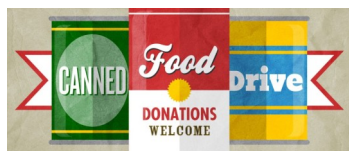
Jan Lee Baptist Church is a Gospel centered Church: The Good News, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared...(1 Corinthians 15:3-5) is the absolute essential of what we believe and what saves us. Before this Paul writes, "Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you have received, on which you have taken your stand and by which you are being saved...(1 Corinthians 15:1-2). I believe the gospel is the key to the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19). We hold the key to eternal life in the gospel. It is our line in that sand of no retreat, but it also opens the door to the eternal treasure of heaven.

Jan Lee Baptist Church is a Great Commission Church: Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He commissioned His disciples to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). This revelation takes what ours is and shares it with the rest of the world. It is our missional reality.

These five realities are the who, what, when, where, why, and how of our identity and existence. Without them we are just another human institution seeking to put a band-aid on a broken and dying world.

Let's be a Church committed to changing the world one person at a time.

~Pastor Mark



Thank you all who supported Grace Ministries in the month of January. Thanks to all of you, we collected 19 pounds. The February needs for Grace Ministries are crackers, small tea bags, and Vienna sausages.

Thank you all who donated blankets and money to support this ministry for hospice patients. We meet on Tuesdays to make the blankets from 1pm - 3pm in fellowship hall. We delivered 10 blankets in the month of January. Thank you so much for your support we could not do this without your help.

We look forward to our March BSM Luncheon  
Thank you,  
Steve & Ida Jones



The adult and youth choir will be presenting an Easter Cantata on April 20th during morning worship services.

We are five months out from the South Africa Mission Trip. Fundraising events will be ongoing.

It was motioned and approved to invite Segun and Funmi Adeyemo to join us for a Missions Conference May 1-5.



**Prayer Walk**  
January 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



**Deacon Meeting**  
February 9 at 5pm

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



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



February 2 - Choir Practice @5pm

February 2 - Ladies' Bible Study @ 6pm

February 7 - Sweetheart Dinner

February 16 - New Member Class

February 23 - Joint Service @ Providence Baptist Church @ 6pm

June 1 to 5 - Youth Camp

June 25 to July 7 - South Africa Mission Trip

July 16 to 19 - Kids Camp

July 27 to 31 - VBS



We have established a team called The Upper Room Team. To be part of the Upper Room Team, we are asking 120 individuals or families to donate funds for the upcoming trip. These funds would ensure that we are able to continue this mission after 2025 and hopefully expand further. If you would like to join the upper room team, you can make your donations by check to the Wichita Archer Clay Association. If you wish to have your donation made electronically, there are options for that through Jan Lee Baptist Church who will then forward your donation to the Wichita Archer Clay Association.



Church Directory Photos will be taken February 9 & 16 after morning services.

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# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	3 CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES & LADIES' BIBLE STUDY CHOIR @ 5PM BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM 	4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	5  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	6  7:30PM	7  SWEETHEART DINNER MCBRIDE'S STEAKHOUSE MEET @ JLBC 4:30PM	8
9  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	10	11  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	12  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7 	13  FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON JAN 15 	14	15
16  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	17	18  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET	19  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	20  ARTICLES DUE	21	22
23  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	24  JOINT SERVICES AT PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH AT 6PM 	25  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	26  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	27	28	

## January 2025 Sunday School Attendance Record

January 5	52
January 12	44
January 19	54
January 26	53

*Average Attendance: 51*  
**Average based on 4 Sundays**

## January 2025 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,863.13
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2024 - 2025	\$19,492.51
Designated	\$ 5,991.90



## February 2025 Deacon of the Week

January 27-February 2	Bill Lindenborn
February 3-9	Marvin Maherg
February 10-16	John Naas
February 17-23	Robert Ritter
February 24-March 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!

[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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