

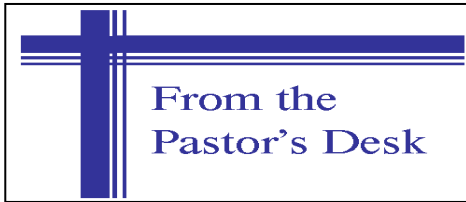


Discover A Place to Call Home

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There is an old legend from the early church concerning the elderly Apostle John, the last of “The Twelve” left alive. It was said he was traveling to various churches, speaking and encouraging them. The story goes on that as he was preparing to visit and speak at one of the churches, the excitement there was palatable.

“One of the ones who walked with our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ... who wrote to us, ‘The one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands’ (1 John 1:1-4), we are going to get to see and hear him! What stories he must have to tell!”

The story goes that when John arrived, the church gathered excitedly anticipating the sermon. The old man John, probably in his nineties, was helped up on to a wagon so he could be seen and heard by the congregation who had gathered. John raised his hand to get their attention and to call for quiet, raised his voice and said, “Brothers and sisters, love one another!” Then he stepped down and moved on to the next church.

Now, I don’t know if that story is true or not, but it does illustrate a point for me. The older I get in the ministry the more I find myself gravitating to the core basics of the gospel message. Someone once asked me if I could be young again, would I want to? I replied, “only if I could take what I’ve learned the hard way with me. I wouldn’t want to relive those hard learned lessons again.” What are those core lessons I want to take back with me?

First: **God is real.** He is not just a figment of my imagination. While I would have never admitted to this, the way I often conducted my life seemed to reflect that I believed He didn’t, or at least He didn’t know or care, what was going on in my life. Faith, creation, human and moral consciousness, history, and the written word all point to God’s reality (Romans 1:17-3:2). I must worship and bow to Him.

Second: **The Bible is true.** Jesus says at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, “wise is the man who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice” (Matthew 7:24). The Apostle Paul wrote, “Imitate me as I also imitate Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). God tells Joshua, “Carefully observe the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you... the book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do (Joshua 1: 7-8).

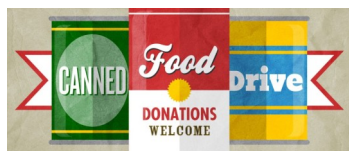
There was a time in my young life (I would have never admitted it) but I often behaved like I was smarter than God. I must actively listen and learn what God has revealed to me in the Bible.

Third: **The Church matters.** I struggled with my relationship with the church in my younger years, and I think at times it was justified. But the reality is, when the church does not act like Christ, I am as much a part of the problem as anyone else. The Book of Acts says that a severe persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem...Saul (Paul)... was ravaging the church when he is confronted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Jesus says, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me” (Acts 8:1, 3; 9:4)? The Church belongs to Jesus, we are His “Bride” and He takes us seriously. So should we.

Fourth: **The mission is Essential.** God has commissioned His church to go and make disciples. To baptize them in His Triune Name, and to teach the new converts everything He has instructed us through His Word. He has promised His continual presence with us as we carry out His will (Matthew 28:19-20). There is no plan “B!”

These all matter. And I have discovered that the more I follow these basics, the more the rest of my life and relationships seem to fall into place. Praise God!

~Pastor Mark



Thank you to all who supported Grace Ministries in the month of February. We collected 8 pounds. The March needs for Grace Ministries are ramen noodles, dried egg noodles, and Jiffy cornbread mix.

Thank you to all who donated fabric and money to support the ministry for hospice patients. We delivered 8 blankets in the month of February. Thank you so much for your support we could not do this without your help.

We are collecting desserts and soft drinks for our March BSM Luncheon. Please bring items to the church office by noon on March 4th.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Prayer Partners change on March 1.

Annie Armstrong Goal is \$500.

Tickets available for Skit Guys at Camp Chaparral on March 15.

BISD Family Night in the Park is April 23. Dave Toms requested \$100 for evangelism items to hand out. Voted and approved.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on May 19. Dave Toms requested \$200 for supplies. Voted and approved.



Prayer Walk
March 2 at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



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



Deacon Meeting
March 9 at 4pm

Family Business Meeting
March 12 at 7pm

Church Council
March 30 at 4pm



Donations of desserts and sodas needed. Desserts can now be homemade. Bring to church office by noon on March 4th.



Baby Shower for Melissa Summers
March 29 @ 10am

She is registered at Amazon.com
RSVP to church office.



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



March 21-22 - Youth Group Lock-In

April 20 - Easter Cantata

April 23 - BISD Family Night in the Park

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

August 24 - Annual Business Meeting & Potluck Lunch

September 28 - Special Called Business Meeting

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March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	3	4  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	5  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	6  7:30PM	7	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 MAR 12 	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	21	22
23  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	24	25  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	26  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	27  ARTICLES DUE	28	29  MELISSA SUMMERS' BABY SHOWER 10AM
30  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	31					

February 2025 Sunday School Attendance Record

February 2	58
February 9	59
February 16	57
February 23	47

Average Attendance: 55
Average based on 4 Sundays

February 2025 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,863.13
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2024 - 2025	\$18,117.80
Designated	\$ 3,241.88



March 2025 Deacon of the Week

February 24-March 2	Rick Griffin
March 3-9	Bill Lindenborn
March 10-16	Marvin Maherg
March 17-23	John Naas
March 24-30	Robert Ritter
March 31-April 6	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!

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Jan Lee Baptist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 AM
MORNING SERVICE	11:00 AM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	5:00 PM

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

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



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