

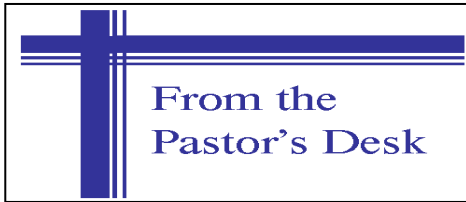


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Most people look to Christmas as the quintessential Christian holiday. It is enjoyed by all (mostly) whether they truly believe the story that goes with it or not. As far as we know, the early church did not celebrate this holiday until many years later. But from the very beginning the church has been “Easter people.”

Now when I say “Easter people” I don’t mean people who just looked forward to one special day of the year, but rather people whose whole life was structured around this historic event, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did this radical life they lived have any real meaning to it or was this all just a fairy tale of wishful thinking as some claim it to be? What are some of the facts related to the Resurrection of Jesus?

1) The empty grave is reported or implied in extremely early sources (The Gospel of Mark and 1 Corinthians 15) which date so close to the event that they could not possibly have been products of legend.

2) The fact that the gospels report that women discovered the empty tomb bolsters the story’s authenticity. If you were going to make up a story in the first century you wanted others to believe was true, you would not have used women in it (Mark 16:1-8).

3) The site of Jesus’ tomb was well known to both his friends and enemies alike, and no one on either side ever claimed the tomb was still occupied. Instead a fictitious story was invented by his enemies that said Jesus’ body was stolen by his friends; a theory that not even the most skeptical critic believes today (Matthew 28:13-14).

4) The Resurrection story was one that did not develop over time, but rather it is one that was told from the very earliest days of the church (1 Cor. 15:1-3).

5) The radically changed lives of early detractors who become followers to include Jesus’ brother, James and the Apostle Paul; Their willingness to die as martyrs for the message of the Resurrection, along with thousands of Jews who gave up key social & religious practices to follow Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:5-8).

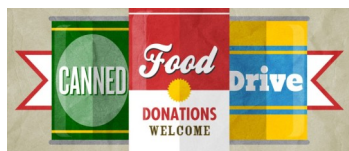
Some people need more than blind faith to believe. The Disciple and Apostle Thomas, after the resurrection, had missed the first appearing of Jesus to his followers. When they told him about it, Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw Jesus and touched his wounds. Jesus honored that request and did not criticize his skepticism but rather appeared, spoke and offered his wounds. Thomas replied, “My Lord, and my God!”

The evidence for Jesus’s resurrection is solid; share it with skeptics you may know today. This year Easter falls April 20th. Invite them to Church with you on Easter/Resurrection Sunday. Challenge them to hear for themselves the saving message of God’s grace made available through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus!

~Pastor Mark



We will have a potluck breakfast for all to enjoy at 9:15am, followed by a condensed Sunday School lesson. The JLBC Choir will present the Easter Cantata during morning worship. Pastor Mark will preach after the cantata. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children in 5th grade and younger after morning services. Bring your family and friends for a wonderful day of celebrating the Good News of Easter.



Thank you to all who supported Grace Ministries in the month of March. We collected 23 pounds. The April needs for Grace Ministries are beef ramen noodles, small tea bags, and small bottles of syrup.

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

Thank you for the donations of soft drinks and desserts for our March BSM Luncheon.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Robert and Debbie Ritter were voted on and approved to lead the Congregational Care Team.

The members of Providence Baptist Church will not be joining the South Africa Mission Trip. We do still have space if anyone is interested in going.

It was approved to spend \$100 for BISD Family Night in the Park and \$200 for a BHS Teacher Appreciation event.

Building & Grounds had the leak in the baptistry fixed and lights in the nursery area repaired.



Prayer Walk
April 6 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
April 13 at 4pm



BISD Family Night in the Park
April 23 6-8pm
Need volunteers, donations of caramel sauce & apples (send apples on or after April 20)



Easter Egg Hunt
April 20 After morning services Need donations of plastic eggs with individually wrapped candy or treats



Camp Chaparral Work Day
April 5 9am-2pm



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



April 13 - Community Palm Sunday Service 6pm @ FBC Burk

April 20 - Easter Cantata

April 23 - BISD Family Night in the Park

May 1 - National Day of Prayer

May 2-4 - May Missions Events

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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April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		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 CLASS @ 6-7	10	11	12
13  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	14  COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 6PM @ FBC BURK 	15  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET	16  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7	17	18	19
20  BREAKFAST @9:15AM CANTATA & WORSHIP @11AM EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER	21	22  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	23  BISD FAMILY NIGHT IN THE PARK 6-8PM No Services @ JLBC	24  ARTICLES DUE	25	26
27  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	28	29  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	30  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7			

March 2025 Sunday School Attendance Record

March 2	44
March 9	44
March 16	51
March 23	51
March 30	68

Average Attendance: 52

Average based on 5 Sundays

April 2025 Deacon of the Week

March 31-April 6	Rick Griffin
April 7-13	Bill Lindenborn
April 14-20	Marvin Maherg
April 21-27	John Naas
April 28 - May 4	Robert Ritter

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

March 2025 Financial Report

Tithes	\$22,046.19
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2024 - 2025	\$18,117.80
Designated	\$11,778.37

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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