

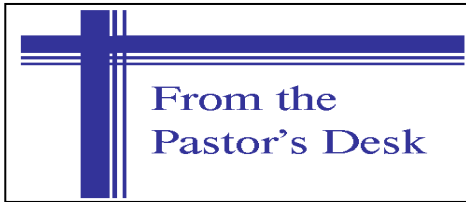


Discover A Place to Call Home

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What a busy summer! I must admit I am ready for things to return to “normal” whatever normal is.

August is a pivotal month for the church. Yes, the new Sunday school year begins in September; and the Church’s fiscal year begins in October, but a lot happens administratively in August. Along with our regular schedule, the month will end with our annual business meeting on Sunday, August 24, and we kick off our Wednesday evening activities on Wednesday, August 20. Two of our committees, Budget & Finance and Nominating, finish up their work this month. Each of those committees has the task of determining who and how we will staff and pay for ministry. It’s not very glamorous but necessary. We are all to do God’s will and minister in our community.

Pastor Ed Stetzer of Biola University, and editor of Outreach Magazine says, “All of God’s people are sent on mission, the only questions are “where?” and “among whom?” So, God has a kingdom mission, and he entrusts that mission to the church – in other words, the church does not have a mission, but the mission has a church. Some are sent cross-culturally as missionaries (we call that missions), but all are sent (we call that missional)... The concept of a missional church is recognition that God is a sending God and we, the church and individual believers, are to live sent.”

When we were kids and we didn’t want to eat our vegetables, our parents used to say, there are starving kids in (China, Africa, South America... take your pick) who would be glad to have those vegetables. I’m not sure it was an effective strategy to get us to eat our vegetables, but that does not make it any less true. There were kids in underdeveloped parts of the world who would have given anything for those vegetables we did not want to eat.

Today, there are still starving children around the world, but also Christians from around the world who pay a heavy personal price to worship God, study the Bible, gather with other believers, and evangelize the lost.

“The World and Everything in It” podcast (World Radio, July 30, 2025) reported on Iranian Christians, who are recent converts from Islam and/or the ones who evangelized them, are under a death sentence if caught. Let us not take our wealth, our freedom, our time, and our ministry gifts for granted.

We must also face the fact that we are an aging congregation. But aging is not an excuse for idleness. I’m reading “The Disciple Making Grandparent – A Guidebook for Helping Your Grandchild Trust and Follow Jesus” by David Upchurch and Daniel McCoy.

In one chapter David relates the story of recruiting older adults to help with the children. He asked the early childhood director how it was going to which she replied, “Terrible!” She said that almost everyone she talked to had given her the same answer: “I’ve done my time.” David lamented, “Is that what having ministry in the church is like? Is serving God like doing a prison sentence? I just did 5-10 in early childhood...”

Often in the church, we recruit younger adults for youth and children’s workers... and we need them for their energy. But some of the best workers are substitute grandparents. They don’t have to play dodgeball or sleep on the ground or spend all day at the water park. They simply need to be available to love the teens or children with the love of Jesus – and the love of a grandparent.”

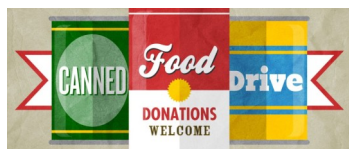
~Pastor Mark



Prayer Partners Ministry - New Year, New Beginnings!

God’s word tells us to pray for one another, and there can be tremendous blessings in seeking the counsel of the Holy Spirit and going before the Lord in prayer on behalf of someone else.

The new year for Prayer Partners begins Monday, September 1. For everyone interested in being a part of this ministry for the 25/26 year, please notify us by Friday, August 29. The Prayer Partner Info & Commitment forms are available at the church or get in touch with us for a copy. Also, if you have any questions about this ministry, please feel free to contact us. Robert Ritter, 940-631-7437 Debbie Ritter, 940-631-7430



Thank you to all who supported Grace Ministries in the months of June and July. We collected 62 pounds in June and 170 pounds in July. The August needs for Grace Ministries are small jars of jelly, tea bags, spam, and sloppy joe mix.

Thank you to all who donated fabric and money to support the blanket ministry for hospice patients. We delivered 10 blankets in the month of July. Thank you so much for your support we could not do this without your help.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Angela Sserunjogi began her new position as the Preschool Coordinator.

David Martin was approved for membership.

Building & Grounds are looking at the cost for cameras for outside the church building.

FBC Burk borrowed our church bus to take their students to camp.



Prayer Walk
August 3 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
No services on August 6 or 13



Annual Family Business Meeting
August 24 after morning services
Includes a Potluck Lunch

Deacon Meeting
August 10 at 4pm

Church Council
August 13 at 5:45pm



Wear Blue on September 7th
in support of our friends and family
members fighting and surviving
prostate cancer.



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



August 24 - Annual Business Meeting & Potluck Lunch

September 7 - Blue Out Day

September 21 - Joint Service with Providence @JLBC

September 28 - Special Called Business Meeting

October 5 - Pink Out Day



PASTOR & DEACONS

Please feel free to call any of us at any time.

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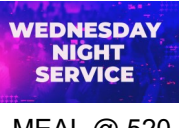
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August 2025

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

July 2025 Sunday School Attendance Record

July 6	39
July 13	43
July 20	51
July 27	40

Average Attendance: 43
Average based on 4 Sundays

July 2025 Financial Report

Tithes	\$15,913.66
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2024 - 2025	\$18,117.80
Designated	\$ 1,602.17



August 2025 Deacon of the Week

July 28- August 3	Marvin Maherg
August 4-10	John Naas
August 11-17	Robert Ritter
August 18-24	Rick Griffin
August 25-31	Bill Lindenborn

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	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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