

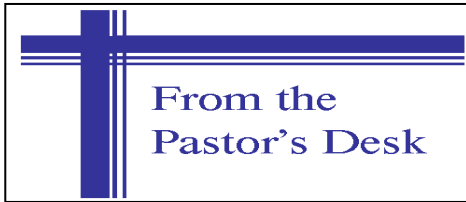


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Several years ago, I watched the Ken Burn's documentary on the Vietnam War. One episode focused on the Tet Offensive of January 1968. When I was in college Army ROTC, most of the instructors were Vietnam War veterans, and one, LTC Steele I can remember describing the intensity of the fighting during the Tet Offensive. But the documentary also described the unrest in the United States and around the world the same time period. One person interviewed said, "it seemed the whole world was coming apart." While I was just a boy when the events were taking place, that program was a reminder of how divided the country and world was during that time.

As a matter of fact, what was said and shown reminds me of much of what is happening in our country and around the world today. It was British Christian Journalist Malcolm Muggeridge that said, "All new news is old news happening to new people."

I can remember how angry my grandfather, my mother's father whom we called "Gramps," was over the whole ordeal. While he was a Christian, he had strong opinions about life and was not afraid to express those opinions (my mother was a lot like him).

My older brother and sister have many fond memories of Gramps, but my younger sister and I were afraid of him. The events of the 1960's being brought into his living room every evening made him angry, and he passionately expressed those opinions.

I once witnessed an exchange of some former classmates on Facebook over an NFL National Anthem controversy. I was somewhat surprised by who was so vitriol over the event, particularly concerning a young man from the community I grew up in who played in the NFL. His team chose to stay in the locker room during the National Anthem and the people's new opinion of this local hometown hero now changed dramatically and negatively, not even knowing where the young man stood personally on the issue. While there were several reasons, I was surprised by the people involved, the main one was that most claim a strong relationship with Jesus Christ.

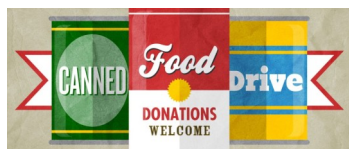
While anger is a legitimate emotion, it is one that the Bible warns believers about. James, Jesus's half-brother says, "My dear brother and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of *your anger* and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you *from your anger*" (James 1:19-21; italics mine).

So, what do we do with our anger?

- Recognize anger for the powerful and potentially destructive emotion that it is. It must be handled with the same care as if you were handling a loaded weapon (Matthew 5:21-22)
- Let your feelings of anger, just as it is with anxiety, be a prompt to pray (1 Timothy 2:8).
- Deal with your feelings of anger quickly and in such a way that it prompts both positive action and words of reconciliation as the desired outcome (Matthew 5:25).
- Get rid of anger by confessing it in prayer to God and in Christian repentance (turn away from it) (Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8).
- Replace your anger with the love of God that comes through the Spirit living in you, as love is not easily angered (1 Cor. 13:5).

The emotion that is most biblical seems to be grief. As we see people today turning away from God and causing strife and division we ought to grieve and mourn. Let our grief turn to joy as we rely on and share Christ with the world.

~Pastor Mark



Thank you to all who supported Grace Ministries in the month of September. The October needs for Grace Ministries are boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, and gravy mix.

Thank you to all who donated fabric and money to support the blanket ministry for hospice patients. We delivered 7 blankets in the month of September. Thank you so much for your support we could not do this without your help.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



There was a special called business meeting on September 28 after morning services to vote on the 2025-26 budget. The new budget was approved.



The JLBC Youth Group will Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat on October 26 from 3-5pm. They will go door to door (at assigned houses) and collect canned goods to donate to Grace Ministries.



Prayer Walk
October 5 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
October 12 at 4pm

Church Council October 12 at 5pm

Family Business Meeting
October 12 at 6pm



BSM Luncheon October 8th
Need donations of canned sodas and desserts (can be homemade).
Must be in office by noon on Oct 7.



Wear pink on October 5th
in support of our friends and family
members fighting and surviving
breast cancer.



Help furnish and update our
preschool area.
Contact office for link to wish list.



October 11 - Ladies Crafts & Snack at 5pm

October 19 - Wedding Shower for
Amy Owens at 2pm

October 26 - Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat

November 1 - Amy Owens & David Martin Wedding at 2pm.
Everyone is invited.

Tentative Dates

December 7 - Lottie Moon Dinner & Auction

December 14 - Youth & Kids' Christmas Program

December 21 - Adults' Christmas Program

December 24 - Scripture Song Service

PASTOR & DEACONS

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

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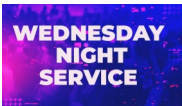
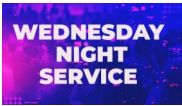
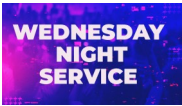
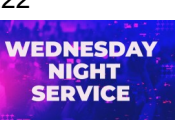
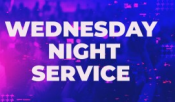
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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	2  7:30PM	3	4
5  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	6	7  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	8  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	9	10	11
12  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	13  DEACONS @ 4PM CHURCH COUNCIL @ 5PM FAMILY BUS. MEETING @ 6PM 	14  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	15  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	16	17	18
19  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	20	21  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	22  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH	23  ARTICLES DUE	24	25
26  SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM	27	28  LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP	29  MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM	30	31	

September 2025 Sunday School Attendance Record

September 7	59
September 14	49
September 21	55
September 28	54

Average Attendance: 54
Average based on 4 Sundays

September 2025 Financial Report

Tithes	\$14,605.20
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2025 - 2026	\$20,179.40
Designated	\$ 2,374.92



October 2025 Deacon of the Week

September 29-October 5	Bill Lindenborn
October 6-12	Marvin Maherg
October 13-19	John Naas
October 20-26	Robert Ritter
October 27-November 2	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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