

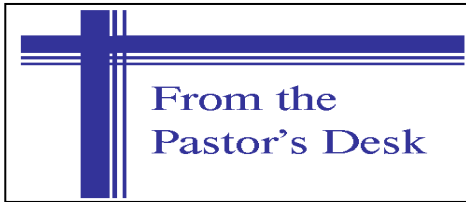


Discover A Place to Call Home

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When my son was playing high school football, the team tended to play competitively for the first three quarters of the game. But something happened in the fourth quarter, and they would falter and lose the game, sometimes badly. It was obvious what was going on and the coach began to work on conditioning so the team would remain physically competitive, but he also began to change the attitude. Special emphasis was brought to the whole fourth quarter, to remain mentally and emotionally involved in the game. This team would go on to win a state championship against a better team, but the game was most certainly won in the tenacity of the fourth quarter.

Psalms 90 is a psalm I, and other pastors, often use in a funeral service. John Stott says of this psalm, “it sets out the brevity of human existence in the light of God’s eternity. The author refers to some period of special affliction (verse 15) as well as humankind’s universal frailty and sinfulness. Yet he betrays no sign of despair or complaint; his spirit is one of humble submission and trust” (Stott, “Favorite Psalms” p. 77).

A few of the verses I think are noteworthy. Verses one to four speak of the eternal grandeur of God and His relation to time and creation, including people: *“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn men back to dust, saying, ‘Return to dust, O sons of men.’ For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or a watch in the night.”*

But verse ten says, *“The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty if we have the strength, yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.”* This simply relates to the truth that our earthly life is limited but while we are living it, it will have pain and suffering.

Verse twelve tells us though that considering this reality that God *“teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”*

Verse seventeen prays, *“May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; and establish the work of our hands.”*

What does Psalm 90 have to do with my opening football – fourth quarter illustration?

According to the Scriptures and the anecdotal observations about life, many of us in the church are in “the fourth quarter” of our life and ministry. Anything past 80 years is simply “overtime.”

Based on Psalm 90, we should live with eternal meaning and purpose in this fourth quarter of life... why?

First, we have a long-standing love **relationship** with the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present God that ought to be growing at this stage of life, not diminishing.

Second, we have the **experience** of living life with Christ in a broken world full of pain and sorrow.

Third, we have the **wisdom** to live well from the knowledge that this life is limited but the life to come is eternal.

Fourth, we have the **time** that was so elusive when we were raising families and working full time, to invest our treasure and talent into God’s kingdom.

Finally, we can **rest** in the peace of God’s grace knowing that our eternity is not bought with the above but rather is a gift.

I have been inundated lately with examples of people who are ministering with tenacity in the fourth quarter of their lives, and many of them are you. Keep it up! Your reward in heaven is great (Matt 5:12).

~Pastor Mark



Thank you to all who supported Grace Ministries in the month of February. We collected 67 pounds of food this month. The March needs for Grace Ministries are small pancake syrup, small tea bags, and small jars of jelly.

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 February. Thank you so much for your support we could not do this without your help.

We will be feeding the students of the MSU BSM on March 4. We will need donations of canned sodas and desserts.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



Prayer Walk
March 1 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 8 at 4pm

Church Council Meeting
April 19 at 4pm

Family Business Meeting
April 19 at 5:30pm



Men & Boys Hike
April 18th
See Bill Banks for Information



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Baptist Association

Our 2026 Prayer Focus is the churches of the WAC Association.

- **March 1-7 - Emmanuel Baptist
- **March 8-14 - Fairway Baptist
- **March 15-21 - Faith Baptist (WF)
- **March 22-28 - Faith Baptist (IP)
- **March 29-April 4 - FBCWF (West)



March 4
BSM Luncheon

March 26
Passover Seder with Steven Ger

April 5
Easter Sunday Breakfast &
Easter Egg Hunt

May 10
Mother's Day

May 31-June 4
Youth Camp @ Latham Springs

June 7-10
SBC Convention in Orlando, FL

July 26-31
Vacation Bible School

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JLBC will host Stephen Ger who will host our Passover Seder Meal on Thursday, March 26th at 6pm. Please RSVP to the church office.



March 2026

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

February 2026 Sunday School Attendance Record

February 1	62
February 8	71
February 15	50
February 22	47

Average Attendance: 58
Average based on 4 Sundays

February 2026 Financial Report

Tithes	\$20,140.61
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2025 - 2026	\$20,179.40
Designated	\$ 4,249.00



March 2026 Deacon of the Week

February 23-March 1	Marvin Maherg
March 2-8	John Naas
March 9-15	Robert Ritter
March 16-22	Rick Griffin
March 23-29	Bill Lindenborn
March 30-April 5	Marvin Maherg

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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