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SEPTEMBER 11 - 25, 2016

- 11 SUN**
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
 10:30 am Worship / Kids Worship (K – 5th Grade, Rm 222)
 2:00 pm Church Wide Baby Shower for Phillip & Lauren (FH)
- 12 MON**
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110)
 6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 13 TUES**
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)
- 14 WED**
 5:30 pm Light Supper (FH)
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 Discipleship Classes (Rooms 108 and 102)
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
 Children in Action (Room 222)
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 15 THURS**
 1:00 pm Community Fest Planning Meeting (Conf Room)
 6:30 pm Savvy Savers (Room 110)
- 18 SUN**
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
 10:30 am Worship / Kids Worship (K – 5th Grade, Rm 222)
- 19 MON**
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110)
 7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting (Overflow Room)
- 20 TUES**
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 1:00 pm Constitution & By-laws Committee Meeting (Rm 102)
- 21 WED**
 5:30 pm Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 Discipleship Classes (Rooms 108, 102, 110)
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
 Children in Action (Room 222)
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 22 THURS**
 1:00 pm Community Fest Planning Meeting (Conf Room)
- 24 SAT**
 10:00 pm Senior Adult Gardening Group (Conference Room)
- 25 SUN CELEBRATION SUNDAY**
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
 10:30 am Worship / Kids Worship (K – 5th Grade, Rm 222)
 4:00 pm Celebration Sunday at City Park

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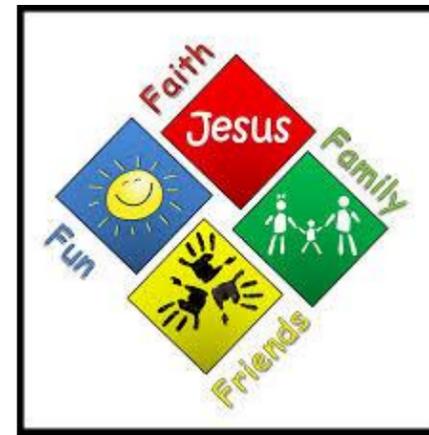
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WEEK IN REVIEW

| | Aug. 28 | Sept 4 |
|---|---------|--------|
| LIFE GROUPS (Sunday Bible Study) | | |
| Enrollment | 365 | 365 |
| Attendance | 175 | 162 |
| New Members | 0 | 1 |
| Visitors | 8 | 1 |
| Total Attendance | 183 | 163 |
| WORSHIP | | |
| Morning Services | 209 | 185 |
| Kid's Worship | 17 | 21 |
| Total Attendance | 226 | 206 |

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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| BUDGET | | |
| Required Per Week | 11,187.51 | 11,187.51 |
| Received | 7,397.00 | 12,581.00 |
| Mid-Week Received | 1,880.00 | 1,880.00 |
| Online Received | 1,045.00 | 2,205.00 |
| Required To Date | 391,562.85 | 402,750.36 |
| Total Received To Date | 376,671.41 | 393,337.41 |
| Total August Budget Contributions | \$43,209.68 | |
| MISSIONS | | |
| JMBC | 60.00 | |
| East Asia | 50.00 | |
| State | 450.00 | |
| BUILDING FUND | | |
| Phase 2 (new sanctuary) | 20.00 | |
| OTHER | | |
| Backpack Ministry | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Benevolent Fund | 297.00 | 15.00 |
| Deacon Fund | 15.00 | |
| Freezer | 3,000.00 | |



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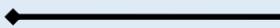
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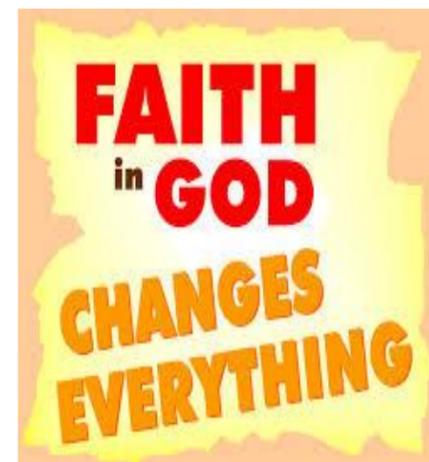
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Sunday Services

- 9:00 a.m.** Life Groups (Bible Study)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Kids Worship



FAMILY, FRIENDS, & FAITH

Back to School

It's that time of year when the children head back to school and the college students head back to campus. Students may not see it this way, but the opportunity and ability to learn and grow in knowledge is a blessing and true gift from the Lord. I was pondering back to school time and the implications of growing in knowledge and was reminded of Hosea 4:6, "my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge . . ." What a startling and condemning statement from the Lord! Of course, God had chosen Israel and rescued them from slavery in Egypt in order for them to represent and reflect Him in the world. He states this plainly in Exodus 19:6, "you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." In Hosea's day, Israel had a covenant relationship with God but refused to pursue Him. They refused to acknowledge Him and grow in their knowledge of Him, and the Lord's discipline was heavy upon them as a result.

As is often the case, we are very much like Israel at times. We are God's covenant people through the blood of Jesus Christ and are a "royal priesthood" according to 1Peter 2:9, but we refuse to pursue God and grow in our knowledge of Him. Instead, we pursue other little "g" gods. Our busy calendars and pursuit of wealth and pleasure and hobbies dominate our time and energy, and God is set aside.

I see this phenomenon of failing to pursue God and grow in His knowledge come to life in the Lord's church in a few different ways. First, I see well-meaning church members actually propagate and believe aberrant doctrine. Basic truths, such as the deity and sinlessness of the Lord Jesus, are either not believed or incorrectly taught (this happens to be one I have run into a few times recently). When basic truths are missed God's people are in danger of being sifted by cults, which often happens, or giving way to a generation of weak Christians who will be easily swayed.

This lack of knowledge also manifests itself under the guise of tradition or personal preference, which is a result of knowledge without wisdom or insight. Many know basic facts but have never pursued the Lord personally in a way that allows them to properly apply the knowledge of God they possess. This will show itself with words like: "I feel that" or "we've always done that" or "they think that" or "that upsets me," just to name a few. These phrases often go hand in hand with someone taking Scripture out of context or filtering it through their personal preference, subsequently offering a misapplication or an application that is little more than their own whim. For Christians, lack of knowledge is not just about facts. Knowledge is about knowing God so intimately that His purpose and will and glory are paramount in the application of His commands.

So we have a few things going on here, Christians who do not avail themselves of the opportunities they have to engage in personal study of Scripture or sit under its teaching. On the other hand, we also have Christians who possess some facts and some knowledge but do not pursue God ardently enough to properly apply what they know. May Hosea 4:6 never apply to us, and may we take 2Timothy 2:15 to heart as we enter a new school year!

Pastor Tommy

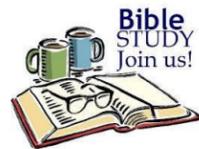
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First Annual JMBC CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 25 will be a special day to celebrate the Lord's blessings. It will start with the morning Worship hour, which will feature testimonies and special music. At 4:00 pm, we will meet at Portsmouth City Park; have Baptisms at 4:30 followed by fun and fellowship with a covered dish meal. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a covered dish, lawn chair and bug repellent. Watch for more details regarding this special day for the membership of JMBC.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SERIES

6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us as for our newest series "Stand Firm", a study of Philippians, led by Pastor Tommy.



NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES TO START

Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm.

- *Revelation* led by Joe Watson; using the Bible as the text (*bring your Bible*); Room 108.
- *The Inheritance* (Beth Moore Study) led by Daina Larson; Room 102/104. (*Listening guides are \$5.00.*)
- Bible Study series, "Stand Firm" a study of Philippians led by Pastor Tommy; Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm

- *Heaven* led by Raleigh Baggett; using *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn as the text; Room 110. (*The book is \$15.00 and the (optional) Study Guide is \$7.00.*)

CHURCH WIDE BABY SHOWER for LAUREN and PHILLIP REINKE

Come celebrate the pending arrival of our newest JMBC addition. All are welcome. Sunday, September 11, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Betsy Gardner (484-5941) or Rachel Emberton (472-5337).



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Sept. 14, Menu: Bar-b-que Chicken, Sweet potatoes, collards and beverage.

Sept. 21, Menu: Pepper Steak, rice, peas and beverage.

Cost: \$6.00 for adults; Free for children 8 and younger.

The meals are subject to change; make sure to check the Bulletin for current meal menus.

FOOD PANTRY

The Holidays will soon be upon us. Please consider donating one to two items to help keep our Food Pantry stocked and ready to serve the needs of our church families and our community.



Missions Emphasis Week - September 11-18, 2016. The Alma Hunt offering goal for JMBC is \$7,000.00.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) The Portsmouth Baptist Association will conduct its 6th "Mission Blitz Day" on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. Please mark this date on your calendars.

Please save quarters for the laundromat service project. If you have questions, need more information, or want to assist as our church coordinator for OIAM, please contact Linda Baines at 488-9119 or the church office at 484-5568.

Children in Action and Mission Friends continue on Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. If you are interested in working with the preschoolers or the children contact Phillip Reinke at 484-5568.

Children in Action is for grade school children while Mission Friends ministers to preschoolers; both programs teach about missionaries and their work both international and at home.

We need help in the Preschool, Children, and Youth departments.



Pastor Tommy had a memory verse a few weeks ago, that stated,

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14

Our children need workers who will love on them. Don't let excuses stop you from volunteering:

"I cannot teach" That is all right.....You can help.

"I cannot give every week" That is all right.....We can work with your schedule.

"Kids don't like me" That is all right.....We have a variety of age levels available. Kids just want someone to love them.

"I am older and cannot get down on their level" That is all right.... You can sit and rock the babies, or work in another area.

Our Ministry is growing, we have more and more visitors coming every Sunday and we need people to take care of the children. The biggest needs are in the following areas:

Kids Worship on Sunday mornings: Teaching children during the Worship time.

Youth on Wednesdays: Male and Female volunteers to reinforce the lesson that is taught.

If you are interested and want to talk about how you can serve, please call me or see me on Wednesday or Sunday. You can reach me at the office, 484-5568.

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