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*Thank you for the many cards, gifts and notes sent my way during Pastor Appreciation month. It was very special to Daina and me, and served to build us up and encouraged us greatly.*

Pastor Tommy

Dear Church Family,

*We would like to thank you, our church family, for your phone calls, visits, food and your prayers during the illness and passing of our Dad/Son, Bootsie. It means so much to be so loved.*

Our Love In Christ,  
Tara & Jean Powell

Pastor Tommy & Church Family,

*Where do we begin to say, "Thank You" for how you blessed our family during the short illness and going home, as Melvin stated, "to see my Lord"? You blessed us with your prayers, calls, food and flowers. Your love and generosity have overwhelmed us.*

*How blessed we are to have such a caring church family. We love each one of you and ask you to continue to keep us in your prayers, as we will continue to lift up prayers for each of you.*

In Christ's Love,  
Nila and Family

*Most will remember the song "Take Me out to the Ball Game." Well, my song was "Take Me out of Rehab to My Home." Through the power of prayer, God granted me my wish, and it is at this time I thank my church family (with special emphasis to my/our Deacon and his wife, as well as another JMBC couple for their personal "loving care") for your prayers, visits, calls, cards and food during my precious husband, Marvin's (Pop to some), illness up to the time God called him to His "Heavenly Home" to plant His garden; also, during my three month rehab/hospital confinements, as well as during my healing to date. Please continue to pray for our family. We love(d) JMBC and thank my/our church family for their support.*

In Love and Appreciation,  
Peggy Pierce and Family  
(Marvin (Pop) from Heaven)

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**Sunday Services**

9:00 a.m. Life Groups  
(Bible Study)  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 11:00 a.m. Kids Worship



**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

**Vision?**

I am sometimes asked about vision. "Pastor, what is your vision for JMBC?" Often this question is followed up with a partial quoting of Proverbs 29:18. Here is Proverbs 29:18 in its entirety, taken from the NIV: "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law." The ESV translates vision as "prophetic vision," while the Holman Christian Standard Bible uses "revelation."

What is going on in this verse? Without equivocation, I can share that it most likely is not what we are thinking of when we ask for a "vision" for our church. For we cannot separate the first part of the verse from the last, we can't separate the statement about the revelation, vision, or prophetic vision from following divine instruction. Really, what this verse is all about is divine instruction. Where there is no prophet or teacher to expound upon the instructions of the Lord there is chaos and sin among the people.

In the *Believers Church Bible Commentary*, John Miller describes "vision" from Proverbs 29:18 in this manner, "Divinely inspired teaching like that of the prophet Moses." Matthew Henry's interpretation is the same. He concludes that "no vision" means there is "no prophet to expound the law, no priest or Levite to teach the good knowledge of the Lord." Vision, in the context of Proverbs 29, refers then to the teaching, explanation and application of God's Word to the lives of the people.

One example of Proverbs 29:18 and "no vision" is found in 1 Samuel. The sons of Eli were "wicked" according to 1 Samuel 2:12, and according to 1 Samuel 3:1, "In those days the word of the LORD was rare and **prophetic visions** were not widespread." Israel was suffering and not hearing from the Lord God because there was no priest who walked with God, sought Him, and faithfully proclaimed and instructed the people in His ways.

So, in context, a vision or revelation or prophetic vision, as spoken of in Proverbs 29:18, comes from faithful instruction, explanation and application of God's Word. I vow to you that I will seek to do just that - preach and teach the Scriptures faithfully. A great part of my job description and responsibility is found in 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching." This would be akin to the "revelation" or "prophetic vision" of Proverbs 29:18.

Nevertheless, the question still lingers about my vision for JMBC. Again, we must define "vision." I believe "mission" and "vision" are often confused, but they certainly are related. My view of mission is taken from Kenneth Gangel, "Mission . . . Describes what the ministry was designed to do." For us, our mission is the Great Commission and summarized in our four key words: Lead, Help, Equip, Magnify. Mission is a verb; it's what we do. Everything we do surrounds leading, helping, equipping and magnifying.

Vision is different; vision is what we can be. Vision is the noun that results from the mission; it is what we will be because we are about our mission. Vision is a solution to a problem. It addresses where we are and where we need to be, and translates into purpose. Andy Stanley describes it this way, "Vision is about what could be and should be." Vision takes time to develop because a leader must "know his parish." Stanley, in his book *Visioneering*, calls this "fact finding" or "walking before you talk."

The first two years here have been a whirlwind of sorts, an actual time of rebuilding. We have added scores of new members and are in the process of organizing and streamlining the process of ministry. At this point, I am focused on leading us to ask the right questions. In other words, we are literally back to basics in regard to embracing the mission and letting it drive everything we do. Instead of being concerned with our likes, dislikes, preferences and traditions, I want us concerned with how our ministries, events and activities support the mission. This is the question we must be asking.

Vision? I still am praying about it at this point and feel I still am learning about this place. I still am in the walking phase of leadership here. However, I promise you will hear more about it in the coming months. In the interim, keep the Great Commission, our mission, in front of you.

Pastor Tommy

# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, led by Pastor Tommy  
The Armor of God - "Be Strong in the Lord," from Ephesians 6:10-20

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS** - Sign up with Betsy Gardner on Sunday mornings or call the church office (484-5568) **no later than noon** on Tuesdays. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, free for children 8 and younger. Menu is subject to change. Please check weekly bulletins.

**Menu:** Nov 1: Tamale Pie, Rice, Refried Beans, Tortilla Chips, Dessert  
Nov 8: Beef Tips over Rice, Sweet Peas, Roll, Dessert  
Nov 15: Pepper Steak over Noodles, Peas with Pearl Onions, Roll, Dessert  
Nov 22: **NO DINNER**  
Nov 29: Stuffed Pork Loin with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

**NOVEMBER OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM:** Wayne Johnson and Steve Rosso

**NEW MEMBERS:** Donna Johnson, Phyllis Bryant, Lee and Andrea Cofield

**JMBC PERSONNEL UPDATE** – The Personnel Committee welcomes Brenda Ashe as our Church Secretary and Receptionist. She has been filling in since June, and officially hired in October. Brenda has been a great addition to the church staff and is doing a wonderful job. Please be sure to welcome her!

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** – a new Life Group study for hunters and fishermen, led by Pete Peterson in Room 108, will begin Nov 5. Author, producer, and Christ-follower Jason Cruise equates the modern-day outdoorsman with Peter the fisherman in the Bible. Peter would not be a likely candidate to sit on a committee or work in kid's ministry. So where does a modern-day Peter fit in? *Close Encounters* is designed to reach men's groups who want to delve deeply into Scripture, using hunting and fishing as the staging ground. This six-session, video-based study features real-life wild game hunts and fly fishing ventures with nationally known outdoorsmen who connect divine spiritual truths with the unique earthly experiences found only in the world of hunting and fishing. Cruise takes you on a trek into creation that will show you how to live out your passion for the outdoors in ways that bring honor to the God who created the dirt under your boots.

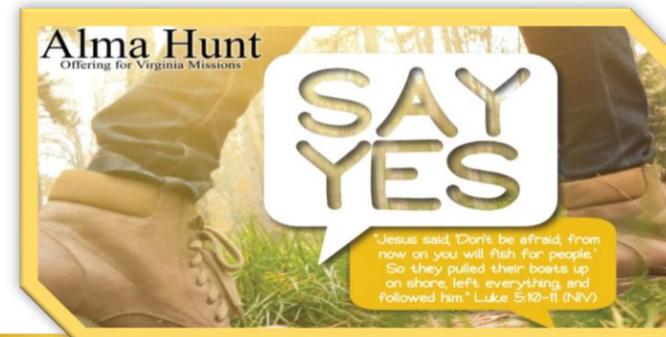
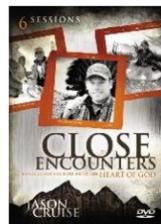
**SEAFARERS' MINISTRY** – PBA has requested hats and scarves for the Seafarers' Christmas Ministry be brought to the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on Nov 6 at 10:00 am, Grove Park Baptist Church. All (not just women) are invited to come and pray for our world.

**COOK OUT AND SHOOT OUT** – For those who signed up, come out to the Johnsons' Farm in Zuni on Sat, Nov 11 at 2:00 pm for our Annual Family Laser Tag. Bring a flash light, beverage and favorite dish. Hot dogs, hamburgers, hot chocolate and s'mores will be provided. Cost is \$5.00 per family. Dress warmly!

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** – Please consider donating a few items to help keep our Food Pantry stocked and ready for baskets. Items needed are Stove Top stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce and gravy. Any church member wishing to refer someone for a basket should call the church office no later than **Nov 16**. Baskets will be packed on Nov 19 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They may be picked up on Nov 20 in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)** - It is time to begin collecting your "shoebox" items. Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Add other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies to fill the box according to age and gender. **PLEASE, NO TOOTHPASTE, LIQUIDS, CANDY OR WAR-RELATED ITEMS SUCH AS TOY GUNS, KNIVES OR MILITARY FIGURES.** Shoeboxes and Donation Bins will be available in the Music Hall and Preschool Wing. There will be a church wide packing party **Nov 5** in the Fellowship Hall after worship to kick off this ministry. Bring your donations and a covered dish/dessert to share. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Shoeboxes will be packed after the meal. To sign up for the packing party and/or to volunteer for collection week, see the "Roaming Bulletin Board." For more information, please contact Rachel Emberton at 472-5337 or [lablovers75@verizon.net](mailto:lablovers75@verizon.net).

**UPCOMING EVENT – FAMILY MINISTRY PROGRESSIVE DINNER** – Dec 2, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Mark your calendar. Details to follow.



**JMBC'S GOAL - \$5,000 GIVEN TO DATE - \$2,216.79**

## WEEKS IN REVIEW

	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
<b>LIFE GROUPS</b> (Sunday Bible Study)					
Enrollment.....	348	349	349	349	348
Attendance .....	172	187	172	167	143
Visitor .....	4	8	15	7	5
New Enrollment.....	1	0	0	0	2
Total Attendance .....	176	195	187	174	148

<b>WORSHIP</b>					
Morning Service .....	225	244	215	228	187

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>BUDGET</b>					
Required Per Week .....	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75
Received .....	11,557.92	10,188.00	7,353.92	6,436.25	6,730.00
Mid-Week Received .....	100.00	1,531.00	60.00	300.00	2,430.00
Online Received .....	1,105.00	1,709.00	410.00	654.00	975.00
Required to Date .....	465,230.00	476,860.75	488,491.50	500,122.25	511,753.00
Received to Date .....	427,748.31	441,176.31	449,000.23	456,390.48	466,525.48

<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary) .....	110.00

<b>MISSIONS</b>	
Alma Hunt (State Missions) .	420.00.....560.00 .....70.00.....220.00 ..... 135.00
East Asia .....	75.00
JMBC Missions.....	100.00.....200.00 .....200.00

<b>OTHER</b>	
Backpack.....	25.00
Benevolent .....	292.00
Deacon Fund.....	15.00 ..... 15.00 ..... 15.00
Fund the Foyer.....	100.00

**Total October Budget Giving's \$50,335.09**

## MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>MONDAYS</b>	9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110)
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room A14) 5:15 pm Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Hall) 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Mission Friends (Preschool Hall) Children in Action (Room 222) Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	7:30 pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall/Overflow Rm)
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study) 10:30 am Worship 11:00 am Kids Worship 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>2 THURS</b>	6:00 am Feeding of the Homeless (OASIS) 10:30 am Carol Knight Group (Overflow Rm)
<b>3 FRI</b>	6:00 am Van leaves for WMU Fall Mtg (Eagle Eyrie)
<b>5 SUN</b>	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b> 12:00 pm OCC Covered Dish & Packing Party (FH) 2:30 pm Senior Ministry (Emily Green Shores)
<b>7 TUES</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg (Room 102)
<b>9 THURS</b>	9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern
<b>11 SAT</b>	2:00 pm Annual Family Laser Tag (Johnson's Farm)
<b>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Nov 13 – 20</b>	
Mon, Wed, Fri – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	
Tues, Thurs – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm & 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	
Sat, Nov 18 – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	
Sun, Nov 19 – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	
Mon, Nov 20 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am	
<b>13 MON</b>	6:30 pm Personnel Committee Mtg (Conf Rm A)
<b>14 TUES</b>	7:00 pm JCP Admin Committee Mtg (Conf Rm A)
<b>16 THURS</b>	6:30 pm Church Council (Choir Room) Savvy Savers (Rm 110)
<b>20 MON</b>	7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Mtg
<b>23 THURS</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> (Office Closed)
<b>24 FRI</b>	Office Closed