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**MAY 8 - 22, 2016**

**8 SUN Mother's Day**  
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)  
 10:30 am Worship / Kids Worship (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 222)

**9 MON**  
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110)  
 6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

**10 TUE**  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
 6:30 pm Budget Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

**11 WED**  
 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Wing)  
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)  
 Children in Action (Room 222)  
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**12 THURS**  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

**15 SUN**  
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)  
 10:30 am Worship / Kids Worship (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 222)

**16 MON**  
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Rm 110)  
 7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group (Overflow Room)

**17 TUE**  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
 7:00 pm Creative Writing and Painting (Overflow Room)

**18 WED**  
 7:30 am Pack Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)  
 5:30 pm Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Wing)  
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)  
 Children in Action (Room 222)  
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**19 THURS**  
 9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elementary  
 6:30 pm Savvy Savers (Room 110)  
 Nominating Committee Meeting (Conf Room)  
 Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

**22 SUN**  
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)  
 10:30 am Worship / Kids Worship (K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 222)

**JACKSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

4316 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321

**Non-Profit Organization**  
**U.S. Postage Paid**  
 Portsmouth, VA 23707  
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**WEEK IN REVIEW**

	April. 24	May 1
<b>LIFE GROUPS</b> (Sunday Bible Study)		
Enrollment.....	364	364
Attendance.....	165	179
New Members.....	0	
Visitors.....	12	10
Total Attendance.....	177	189
<b>WORSHIP</b>		
Morning Services.....	166	200
Kid's Worship.....	21	33
Total Attendance.....	187	233

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

<b>BUDGET</b>		
Required Per Week.....	11,187.51	11,187.51
Received.....	6,367.00	1,455.00
Mid-Week Received.....		975.00
Online Received.....	815.00	1,455.00
Required to Date.....	190,187.67	201,375.18
Total Received to Date.....	182,815.49	196,571.99

**TOTAL BUDGET RECEIVED IN APRIL — \$43,234.64**

<b>MISSIONS</b>		
Lue English.....		2,293.00
Annie Armstrong.....	120.00	150.00
Annie Armstrong to Date.....	6,648.00	6,798.00

<b>OTHER</b>		
Backpack Ministry.....		55.00
Children's Camp.....		300.00
Youth Camp.....	200.00	200.00
Deacon Fund.....		20.00

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING RECEIVED IN APRIL — \$247.01**

**CHAMELEON AFFECT**

My mother would often tell me that you "become like those you are around." As a teenager, I had no idea that what she was saying was actually a biblical truth. 1 Corinthians 15:33 states, "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'" Proverbs 22:25 echoes the same idea when it warns against becoming like a "hot-tempered" man by associating with him. Throughout Scripture, there are many other verses that warn God's people against guilt by association and the propensity to be negatively influenced by others. We are charged to guard our hearts and minds in all areas.

I see this phenomenon at work in the Lord's church in many ways, but one circumstance in particular is disconcerting to me. I am calling it the "chameleon affect," but I am certainly not the first to use that term. I have noticed that many of our leaders, people who love Jesus and want to see the Great Commission fulfilled here at JMBC, tend to be chameleon like in their view of the Lord's work. Full disclosure: I will also admit that I fall prey to this subtle pitfall at times myself.

How this tends to play itself out is really quite simple. When we are around optimistic folks who are positive in their view we tend to take that view. However, when we are subjected to naysayers, negativity, and pessimism we also swing over that way ourselves. In other words, we take the view of those we are around (hence, chameleon). Make no mistake, there are challenges faced by the Lord's church. After all, the enemy of our souls is described as a "roaring lion" seeking to bring God's people down. We live in a world under the sway of the evil one, and a spiritual battle is always raging. We were never told in Scripture that serving Jesus would be easy.

I am not advocating that we ignore challenges and problems or pretend they do not exist. However, I am reminding myself and all of you that the Lord is always at work, even in the challenges and tough situations. We must remember that He is sovereign over our challenges and expects us to always act in faith, moving forward to make disciples for Christ. All of this means that we should always be optimistic because we serve a risen Savior who is building His church. My hope for our church is that we will always be joyful, err on the side of faith, and pray every challenge through.

Guard your hearts and keep your focus on the Lord. This will protect you from the chameleon affect.

Pastor Tommy

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**Sunday Services**

**9:00 a.m. Life Groups**  
 (Bible Study)

**10:30 a.m. Worship**  
 Kids Worship



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SERIES

6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us as we study the principles in Proverbs.

### CHURCH DINNER

Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Menu:** Country-fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, roll and dessert.

**Cost:** Adults \$6.00, Children (12 and under) eat free. Please sign up and pay with Betsy Gardner either before or after the Sunday Worship service at the Welcome Desk in the main foyer.



### NEXTDOOR

Are you a member of Nextdoor in your neighborhood? Would you be willing to promote and post church activities? Contact the church office if interested at 484-5568.

### START SOMETHING NEW, Hebrews 12:1-2

May 15-22 is the **Week of Prayer** for the Portsmouth Baptist Association. Missions offering goal is \$6,000. Prayer focus will be on the mission endeavors of the Association, to include Hispanics, Native Americans, Seafarer ministry, Emily Green Shores, and Operation Inasmuch.

### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Be on the lookout for information on the development of our new pictorial directory.

### Mission Opportunities

The Eastern Shore Mission Trip volunteers are making kits for baby/toddlers, children, preteen & teen, and Men & Ladies. Items needed are:

#### Children's Kits

small bottles of bubbles, coloring books w/crayons, pencils, storybooks, small toys, soap, combs, toothpaste/toothbrush, hand towels, hair bows, scrunchies, barrettes, math flash cards: addition/subtraction, multiplication/division

#### Baby/Toddler Kits

baby wipes, lotion, powder, lotion/oil, shampoo, wash/ivory soap, washcloths, sippy cups, bibs, socks, undershirts/onesies, toys/rattles, storybooks

#### Preteen/Teen Kits

age appropriate books, journals, notepads, pens/pencils, lotions, lip gloss/chapstick, nail polish, nail files/clippers, sun shades/glasses, sports items, hair accessories

#### Mens/Ladies Kits

toothpaste/toothbrush, combs, deodorant, shampoo, soap, disposable razors/shaving cream, washcloth/hand towels

#### Supplies for VBS & Camp Snacks

cookies, individually packaged fruit snacks, peanut butter & jelly, lemonade (lg container), small bags of chips/crackers

**Collection boxes will be available in the Music Wing hallway and the Fellowship Hall.**

### CHILDREN/YOUTH EVENTS

Our preschool and school age children will be singing in the Worship Service on Mother's Day, May 8. We will be gathering the preschool and children before service, if you want your child to be a part of this service, have them in their areas by 10:10 (Preschool in God's Clubhouse; Children in Kids Worship room)

### SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Beginning Thursday, June 30 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Camp dates are June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 18 and August 25. Each week will have a theme; examples include Savior Martial Arts, Virginia Living Museum, Water Day, etc. Look for information regarding sign-ups coming soon. For children K5 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 'Submerged'

August 1 – 5, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Come out for a week of fun, songs, bible stories and crafts.

Phillip Reinke,  
Minister of Family Life

Isaiah 6:8

### CHICK-FIL-A OPPORTUNITY

Chick-fil-A is sponsoring an event called "**Bike Build.**" The purpose is to help kids in need build bikes and then give it to them. The bikes have already been purchased, but volunteers are needed to help put them together. The event is on Saturday, May 14, 7:00 - 11:00 am at Chick-fil-A on Portsmouth Blvd. If you are interested in helping, please contact Phillip Reinke 757-484-5568. This is a great opportunity to partner with our community.



What started out as an opportunity to learn how to market the preschool within the community has turned into so much more. Through the Early Education Small Business Program and the city of Chesapeake we have been able to design a new logo that truly represents the mission we hold so dear to our hearts, which we proudly reveal to you today.



### NEW LOST & FOUND AREA AVAILABLE

Did you leave your glasses in the pew, keys in your small group, husband in the hallway? Well, for the small items you can look for them on our new **Lost & Found Shelf** in the hallway between the Preschool area and the Fellowship Hall.

### ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, online giving is available on our website (jacksonmemorial.org). Click on '**Online Giving**' and follow the steps.

### GRADUATION 2016

A Graduation dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 and the Worship Service recognition is Sunday, June 5. This is a celebration of both High School and College student's achievements. If you plan on attending these events, please contact Eileen Rivera at [emrivera27@yahoo.com](mailto:emrivera27@yahoo.com) Pictures need to be in by May 15 for the recognition.

### WMU BARBARA DEAL GROUP

Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm, Michael and Sara Small will share their experiences on the mission field. All are invited to attend this meeting.