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# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



The Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a Sweetheart Luncheon on **Thursday, Feb 15** at noon. The menu is Italian. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Reservations and money are due by **Sunday, Feb 11**. Sign up with Dee Elliott on Sundays or Wednesdays, or text her at 757-944-0941. Entertainment will be provided by Mr. John Burfee.

NOTE: A transportation committee has been formed to help those who may need a ride to doctor's appointments or to church. If you are in need, please contact Elsie Sadler at 484-0883.

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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

### The Air We Breathe

I find it interesting and even amazing how God always seems to bring things together; He is working in and through circumstances and the details of our lives. As I preach and teach through Ephesians 6 on Wednesday evenings and John 15 on Sunday mornings, I am witnessing this phenomenon again. The focus upon prayer in both passages is obvious. It is as if God is shouting at me to emphasize and embrace again the importance and practice of prayer in both my personal life and the life of this church.

As we finish up the study from Ephesians 6 concerning the full armor of God for the Christ-follower, we are reminded that the foundation to all Christian living is prayer. While prayer is not a piece of the Christian's armor, it is certainly the environment in which the armor is worn and taken up. One commentator compared prayer's role in the armor to the air we breathe. In other words, all the work to take up the pieces of the armor Paul describes are futile apart from prayer.

Paul's instruction concerning prayer in Ephesians 6 is very interesting too. He reminds us prayer is about standing in the face of the enemy's attacks in order to do the Lord's work. Prayer is never about us; it's always about God. Prayer is not a way for us to get our way or have it easy; prayer is always about the Great Commission, the Lord's work. He tells the church in Ephesus, "Pray that I may declare it fearlessly" (the Gospel, the Word of God). Paul is not asking them to pray for his ease, comfort, wealth, health, safe travels or good weather; he is asking them to pray for him to be able to spread the Gospel. That is the focus and heart with which we are to take up our praying.

Interestingly, Jesus also ties our fruit-bearing in John 15 to prayer. John 15:7 talks about asking in prayer for whatever we wish, but that thought is elaborated upon in the next verse: "that you bear much fruit." Again, the focus of the passage is bearing fruit for the Lord, and a main component and part of bearing fruit is prayer.

The upshot for us simple and profound. We will not be able to stand in the face of the enemy's attacks and do Great Commission work which bears fruit for the Lord without prayer. Prayer must be the air we breathe as the Lord's people. Prayer must be the foundation upon which we build every ministry and conduct every act of service and ministry.

I encourage and challenge you to revitalize your own prayer life. Make it a priority. Discipline yourself to go to God first in every situation, whether good or bad. Begin to form a habit that leads to praying before consulting other means of information and wisdom. Again, the point of it all is to be a people who bear much fruit for the Lord Jesus.

Let's be a praying church.  
*Pastor Tommy*

### Life Verse

I want to hear from you! I am interested in knowing your "life verse" and the story behind it. Perhaps the Lord has used the verse to sustain, encourage or correct you during a critical time in life, or it could be the verse serves as the foundation upon which you live each moment. My goal is to look at your ideas and put them together to form a sermon series entitled "Life Verse." If you have a short story or example of how the Lord used the verse, please include it as well, and let me know if I have your permission to share the story. I may even ask some of you to share your own story on a Sunday morning, so pray about your willingness to share it publicly. I can't use every story and every verse, but I hope to find some common threads to share. Please email me your life verse and story at [jmutoml@gmail.com](mailto:jmutoml@gmail.com). Put "life verse" in the subject line. I plan to collect them over the next 6-8 weeks. I look forward to hearing from you!



### LIBRARY NEWS

The JMBC Media Library will reopen on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. You may tour the library, pick up your new library card, and enjoy some refreshments before or after Bible Study (8:45 am - 9:00 am and 10:10 am - 10:25 am). We are currently in the process of conducting a book inventory. If you have a JMBC library book, you may drop it off in the drop box outside the library so it may be included in the inventory.

*Lottie Moon*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

JMBC GOAL- \$14,000

RECEIVED TO DATE - \$13,010.54

### MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING

**Thursday, Feb 8** at 10:00 am in Conference Room B to plan ministry events through August 2018.

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**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:** Feb 7: BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Smashed Potatoes, Roll, Dessert  
Feb 14: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
Feb 21: Smothered Pork Chops with Onions & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots, Roll, Dessert  
Feb 28: White Chicken Chili, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

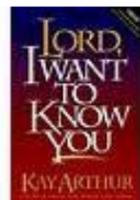


**FEBRUARY OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM:** Bill Vick and Jake Midgett

**NEW MEMBERS:** Justin and Brittany Alberson  
Doug and Denise Cox



**"LORD, I WANT TO KNOW YOU"** – A new Bible Study for ladies will begin on **Feb 7** from **10:00 am – 11:30 am** in **Room A13**. Led by Donna Johnson, this is a study by Kay Arthur on how to know God better through His names.



**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** – Make plans now to attend the Women's Conference on **March 16 – 17** at **River Oak Church**, Chesapeake. The speaker will be Kelly Minter. Friday night from **7:00 pm – 9:00 pm** will be a worship and teaching session. Saturday morning from **8:30 am – 12:30 pm** will be worship and two teaching sessions. A light breakfast will be provided. Ticket price is **\$35 per person**.



**SERVE ONE ANOTHER HUMBLLY WITH LOVE** – PBA churches have been asked to collect new, small stuffed animals, pajamas (various sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths and soap for children (sensitive skin), and New Testaments to help children in need. Items should be brought in by **Friday, Feb 16**. Donation boxes are in the Fellowship Hall and the Music Wing Hall.



**PBA NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS "ON MISSION HERE & NOW" PRAYER BRUNCH** – Come and enjoy brunch on **Saturday, Mar 3** at **9:30 am** in the **JMBC Fellowship Hall**, hosted by our WMU ladies. Reservations must be made by **Tuesday, Feb 27**. The cost is \$6.00 per person.



**2018 IGNITE MEN'S IMPACT WEEKEND** – **March 16 – 17** – Men registered to attend the Ignite men's conference in Lynchburg are reminded to pay their registration fee of \$51.00 to JMBC **no later than Feb 11**. Please make checks payable to JMBC with "Ignite Conference Fee" on the memo line.



REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
<b>MONDAYS</b>	9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110) 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall/Overflow Rm)
<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) 7:30 pm Mission Friends (Preschool Hall) 7:30 pm Children in Action (Room 222) 7:30 pm Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	6:00 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)

## MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 THURS**  
6:00 am Feeding the homeless (OASIS)  
10:30 am Carol Knight Group Mtg (Overflow Rm)
- 4 SUN**  
4:30 pm Youth Superbowl Party
- 6 TUES**  
6:30 pm JCP Admin Committee Mtg (Conf Rm A)  
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Rm 102)
- 8 THURS**  
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elem  
10:00 am Ministry Leaders Mtg (Conference Room B)
- 9 FRI**  
6:00 pm Marriage Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 10 SAT**  
8:15 am Marriage Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 11 SUN**  
6:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12 MON**  
6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conf Rm A)
- 15 THURS**  
12:00 pm JOY Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 18 SUN**  
2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
- 19 MON**  
7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting
- 20 TUES**  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)  
Backpack Ministry Packing (FH)
- 22 THURS**  
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elem

## WEEKS IN REVIEW

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
<b>LIFE GROUPS</b> (Sunday Bible Study)				
Enrollment	343	345	345	346
Attendance	0	163	175	150
Visitors	0	4	4	9
Total Attendance	0	167	179	159
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Morning Services	snow	216	210	195

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>BUDGET</b>				
Required Per Week	12,963.63	12,963.63	12,963.63	12,963.63
Received		14,187.25	6,536.23	6,457.00
Mid-Week Received			3,473.00	6,754.10
Online Received	1,090.00	865.00	875.32	1,045.00
Required to Date	12,963.63	25,927.26	38,890.89	51,854.52
Received to Date	1,090.00	16,142.25	27,026.80	41,282.90
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>				
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary)			110.00	
<b>MISSIONS</b>				
East Asia			50.00	
JMBC			5.00	
Lottie Moon			125.00	50.00
<b>OTHER</b>				
Backpack Ministry			25.00	
Benevolent Fund			15.00	331.01
Foyer				10.00

**JANUARY BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS: \$41,282.90**

## NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Begin Wednesday, **Feb 21** led by Dr. Caplan

**First series:**  
Women in the line of the Messiah  
Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary  
The grace of God even in sordid and tragic circumstances

**Second series:**  
Understanding End Times  
Interpreting Bible Prophecy: The Abrahamic, The Palestinian, The Davidic and New Covenants