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# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH

## Newsletter Delivery Change

Starting in August, we will email our Monthly Newsletter instead of sending through the postal service. This means you will receive the Newsletter in a timelier manner each month. This change will help with expenses associated with supplies and the mail service. **If we do not have your email address, send us an email to: [office@jacksonmemorial.org](mailto:office@jacksonmemorial.org) and you will be added to the list. If you do not have an email address, please call the church office at 484-5568 to request that the Newsletter be mailed to you.**

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### Sunday Services

9:00 am Life Groups  
 (Bible Study)  
 10:30 am Worship  
 11:00 am Kids Worship



Eastern Shore Mission Trip (July 7 – 13)  
 Standing Rock Mission Trip (July 21 – 26)



**2019 Operation Inasmuch** - AutoBell gift cards are being sold for \$20 as a fundraiser (\$10 goes to OIAM). With no expiration date, they make great gifts. In addition, tickets are now on sale for our Applebee's Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast at the Harbor View location on **Sat, Aug 24**. They cost \$10 each (\$6 goes to OIAM). See Sue Wynn, Frances Edwards or Linda Baines to purchase a card or breakfast tickets.

**Treats for Troops** – Once again during July we will be collecting items to honor and support our troops. Items may be placed in the collection bins in the Music Hall and the Fellowship Hall. See flyers in the bins for suggested items. Collected items will be held for Missions Blitz Day, **Oct 5, 2019**, so please be aware of expiration dates.

A “hands on” ministry opportunity completed in one day by volunteers from various churches in the Portsmouth Baptist Association (PBA), putting hands and feet into action doing various mission projects to share the love of God with people in our community on **Missions Blitz Day, Sat, Oct 5**.

Volunteer registration for various mission projects will begin by the end of **Jul, through Sun, Sep 8**. Flyers and forms are located in the church office, Fellowship Hall and Music Hall, or see Frances Edwards or Linda Baines for any questions.

**CONSTRUCTION TEAMS** - If you have construction skills and wish to participate on the OAIM construction teams, or if you are a homeowner and need construction/yard/individual assistance, complete a form and turn it in to the church office by **Thu, Aug 15**.

Please save your quarters for the Laundromat Project on Missions Blitz Day.

## “God Bless America’, but why?”

I believe we are incredibly blessed to be citizens of the United States, and I honestly do not understand how any American would disagree. Our nation’s history is an incredible story of God’s providence and the sacrifice of many. As we approach Independence Day, I am reminded of the travails and challenges the signers of the Declaration of Independence faced and suffered. For example: Five signers were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors. Nine fought in the War for Independence and died from wounds or from hardships they suffered. Two lost their sons in the Continental Army. Another two had sons captured. At least a dozen of the fifty-six had their homes pillaged and burned, and that only begins to tell their story. For more information and detail, check out the article at <http://www.bethlehempaonline.com/signers.html>.

I was pondering the lyrics to the popular and famous song entitled, “God Bless America.” Some would even refer to this song as a “hymn.” But as I perused the lyrics I found them greatly lacking in the area of biblical truth or biblical theology. Please do not get me wrong; it’s a wonderful song. It has a fundamentally sound message, one of recognizing God’s providence and gifts, but what it lacks is the “why.” Why are we asking and seeking God’s blessing on America?

Truth be told, most Americans and many Christians among them simply desire the comfort and wealth afforded by a constitutional republic. To many, “God bless America” is simply a cry for us to be able to live at relative ease compared to so many nations. However, I would put forth that followers of Christ should view it a bit differently, and I get this from the Word of God.

Why should we ask God to bless America? I believe the answer is found, in part, in Psalm 67. The Psalmist asked God to be gracious and bless and make his face shine upon them, similar to our “God Bless America” lyrics. Psalm 67:2 holds the key though: “that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.” This idea of God being made known and glorified and worshipped by all nations then goes on from verse 2.

Christian, I would put forth that any desire for God’s blessing that does not center around Him and the message of Gospel of Christ is missing the point. Yes, we want God to bless this nation, but we want it so that we can lead others to Him, beginning in our own neighborhood and spreading around the globe.

My challenge to you is to think biblically, with a proper theology. See the great blessing that is our awesome nation through the lens of God’s Word. Go back and read Psalm 67 as a start!



**Gospel Concert featuring  
“3 for 1”**

**Sat, Jul 27, 2019  
6:30 pm**

**Jackson Memorial Baptist  
Church Sanctuary**

*Concert is free; however, a  
Love Offering will be taken.*



*Pastor Tommy*



# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – a study of Zechariah in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Tommy.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**  
Lee and Gail Fowler

**JULY OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM:** Bill Winslow and Steve Rosso



**HELPING THOSE IN NEED! Attention All Youth** - We will take **Sat, Jul 13** and join "Mercy Drops" in the mission of loving on and caring for those who need it most. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Youth Wing, by Sun, Jul 7.



**SENIOR MINISTRY** – Join us on **Sat, Jul 13 at 7:00 pm** as we enjoy a movie and popcorn! We are showing a Christian movie based on a novel by Robert Whitlow - *Mountain Top, a Journey of Faith*. To view the trailer go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKZkdz301EU>. Sign up on the Senior Ministry bulletin board near the Foyer by Wed, Jul 10.

Would you like to hear the **Tidewater Winds**? We have an opportunity to hear them perform songs "Out of This World" at Norfolk Collegiate School on **Sun, Jul 21**. The concert is free. We will leave JMBC at **6:30 pm**. Sign up on the Senior Ministry bulletin board near the Foyer by Sun morning, Jul 21. Contact Dee Elliott (944-0941) for any questions.



**WOMENS MINISTRY POOL PARTY** – **Sat, Jul 13, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** – Join us for a BBQ luau to enjoy fun, food and fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert and don't forget your towel! 3921 Oak Drive E, Chesapeake, VA 23321 For ladies only. No childcare is available for this event.

## Thank You!

*Thank you for all of your prayers, visits, calls, cards and food during John's illness and passing. We are so grateful for every expression of kindness.*  
The Watson Family

*Dear Jackson Memorial,  
Thank you so much for remembering us during Teacher Appreciation Week!! The donuts were delicious, and we so enjoyed the sweet treat.*  
With appreciation,  
Faculty & Staff of Western Branch Intermediate

*Dear Members of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church,  
Thank you so very much for the donations of Clorox wipes and tissues for Western Branch Middle School Library. Your kindness is appreciated by all students, staff and faculty. Thanks again.*

*Sincerely,  
Michele Waggoner and Shirley Chetister*

*Dear JMBC Family,  
We want to thank you for the lovely retirement reception and love gifts. Little did we know when we came to JMBC in 1985 that we would both have the opportunity to actually work as a part of the ministry of JMBC. Thank you for allowing us to serve in our positions. We are looking forward to our retirement and our continuing service at JMBC and its ministry. Thanks again.*

*In Christian Love,  
Linda & Donald Canterbury*

*Dear Jackson Memorial Family,  
Thank you very much for the many kindnesses toward our Dad and family. We appreciate the reception following the services. Everyone was so kind to us and had such wonderful things to say about Dad.*

*Sincerely,  
The Laney Family*

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAYS**
  - 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
  - 10:30 am Worship Gathering
  - 11:00 am Kids Worship
- MONDAYS**
  - 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room A08)
- TUESDAYS**
  - 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
- WEDNESDAYS**
  - 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
  - 6:30 pm Study of Zechariah (Fellowship Hall)
  - Children In Action (Room 222)
  - Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
  - Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
  - Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



## Vacation Bible School



**Jul 15 – Jul 19**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
Ages 2½ - 5<sup>th</sup> grade complete  
(age as of Sep 2018)

Pre-register at [jacksonmemorial.org](http://jacksonmemorial.org)

**VBS Celebration – Fri, Jul 19, 5:30 pm**  
Everyone is invited to the Celebration in the Fellowship Hall. The kids will be performing.  
Bring a side dish.



## FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE NORFOLK TIDES

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> vs Charlotte Knights  
7:05 pm

Invite your friends for a night at the ballpark. Enough people have signed up to get box seats for just \$5.00!  
Sign-up and pay by **Tues, Jul 9** by calling the church office at 484-5568.

# JULY

## MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 THURS**
  - 6:00 am Feeding of the Homeless (OASIS)
- 5 FRI**
  - 6:00 pm Adult III Co-ed Life Group Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 SUN**
  - 12:00 pm Centri-Kid Camp Parent Meeting (Room 104)
  - 1:00 pm Commissioning Lunch for Eastern Shore Mission Team (Fellowship Hall)
  - 2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
- 9 TUES**
  - 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Room 102)
- 11 THURS**
  - 11:00 am Joyful Sounds Summer Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 13 SAT**
  - 9:00 am Youth helping Mercy Drops Mission (all day)
  - 6:00 pm Womens Ministry Luau and Pool Party (home of Reta Byrum)
  - 7:00 pm JOY Group Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)
- 14 SUN**
  - 12:00 pm Parent Adventure Group Second Sunday Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 15 MON**
  - 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
- 16 TUES**
  - 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
- 17 WED**
  - 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
- 18 THURS**
  - 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
  - 11:00 am Joyful Sounds Summer Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 19 FRI**
  - 9:00 am Vacation Bible School
  - 5:30 pm VBS Celebration – Fellowship Hall
- 21 SUN**
  - 12:00 pm Centri-Kid Camp Parent Meeting (Room 104)
  - 6:30 pm Senior Ministry to Tidewater Winds Concert
- 23 TUES**
  - 6:30 pm Property Improvement Committee Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 25 THURS**
  - 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)
- 28 SUN**
  - 5:30 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)
  - 6:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 29 MON**
  - 9:00 am Van leaves for Centri-Kid Camp