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Dear Church Family,  
 Please know how very much I appreciated your wonderful cards. I am so blessed to have moved here to such a wonderful, caring family of believers with Christian love.

Mildred

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the kind expression of appreciation in recognition of the many years the Lord has blessed me in serving Him through the Music Ministry of JMBC.

May all glory and honor be given to Him.

In Christian Love,  
 Faye

JMBC Family,  
 I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the special recognition last Sunday! The video presentation was beautiful and full of wonderful memories.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve God through the music ministry of JMBC! Thank you also for the generous gifts. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Yours in Christ,  
 Pat Tripp

**Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat**  
**Saturday, October 27, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Recordings of Pastor Tommy's sermons are now on CD and available for checkout from our Library.

**NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY –**

**Lord, Where Are You When Bad Things Happen?**  
 Chaos, tragedies, brokenness, wars – Where is God? Does He care? Find the answers in this 10 – 11 week study taught by Donna Johnson

Every Wed, Sept 26 – Dec 5  
 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Room A13  
 Cost: \$10 per book

**Alma Hunt**  
 Offering for Virginia Missions

Be love  
 believe  
 Love

September 17-23, 2018 Goal: \$1,167,500

**JMBC Goal - \$4,000**

# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH

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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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ALL MINISTRY LEADERS** – Start planning now for your JMBC ministry events. Your calendar of events for September – December 2018, and January – August 2019 (as best you know at this point) are due to Raleigh Baggett by **September 12**. Be sure to complete and turn in "Reservation Sheets" as appropriate to get your event on the church calendar and to reserve rooms, etc. at JMBC and/or to reserve the bus/van. Also, please consider that the A/C in the Fellowship Hall, Overflow Room and Kitchen currently does not work. Until it is fixed, if possible, you might hold your events in another part of the building.

**Tough Texts: 2 Kings 2:23-24**

One passage of Scripture that always scared me, especially when I was a young boy, was 2 Kings 2:23-24. This is the passage that appears to describe forty-two young people being mauled by bears for simply joking about a man's bald head. This is a tough text. At first reading it seems the punishment does not fit the crime, and it also appears Elisha was hypersensitive with a bad temper. At first reading I picture him as a surly curmudgeon. Furthermore, would God really send bears to kill children? In short, it is a passage that holds a lot of questions and can be confusing. While it would be convenient at times to refer to this passage and say, "hey, don't joke on me or disrespect me because God might send a wild animal to take care of you," this passage is not that simple and has a different application for us.

So, what is going on in this tough text? First, it must be noted that the Hebrew words translated in the King James Version as "little children," the English Standard Version as "small boys;" and the New International Version and New Kings James Version as "youths" is misleading. The two words in the original language could easily be translated as "young men" or "young lads." These words do not describe a toddler or elementary-aged child; instead, they describe a young man between the ages of twelve and thirty. Here are a few examples of these words used in this manner: in Genesis 37:2 Joseph is seventeen; in 1 Kings 20:14-15 one of the words above is used to describe military officers. David was described by these words in 1 Samuel 16, but he was old enough to keep sheep and fight off a lion and bear - not many days later he fought Goliath. Again, "young men" is a better translation of the words. Wiersbe writes, "It refers to people from twelve to thirty who were able to discern right from wrong and make their own decisions."<sup>1</sup>

The context of the passage is important as well, and probably holds the key to understanding what is really going on. When we come to 2 Kings 2, Elijah has recently been taken up to heaven. Elisha was his understudy and protégé, and Elijah's ministry has been passed off to him. The news about Elijah's departure most certainly had spread far and wide. At this point in the story, based on the dates of Elisha's ministry, he was probably about twenty-five. It is unlikely he had early onset of male-pattern baldness, but we do not know for sure. What we do know is the young men were insulting Elisha. By telling Elisha, "Go on up," they were really saying, "Go away!" They were telling Elisha to get lost and expressing their desire to see him go off the scene like his mentor Elijah. "Go away like Elijah," was the real meaning of their taunt. In other words, they had no desire to hear from Elisha.

What do we know? They were old enough to know better, and they had no use for Elisha. These young men did not want to listen to his message, and by not listening to the prophet Elisha, they were not listening to God. Elisha was God's man, and they knew it. By disrespecting Elisha they were disrespecting God and in essence saying, "God we do not want to hear from you and have no desire to obey." This was not a new phenomenon, and Moses had warned against this behavior in Leviticus 26:21-22, "If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve. I will send wild animals against you." Elisha did not abuse these young men; he entrusted their judgment to the LORD. God carried out their punishment because the sin was ultimately against Him.

The takeaway for us should be obvious. Our response to the Word of God shows our love and reverence for Him. Disrespect for God's prophet and mouthpiece was disrespect for Him.

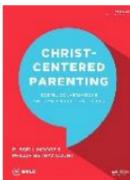
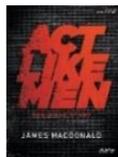
We should not read this passage and think Elisha was a short-tempered curmudgeon who hated children. There is so much more going on.

Read the text and enjoy studying it for yourselves, and if you have a tough text you would like me to address, email me at [jmutomi@gmail.com](mailto:jmutomi@gmail.com).

*Pastor Tommy*

<sup>1</sup>Wiersbe, Warren. *Be Distinct*. (Colorado Springs: David C Cook, 2002), 29.

# FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



**NEW MEMBERS:** Kevin and Carol Hinman

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm, led by Pastor Tommy

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 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.

Sep 12: Beef Tips over Rice, Peas, Roll, Dessert

Sep 19: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Roll Dessert

Sep 26: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

**SEPTEMBER OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM:** Chris Fuhrman and Joe Brisson

**JOY GROUP – Just Older Youth Senior Ministry** – Ya'll come to our "Hee-Haw" Luncheon on **September 20 at Noon** in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans, cornbread and bread pudding. JMBC Seniors, featuring "Minnie Pearl" Barkley, Eddie Arnold, "Grandpa" Ashe, "Lulu" Elliott, "Roy Clark" Germain and many more will provide the entertainment. Sign up on the Senior Bulletin Board.

**OPERATION INASMUCH** – Missions Blitz Day is **Saturday, October 6**. Registration for various mission projects continues through **September 9**. Flyers and forms are located in the church office, fellowship hall, music hall and church website, or see Frances Edwards or Linda Baines for any questions. Save your quarters for the Laundromat Project on October 6.

**NEW LIFE GROUP STUDY – ACT LIKE MEN**, beginning **September 9** in **Room 108 at 9:00 am**. During this 6-week study by James MacDonald, you will be challenged to take hold of your God given role through video teaching, group discussion and personal Bible study. Contact Pete Peterson at 757-630-9392 for more information.

**HAVE A TENDER HEART AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE?** – Kevin Hinman will provide free friendship/servant outreach training on **Sept 29 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, including free lunch and course book. You do not have to join the outreach team to attend – All are Welcome! Call the office (484-5568) **by Sept 24** to sign up.

**LADIES PAINT NIGHT** – **Friday, September 28 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, **\$25.00 per painting**. All women are welcome. Bring finger food to share. Sign up in the Foyer, or call Andrea Cofield at **758-0198**.

**CHRIST-CENTERED PARENTING** – a 6-week study hosted by the Parent Adventure Life Group in **Room 209**, beginning **Sunday, Sept 9**. Parents of children in every age group sense the need and urgency to discuss the complex cultural issues of our day with their kids. Unfortunately, these topics are difficult to navigate, and many parents feel ill equipped to do so. This study is designed to give parents an understanding of the current issues, examine them from a biblical framework, and challenge parents to lead their families to engage the culture with the gospel of Christ. Study books are available at \$10.00 each.

## Discipleship Classes - Beginning September 12

### *"The Quest" by Beth Moore*

Teacher – Daina Larson ~ 6:15 pm (Room 108) – 6 weeks

"This study helps foster a sojourner and adventurer mentality, reminding women that they are wired to ask questions and yearn for a deeper relationship with God."

### *"Nehemiah"*

Teacher – Dr. Joseph Caplan ~ 6:00 pm (Room 102/104) – approximately 6 weeks

In spite of vicious opposition and abuse, Nehemiah challenged ALL to help and successfully rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. The wall rebuilding process is a picture of the way God restores people. This study can enable the Holy Spirit's highest ministry to be realized in you.

### *"Financial Peace" by Dave Ramsey*

Teachers – Raleigh Baggett and Carroll Byrum ~ 6:00 pm (Room A14) – 10 weeks

"Do you want to turn those fat and flabby expenses into a well-toned budget? Do you want to transform your sad and skinny little bank account into a bulked-up cash machine? Then get with the program, people. There's one sure way to whip your finances into shape and that's with *Financial Peace* from America's favorite finance coach, Dave Ramsey." **Cost: \$100** per household (installments available if needed – see Raleigh Baggett)

### *"The Tabernacle"*

Teacher – Tommy Larson ~ 6:15 pm (Fellowship Hall) – 12 weeks

Dr. M. R. DeHaan writes, "Every detail of the Tabernacle points to the person and work of our Savior . . . and the Tabernacle presents a clear picture of the plan of salvation." As we look at the instructions God gave to Moses concerning the construction, furnishing and activities of the Tabernacle, we will see our sinfulness and the ministry of the Lord Jesus every step of the way.

## JMBC Friends & Family Sunday

September 16, 2018

featuring



Calvary's Hill Quartet

during Worship Service followed by  
a Covered Dish Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.  
Stay after the meal for fun, fellowship and games!

## WEEKS IN REVIEW

	Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26
<b>LIFE GROUPS</b> (Sunday Bible Study)				
Enrollment.....	355	355	356	357
Attendance .....	158	168	161	161
Visitors.....	8	5	13	12
Total Attendance .....	166	173	174	173
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Morning Services.....	247	237	210	222

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>BUDGET</b>				
Required Per Week.....	13,080.70	13,080.70	13,080.70	13,080.70
Received .....	13,571.00	7,924.00	5,901.00	9,284.50
Mid-Week Received .....	4,905.00	1,740.00	1,475.00	20.00
Online Received .....	1,005.00	715.00	1,345.00	1,882.00
Required to Date .....	384,456.64	397,537.34	410,618.04	423,698.74
Received to Date.....	377,831.20	388,210.20	396,931.20	408,107.70
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>				
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary) .....	150.00	100.00	40.00	300.00
<b>MISSIONS</b>				
East Asia .....	50.00			
JMBC.....	270.00	105.00	225.00	205.00
PBA .....	20.00			
<b>OTHER</b>				
Benevolence.....			25.00	5.00
Backpack.....			200.00	
Deacon Fund.....				45.00

**AUGUST BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS: \$49,757.50**

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAYS</b>	9:30 am	Nifty Knitters (Room A-13)
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	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)
	7:30 pm	
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	9:00 am	Life Groups (Bible Study)
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Kids Worship

## MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>2 SUN</b>	2:30 pm	<b>Promotion Sunday</b> Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
<b>3 MON</b>		<b>Labor Day</b> (Church Office Closed)
<b>4 TUES</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting (Room 102)
<b>6 THURS</b>	6:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	Feeding of the Homeless (OASIS) WMU Carol Knight Group Meeting (Overflow Rm) Worship at the Crossings
<b>8 SAT</b>	7:00 pm	The Escape (Youth - Fellowship Hall)
<b>9 SUN</b>	12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch (Parent Adventure Life Group – Fellowship Hall)
<b>10 MON</b>	6:30 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting (Conf Rm A)
<b>12 WED</b>	5:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinners Resume Handbell Practice Resumes (Music Wing) Children's Choir (Room 222) Nehemiah (Rm 102) & Financial Peace (Rm A14) Discipleship Classes Begin
	6:15 pm	The Quest (Rm 108) & The Tabernacle (Fellowship Hall) Discipleship Classes Begin
<b>16 SUN</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY SUNDAY</b>
<b>17 MON</b>	7:00 pm	WMU Barbara Deal Group Mtg (Overflow Room)
<b>18 TUES</b>	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)
<b>20 THURS</b>	12:00 pm	JOY Group "Hee-Haw" Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
<b>23 SUN</b>	12:00 pm	Greeter Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
<b>26 WED</b>	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Room A13)
<b>28 FRI</b>	6:30 pm	Women's Ministry Paint Night (Fellowship Hall)
<b>29 SAT</b>	9:00 am	Outreach Training (Fellowship Hall)