

FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH

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Sunday Services

9:00 am Life Groups
(Bible Study)

10:30 am Worship

11:00 am Kids Worship

“Do Not Hinder Them”

But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Luke 18:16

The process of being called as the pastor of JMBC occurred over the period of several months. During that time I was able to analyze a demographic study of the church’s immediate and surrounding area (a 3-mile ring study area). There were many numbers that jumped right off the pages of the study, but one particular set of numbers stood out and piqued my interest. While several segments of the population grew from 2010 to 2015 and were expected to continue to grow, there were almost ten thousand families with minors when I arrived in 2015! According to the demographic study, that number was going to continue to grow through 2020. Overall population was trending up, and the number of families with children was trending up as well.

We know God’s heart for people of all ages and demographic segments. The Bible tells us plainly that He “wants all men to be saved” (1 Timothy 2:4). We also know from the words of our Lord and Savior that children are important to Him. I believe we can turn his words about not hindering the children into a positive command too. We can say that Jesus wants us to do all we can to encourage and lead the children to Him. After all, this is God’s design and idea through Scripture. (See Deuteronomy 11:19; Psalm 78:6-8).

My initial ministry role in the Lord’s church was working with children and their families. That experience helped me understand the importance of the local church partnering with and supporting parents. I grew to understand how a vibrant, exciting and biblically sound children’s ministry could not only plant Gospel seeds in children but help reach and encourage the entire family. I want that for JMBC! I want us to offer a ministry to children that is both biblically sound and fun! Yes, you can do both! But in order for that to happen we as a collective, as a church body, must unite and agree that it is important. We can say we believe it is important, but we do not really believe it until it becomes a priority in our fellowship.

What does it take for ministry to children and their families? (Remember, when you minister to children, you are ministering to their families too!)

- It requires a willingness to take Jesus’ words seriously. Ultimately, this is His heart.
- It requires the sacrifice of time and energy. Yes, children can be rambunctious and are full of energy. Do we have folks here willing to engage them?
- It requires prayer. When was the last time you prayed for our children’s ministry, children’s ministry director, volunteers, or the families of children in our church?
- It requires a willingness to be creative and possibly be embarrassed and to leave your comfort zone.

But it’s worth it for the cause of Christ and His kingdom! The Lord has surrounded us with children. Do we care? What will we do about it?

If you are interested in serving and sharing Christ with our children and families, please let me know, or you can contact Mary Terwilliger directly at m.terwilliger@jacksonmemorial.org. Mary oversees the preschool ministry (birth thru K) and the children’s ministry (grades 1-5). There are many ways for you to get involved and serve the Lord in these areas!

Pastor Tommy



Alma Hunt
Offering for Virginia Missions

JMBC GOAL - \$4,000
Received - \$1,727.01



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm – Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall led by Joe Watson or Discipleship Classes – *Have a New Kid by Friday* led by Tommy and Daina Larson (Library) or *Experiencing God* led by Raleigh Baggett (Room A08).

OCTOBER OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Wayne Johnson and Will Hebert



Join us for fellowship time around the dinner table. Wednesday Night Dinners are served from **5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. Permanent reservations may be made by seeing Betsy Gardner before or after church. Weekly reservations may be made the Sunday before with the **deadline of Tues at noon**. Remember to cancel your reservation by **noon on Tues** or you will be charged for that dinner. The cost is **\$6.00** for adults, and children under 6 are free. Take out dinners are not available. (*Menus are subject to change*)

October 2

Oven Fried Pork Chops with Gravy, Rice, Peas and Carrots, Roll, Dessert

October 9

Baked Fish, Hash Brown Casserole, Cole Slaw, Roll, Dessert

October 16

Cilantro Lime Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Broccoli, Roll, Dessert

October 23

Beef Tips with Gravy over Rice, Peas and Carrots, Roll, Dessert

October 30

Chicken 'N Dumplings, Peas and Carrots, Roll, Dessert

WAYS TO GIVE

There are 3 ways that you can give to Jackson Memorial.

1. Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.
2. Online at www.jacksonmemorial.org, click giving (revised format, must re-enter banking information)
3. Text – our newest form of giving (standard text message rates do apply)



Just follow the instructions below:

Text JMBC and the amount you are giving to 73256, click the link to set up your bank information, then at the bottom click the green GIVE button. You will receive your receipt instantly and also receive an email receipt.

We appreciate your faithful giving to the ministry of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church. It is gifts like yours that make it possible for us to continue to function as a vibrant church in our community, nation, and our world.



2019 OPERATION INASMUCH - Missions Blitz Day, this Sat, Oct 5, beginning with **Kick-Off** at 7:30 am at Portsmouth City Park. There will be a "Missions Celebration" **Sun, Oct 6, at 3:00 pm** at Port Norfolk Baptist Church.



SENIOR MINISTRY - We will travel to Regent University Theater to see the play "*Arsenic and Old Lace*" on **Fri, Oct 11 at 6:30 pm**. The cost is \$15.50 per ticket. Ten tickets are reserved. Sign up on the Senior Bulletin Board to reserve your ticket. **Money for the Myrtle Beach Christmas Shows trip on Nov 21 – 23 is due by Oct 10th**.

Our October luncheon will be on **Thurs, Oct 17 at 12:00 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The menu will be soup and salad, and dessert. Sign up to bring one to share with the group. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Daley. There is no cost for the meal. Sign up on the Senior Bulletin Board in the main hall next to the foyer.

CONNECTIONS SEMINAR

Sun, Oct 20 – noon – 3:00 pm

Lunch and Childcare provided

All new members, prospective members and anyone else interested in the ministries at JMBC are invited to our Connections Seminar. Enjoy lunch while you meet and interact with the entire ministry staff, learn about our ministries and get connected. If planning to attend, sign up in the church office by **Wed, Oct 16**.



CHILDREN OF THE WORLD CONCERT Wed, Oct 30

Join us in the JMBC Sanctuary at **6:15 pm** for a concert featuring the "Children of the World." Bring your friends! Discipleship classes and Prayer Meeting will be cancelled for that evening, and will resume the following Wednesday.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Oct 6 – Nov 17

All are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) as we strive "to spread the Gospel among all Nations." Preprinted shoeboxes are available in the Welcome Center and in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to stop by the OCC table in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about this ministry, how you can follow your box to its destination, packing tips, and so much more. Also, remember to sign up to volunteer during National Collection Week (Nov 18 – 25) as JMBC serves as a collection location for our community. Contact Rachel Emberton, labmom.75@gmail.com or Christina Banker, christinadbanker@gmail.com for answers to any questions or if you would like to sign up.

Looking Ahead

Harvest Family Fun Day



Saturday,
November 2, 2019
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
JMBC Grounds

Join us for free family fun with food, treats, games, prizes, bounce houses and more! See you there...rain or shine.

Thank You!

Dear Tommy and Church Friends,
I want to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and the many prayers on my behalf. I have recovered and the final report was good. Praise be to God for answering prayers and to my Christian friends for their many kindnesses and concern. I certainly appreciate your and Joe's presence and prayers prior to my surgery. It provided me a great source of comfort. Thanks again.

Allene Woodley

Dear JMBC Family,
Thank you for the meals, cards, texts and prayers over the last few weeks. You so blessed and encouraged us, after my painful fall. We love and appreciate you all. May God's blessing be upon you!

Love in Christ,
Pat & Joe Tripp (Mom Boulds)

JACKSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

4316 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321

Pastor Tommy Larson
Associate Pastor of Education & Admin Raleigh Baggett
Associate Pastor of Connections Kevin Hinman
Minister of Music Tim Mulkey
Director of Children and Preschool Ministry Mary Terwilliger
Director of Youth Ministry Andrea Cofield

Office Manager Mary Pennington
Church Secretary & Receptionist Brenda Ashe
Financial Secretary Autumn Watson
Pianist Faye Baggett
Keyboardist Pat Tripp
Custodian Larry Castello



MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 TUES**
 7:30 am Packing of Backpacks
 6:30 pm Properties Team Meeting (Room A-07)
- 3 THURS**
 9:00 am Backpack delivery to Southwestern Elementary
 10:30 am WMU Carol Knight Group Meeting (Room A13)
 6:30 pm Security Team Meeting (Room 108)
 Worship at Harmony at Harbour View
- 5 SAT**
OPERATION INASMUCH MISSIONS BLITZ DAY
 7:30 am Operation Inasmuch Kick-Off (Portsmouth City Park)
 8:00 am OIAM Blankets and Casseroles (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
- 6 SUN**
 3:00 pm OIAM "Mission Celebration" (Port Norfolk Baptist Church)
- 8 TUES**
 6:30 pm Budget Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Room 102/104)
- 11 FRI**
 6:00 pm The Point Weekend (Youth – Point Harbor Church)
 6:30 pm JOY Group to Regent University Theater
- 12 SAT**
 8:00 am The Point Weekend (Youth – Point Harbor Church)
- 13 SUN**
 12:00 pm Parent Adventure Life Group Second Sunday Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 15 TUES**
 7:30 am Backpack Packing (Fellowship Hall)
 5:45 pm Seafarers Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm PBA Fall Celebration Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 16 WED**
 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study Begins (Room A13)
- 17 THURS**
 9:00 am Backpack delivery to Southwestern Elementary
 12:00 pm JOY Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)
- 20 SUN**
 12:00 pm Connections Seminar (Fellowship Hall)
 2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
 6:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 21 MON**
 7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting, hosted by Linda Brown (Harmony at Harbour View, 1st floor Activities Room)
- 23 WED**
 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room A13)
- 29 TUES**
 7:30 am Backpack Packing (Fellowship Hall)
- 31 THURS**
 9:00 am Backpack delivery to Southwestern Elementary

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAYS**
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)
 10:30 am Worship Gathering
 11:00 am Kids Worship K5 – 5th Grade (Room 222)
- MONDAYS**
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room A13)
- TUESDAYS**
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Library)
- WEDNESDAYS**
 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Jackson's Joyful Noise (Room 222)
 6:15 pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Have a New Kid by Friday (Library)
Experiencing God (Room A07)
 Children In Action (Room 222)
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)
 6:30 pm Children In Action (Room 222)
 Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE



Featuring **Tim Tebow**

March 13 and 14, 2020 at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA. Registration is due **Sun, Oct 6 - \$47 for Youth - 17 and under, Military and Seniors - 65 and over. All others are \$57.**

Payments may be made online or at the office.
 Contact Wayne Johnson, (757) 434-3489 or Pete Peterson, (757) 630-9392 for more information.