

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

Passion, Excitement and Burden in 2020

The Lord is doing an exciting work in and through His church that is called Jackson Memorial Baptist. 2019 saw dozens of new members join our fellowship, and there are new and exciting ministry and mission opportunities coming in 2020. I am praying for the Lord to do a saving work in and through JMBC and for there to be a renewed excitement and vigor and commitment from His people.

In the recent weeks, I have been asked several times something like this: "Pastor, are you OK?" or "Pastor, you seem very burdened or upset." Well, we all have challenges, trials, and tribulations. Some days are better than others from our perspective, and some days we feel better than we do on others. I am no different in that regard. In addition, when you are struggling or hurting it impacts me too. I struggle and hurt with you and for you, a phenomenon that is not new. However, my sermon preparation and study time in Revelation has had a great impact me. The words of our Lord Jesus to the churches in Asia Minor have been very challenging and convicting.

Especially impactful have been the verses that describe the tribulation, poverty, persecution and martyrdom the early church was facing. As I study, I am encouraged by the faithfulness of those churches and burdened as I consider the persecution Christians face today across the globe. Sure, it may seem we stand alone as a church at times. Our conviction and commitment to the sanctity of human life, a biblical view of sexuality and marriage, the veracity of the Bible, the scoffed at "exclusivity" of salvation by faith alone in Jesus Christ are just a few of the things that may get us labeled as "narrow minded" or "unloving." But that pressure pales in comparison to the persecution of the Lord's church in other parts of the world.

I came across an article yesterday in Churchleaders.com about a new law in China, which, beginning February 1, makes illegal Christian funerals. I then found another article outlining the same pressure from the government there that has been building for a while. You can find the article here: <https://share.america.gov/china-targets-christian-weddings-and-funerals/>

This is but one example of the struggle of our brothers and sisters across the globe. Yes, if I seem burdened it is because I am burdened. I am burdened for them and for us; I want them to find relief and have freedom to worship and serve Christ. I want us not to take the freedom we enjoy in this nation for granted or become complacent.

I would encourage you to visit the Voice of the Martyrs site, www.persecution.com, to get updates and specific prayer requests. Pray for these Christ-followers to have a strong faith and to shine for Him, and allow it to encourage you to live for Christ and be bold when the Spirit leads.

Pastor Tommy



JMBC Goal - \$14,000.00
Received - \$11,721.47





WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm – Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Tommy on “Discerning God’s Will”

Also being offered:

Daina Larson is leading a Ladies Bible Study on Hebrews in the Church Library (book costs \$13.99).

Raleigh Baggett begins a new *Experiencing God* class starting on **Feb 26** (book costs \$15.99).

FEBRUARY OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Bill Vick and Bill Yarbrough



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)*

Feb 5 – Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Feb 12 – French Dip Roast Beef Sandwich, Mac ‘N Cheese, Applesauce, Dessert

Feb 19 – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

Feb 26 – Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Roll, Dessert



March 27th

**Norfolk Chartway Arena at
Ted Constant Convocation Center**
Sign up at Welcome Desk
by **March 22**



**YOUTH CAMP at
SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS**

- Mon, July 27 – Sat, Aug 1
- \$439 per person – \$100 (non-refundable) deposit based on availability after Jan 31
- Fundraiser Opportunities Available
- Contact Andrea Cofield (757-758-0198) for more information



Discover what it means to be imitators of Christ

- 🔍 Skycroft Conference Center
- 🔍 August 3 – 7, 2020
- 🔍 Children 2nd – 5th Grade completed
- 🔍 \$315.00 per person - \$60.00 (non-refundable) deposit based on availability after Jan 27
- 🔍 Balance due by June 15th
- 🔍 Fundraiser Opportunities Available
- 🔍 Contact Mary Terwilliger (757-685-7195) for more information



THE ESCAPE

Sat, Feb 15 at 6:00 pm in the **Fellowship Hall**
An exciting event for Youth in grades 6 – 12 with a Valentine’s Day theme. Enjoy FREE food, games, music, and a special guest speaker. Bring your friends! This is an event that many look forward to attending.



Our monthly luncheon is **Thur, Feb 20 at noon** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Join us for lunch **and** entertainment by Lyle and Linda Dowling. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Sign up on the Senior Ministry Bulletin Board in the Main Hallway near the Foyer or call the church office (484-5568) by **Sun, Feb 16**.



Grab your pillow and blanket and join us in the Fellowship Hall for some Family Fun! (Snacks and Drinks provided)

Thank you!

*Dear Friends,
Thank you for the prayers you have given to the Lord for me and my family.
Christian Love,
Betty Rhodes*

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*Thank you to the Personnel Committee and the entire church for remembering us with gift cards for Christmas. We are truly appreciative and look forward to a New Year of service to JMBC.  
Tommy, Raleigh, Kevin, Andrea, Mary T.  
Tim, Pat, Faye  
Mary P., Autumn, Brenda and Larry*


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|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Pastor</b> .....                                      | Tommy Larson     | <b>Office Manager</b> .....                      | Mary Pennington |
| <b>Associate Pastor of Education &amp; Admin</b> .....   | Raleigh Baggett  | <b>Church Secretary &amp; Receptionist</b> ..... | Brenda Ashe     |
| <b>Associate Pastor of Connections</b> .....             | Kevin Hinman     | <b>Financial Secretary</b> .....                 | Autumn Watson   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b> .....                           | Tim Mulkey       | <b>Pianist</b> .....                             | Faye Baggett    |
| <b>Director of Children and Preschool Ministry</b> ..... | Mary Terwilliger | <b>Keyboardist</b> .....                         | Pat Tripp       |
| <b>Director of Youth Ministry</b> .....                  | Andrea Cofield   | <b>Custodian</b> .....                           | Larry Castello  |



## MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 3 MON**  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)
- 4 TUES**  
7:30 am Packing of Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Room 102)
- 6 THURS**  
6:00 am Feeding of the Homeless (OASIS)  
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elementary  
10:30 am WMU Carol Knight Group Meeting (Room A-13)  
6:30 pm Security Team Meeting (Room 108)  
Worship at Harmony at Harbour View
- 9 SUN**  
12:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 13 THURS**  
9:00 am Backpack delivery to Southwestern Elementary
- 15 SAT**  
6:00 pm The Escape (Youth – Fellowship Hall)
- 16 SUN**  
12:00 pm Family Spring Fling Planning Meeting  
2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
- 17 MON** **PRESIDENT’S DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)**  
7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting  
(home of Adelle Carter)
- 20 THURS**  
12:00 pm JOY Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 22 SAT**  
6:00 pm Family Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)
- 25 TUES**  
7:30 am Packing of Backpacks (Fellowship Hall)
- 27 THURS**  
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elementary

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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- SUNDAYS**  
9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)  
10:30 am Worship Gathering (Sanctuary)  
God’s Clubhouse (Birth – K, Rooms 138-147)  
11:00 am Kids Worship 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Room 222)
- MONDAYS**  
9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room A13)
- TUESDAYS**  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- WEDNESDAYS**  
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room A-08)  
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Music Wing)  
6:00 pm Little’s Rhythm and Rhyme (Room 139/141)  
Jackson’s Joyful Noise (Children’s Choir – Room 222)  
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
Ladies Bible Study on Hebrews (Library)  
FUEL (Youth Bible Study – Room 208)  
6:30 pm Childcare (Room 144)  
Mission Friends (Room 147)  
Children In Action (Room 222)  
Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



Jackson Christian  
PRESCHOOL

Established 1985 as a ministry of  
Jackson Memorial Baptist Church

Open House

February

18, 19 & 25, 26

9:30 am – 11:30 am

757-966-2138