

# Jersey Journal

Looking upward, growing inward, reaching outward, and moving forward with Jesus



## May 2020

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**The church office is closed at this time**, as staff works remotely. Please call the cell phone number of the staff to whom you wish to speak.

**Our worship services** are broadcast on Facebook, YouTube and by phone.



Wake Forest Baptist Health  
**Mother's Day Offering**  
www.mothersdayoffering.org

**Week of Prayer for Mother's Day Offering, May 3-10, 2020. This offering goes to Baptist Hospital:** Since 1924 North Carolina Baptists have given to the Mother's Day Offering to "extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, especially to the needy". Today your gifts to the Mother's Day Offering continue that work to assist patients in financial need at Wake Forest Baptist Health.



**National Day of Prayer,  
Thursday, May 7, 2020.**

**Graduates** will be recognized during an 11 am service.

High School:

Abigail Adams, Central

Davidson High

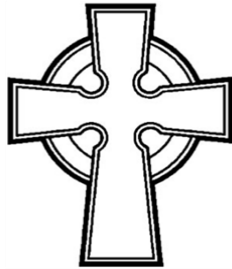
Austin Barbee, West Davidson High



**The church is the fullness of  
Jesus**



### A Graduation Celebration



Congratulations to Reverend Dr. Matt Riggsbee on receiving his Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Divinity School at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. Dr. Riggsbee focused on discernment in the life of the church. This has been a three-year endeavor for the Riggsbee family and they are appreciative to the church family for the many prayers and support during this journey.

Many ministry events have been cancelled and postponed. Gathering together for worship, Sunday school small groups, Wednesday night meals, Bible study, Jesus' Kids Choir, GA's, AWANA, youth meetings, circle group meetings, praise team practice, adult choir practice, volleyball, NEW Together, Belgium mission trip fundraiser, June Belgium mission trip, and the list goes on.

These are important. Many things will resume soon and many opportunities rescheduled. Yet, the most important thing for us to understand as a church is that God is using the scattered church as an opportunity to teach us who is the One in control and who is the One whose desires alone matter.

As a church we will worship together in person again. We will celebrate Homecoming, Graduate Sunday and many other opportunities. The pastor and deacons will continue to communicate with the church when and how the church will reopen for public worship gatherings. Stay in prayer as we approach that time.

What is most important to us needs to be what is most important to God. Our definition of how to experience and express what is most important to God is changing. Stay connected to God, one another and the community and look forward to being the church gathered once again with a new future that God alone holds that will ignite this church and community to experience and share the gospel with great vigor!

### Canned meat//chicken for Pastor's Pantry are needed during the

**month of May.** Baskets are located in both building entrances for your donations. Your gift of just \$10 will buy \$120 worth of food through the partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. In March, 847 individuals were served and a total of 4,949 bags of groceries were distributed. \*Empty grocery bags are needed.



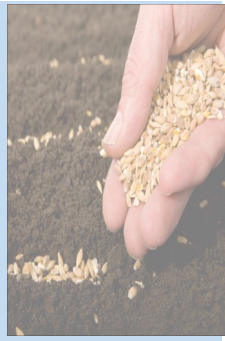
## Pastor's Thoughts

“And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” This is how Jesus answered the question asked of him by an expert in the law: “what is the most important commandment?” Jesus said the most important commandment was to “love God [with all of our being].” **The second component of Jesus’ response demonstrates a result of loving God with all of our being.** When one loves God then an outpouring consequence from doing so is to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Right now, a large part of how we are loving our neighbor is by demonstrating healthy practices to appropriately respond to the realities of COVID-19. As we navigate the progression of what is necessary to properly love our neighbor concerning healthy practices there is a larger opportunity to learn from this experience. We love others by allow Jesus to sacrifice our sinful instinct to demand what we want in order to empathetically meet the needs of others with a selfless attitude. That is the way of Jesus! Think of the selfless sacrifice of Jesus’ life on the cross. Jesus responded to his life experiences, experiences he did not ask for nor did he deserve, by considering how his responses to his life experiences would affect others. That is the attitude and perception we are called to emulate as followers of Jesus.

Jesus said that for someone to choose and follow him would mean that person needs to “pick up their cross.” In other words, for a person to follow Jesus they must allow their sinful nature, that so desperately wants to focus on self, to die and be replaced with Jesus’ presence of selflessness, love and devotion to God’s purposes above all else.

May your relationships, perspectives, attitudes, and priorities reflect this truth!



## Records

### April (virtual worship)

Total tithes & offerings-\$24,286.60

#### Other Monies given in April

• NC WMU	100.00
• Baptist Men of Jersey	24.00
• Missions-The Ham's	250.00
• Pastor's Pantry	150.00
• NC Baptist Men	200.00
• Annie Armstrong-SBC	304.00
• Youth fund	40.00
• Cemetery Fund	100.00
• Miscellaneous	120.00
• Memorial/Sara Knapp/ Baptist Children's Home	150.00
• Memorial/Charlie Smith, Jr/ Hospice	325.00
• Memorial/Carroll Smith/ Hospice	100.00

## From Megan, our Family Minister

I just want to start of by saying thank you for your willingness to try new things as we are working through these unique times. This is something that we have never experienced before but we must trust the Lord. We know that God is in control and that He will take care of us.

This month the children and youth will be learning the following Bible stories: Christians Care for One Another, Stephen Forgives His Accusers as They Stone Him, Paul Teaches in Athens, and Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead.

We are working hard to come up with creative ways for our children to still get a full worship and Sunday school experience. For right now, the children will watch the YouTube video and I will be sending actives for the children to each parent through email. Along with these actives I will be sending their Sunday school pages that they use in Sunday school. Parents will receive an email containing what the Bible story is about, items that they will need during video, actives that they can do during the week, questions to discuss as a family, their Sunday school pages and a family guide page. I also want to encourage you to work with your child through their AWANA books. Record your child saying their verses and post it to Facebook and tag the church. Your children will get points for the verse and bonus points if they are in their uniform.

We are also working on creative ways to minister to our youth. Until further notice youth will meet on Sundays and Wednesdays at 5 pm. It is so important that the youth have some consistency during this time. It is also important that they have a chance to meet together as a group and be able to all communicate together and right now the only way to do that is through Zoom. These are very unique times that call us to be creative and flexible in ministry. So encourage your youth to be apart of then Zoom calls. The youth will be starting a new series called Uncertainty. This series helps students wrestle with the COVID-19 pandemic and other uncertain times. I also want to encourage you to have your youth watch the Sunday school lessons that I will post on YouTube on Sunday mornings, even though they are geared toward the children, it is still the same lesson that the youth would learn in Sunday school. I will be emailing parents weekly and send a few different things. The first is the pages out of their Sunday school book for the youth to have after they hear the Sunday School lesson. Second, parents will get a parent guide on what we will be discussing during our Sunday night Zoom calls. These guide help parents have conversations with their youth about all that is going on in the world right now.

Pray for our children and our youth as they try to process all that is going on. Pray that they will trust God during these uncertain times.



Dear Church Family,

It is a true blessing to know that we have such a special group of church friends. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of cards, phone calls and prayers during Roger's recent fall and his heart issues.

God bless you,  
Roger & Patsy Hilliard

**George Benner**  
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Brian Lewis Family  
Malcolm Myers Family  
Mike Myers Family  
Roger Myers Family  
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Charles Myers Family  
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Roger Hilliard Family  
John Wall Family  
Ben Ribelin Family  
Trisha Vinson

Rev. Dr. Riggsbee will begin a new sermon series at the beginning of May: "Discernment in the Life of the Church." The series is progressive. So, make sure to stay up to date with each message.

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**church staff**

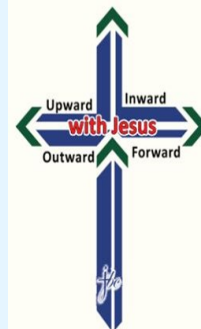
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**Mission Statement**

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**Vision Statement**

We desire to be a community of believers that loves God and others by connecting people to Jesus. We strive to grow God's kingdom by loving, serving, encouraging, adapting, and being equipped to accomplish God's will.

**Top 5 Values of JBC**

- ◆ **Worship & Bible Study**
- ◆ **Unity**
- ◆ **Generosity**
- ◆ **A Welcoming Spirit**
- ◆ **Loving, Serving, & Supporting our community and each other**

**Top 5 Priorities of JBC**

- ◆ **Worship & Bible Study**
- ◆ **Community Ministry & Missions**
- ◆ **Pastoral Care**
- ◆ **Ministry with and to families**
- ◆ **Informal Social Discipleship**

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# JERSEY BAPTIST CHURCH CALENDAR



## 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☺ Regularly Scheduled Sunday - 5:00pm-6:30pm Youth Group Meets ☺ Regularly Scheduled Wednesday - 5:30pm-6:15pm Family Supper 6:15pm-7:00pm Children's Choirs & Bible Study (youth & adults) 1st Sunday's 5:30pm-6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm Church Wide Mission Project						
3 Virtual Worship Service You Tube, Facebook or Phone toll free 1-712-2770-4361 Code 670192#	4	5 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	6	7	8	9 6pm Feeding Homeless-Patrick Cash & Deacon Families
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> Virtual Worship Service You Tube, Facebook or Phone toll free 1-712-2770-4361 Code 670192#	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Virtual Worship Service You Tube, Facebook or Phone toll free 1-712-270-4361 Code 670192#	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>HOME COMING</b> Virtual Worship Service You Tube, Facebook or Phone toll free 1-712-270-4361 Code 670192#	25 Office closed Memorial DAY	26	27	28	29	30
31 Virtual Worship Service You Tube, Facebook or Phone toll free 1-712-270-4361 Code 670192#			Collecting Canned meat/ chicken For Pastor's Pantry			