

From the Pastor

You might find this article a little prideful...I'm okay with that. Liz and I have been blessed with two tremendously talented kids. At the moment, Ayden is applying for Doctoral Programs for Physical Therapy and he's only 19 years old. Ella was just inducted into the Beta Club and is on track to graduate high school with her Associates Degree as well. Recently for one of her classes, she was assigned to write an essay on an organization of her choice. She chose Jersey Baptist Church. I want to share it with you (with her permission). I think you'll be as proud as I am of her and our church.

Jersey Baptist Church

Jersey Baptist Church and the community that surrounds it has a way of making you feel at home. When I started going to church here two years ago, I was immediately welcomed by all the members. The youth group very quickly became another family. This church showed me that a home is not just a house. A home is where you feel at peace and welcome.

Jersey Baptist Church was first organized in Lexington, North Carolina in 1755, however the pastor returned to New Jersey after two and a half years. It was believed that the church temporarily disbanded until October 16, 1784. Jersey Baptist Church is one of the oldest Baptist Churches in North Carolina. The church just had its 263rd anniversary. The church meeting house began construction in 1758. It would be built on top of a hill, overlooking the river valley. "Where should the church meeting house be located? Elder John Gano and his followers decided upon a site atop a hill, overlooking the river valley." (Saints and Sinners, 13). Over time, the surroundings of the church have changed. It still sits on a

hill but there is no more river valley. The church now overlooks a corn field and a dairy farm. They have added Sunday school classrooms, a multipurpose room, office area, and a kitchen to the original sanctuary.

Jersey Baptist Church has many events held at the church every year. Every Sunday they have two services.

Their first service starts at 8:30am and it is a contemporary service. Their next service starts at 11:00am and it is a traditional service. In between the services, they offer breakfast and multiple different Sunday school classes. The children and youth go to different classes depending on their age. Every summer they hold a week-long Vacation Bible School event. During this time, children from all over the county come to the church every evening and learn the story of Jesus and all his teachings. The church even hosts a Halloween event where they give out candy, have bouncy houses, food, and more. Liz Batson said this about it, "The Halloween event gathers a huge and diverse crowd. People are not hesitant to stop by and stay for a while."

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship w/Breakfast
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 5:30pm Choir Practice
- 5:30pm AWANA
- 6:00pm Youth

TUESDAYS

- 2:00pm Chair Yoga

WEDNESDAYS

- 5:30pm Church Supper
- 6:15pm Adult Bible Study
- 6:15pm Children's Choir
- 6:15pm Youth
- 7:00pm GA's
- 7:30pm Praise Team Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 Communion
- Oct. 15 Baptism at the Lake
- Oct. 22 Youth Sunday
- Oct. 29 Fall Festival
- Nov. 5 Baptism at Jersey
- Nov. 19 Community Thanksgiving Service

OCTOBER SERMONS

- Oct. 1 "Risk Mismanagement" Matthew 25:24-27
- Oct. 8 "It's Out of Your Hands" Matthew 6:25-34
- Oct. 15 "Help Wanted" Philippians 4
- Oct. 22 Youth Sunday
- Oct. 29 "Firsthand Faith" John 11

From the Pastor (continued)

Jersey Baptist also does many mission projects. This past year there was a group of people that went to Summit Grove in New Freedom, PA. The age of the group ranged from seven to eighty-three. The trip was a week long. During that week, half the group helped with a day camp and the other half did construction work on the campground. The youth at the church also go on seasonal trips. They go on fall, winter, summer, and spring retreats. All youth are welcome to come to these events and trips.

The staff, volunteers, and members at the church are also very welcoming and accepting. No new person is treated like a stranger. "When I first came to the church I felt at home. Everyone was very welcoming. I felt comfortable and safe," said Batson. The members do not waste any time making people feel welcome. Everyone is eager to start conversations and get to know new people. The church members quickly become your family, and, in my case, you can hardly wait for the next time you get to see everyone. After the first month at the church, you feel like you have known the members your whole life. It has been this way from the beginning. "The people who live in the Jersey Settlement are in a true sense a large family. They understand each other. They love one another." (Saints and Sinners, i).

This church has made my life so much better. I look forward to every Sunday and every event. I met my closest friends at this church. The members at this church have made such a significant impact on my life. This church will always have a special place in my heart. I feel closer to God and much more at peace. I always find myself making or changing plans, so I do not miss a day at church. I could go on and on about how much I love Jersey Baptist and it still would not do the church justice. Jersey Baptist's mission statement is "Looking upward, growing inward, reaching outward, and moving forward with Jesus." This is a perfect example of what Jersey Baptist does. They constantly work to bring people to the church and grow in their community. They reach outward and find new opportunities to support and serve the community. Jersey Baptist is not just a church. They are a community, a family, and a home to so many people.

Thank you, Jersey Baptist Church, for making such an impression on our family. I am proud to be your Pastor, too!

Blessings,
Pastor Paul (and Ella)

Family Ministry News

Fall is officially here and that means it is time for our Community Fall Festival!! Fall Festival is our biggest outreach all year, and one of our children's most favorite events of the whole year. There will be free food, games, bounce houses, candy, and so much more! So mark your calendars for October 29, 3pm-6pm, at the Southmont Ball Field.

Just a reminder that the Children's Choir has returned, 6:15pm-7pm and will be every Wednesday through December. All children are welcome! GA's are also back in full swing, 7pm-8pm and will meet every Wednesday night. All elementary age girls are welcomed! Awana is back and we have new children that are involved. We are changing to times this year, we will now be starting at 5:30pm and ending at 7pm. We will have Awana every Sunday Night till our winter break.

This month the children will be finishing Problems and Promises and starting Kings and Prophets:

- October 1- Joshua and Jericho
- October 8- The Sun Stands Still
- October 15- God Calls Gideon
- October 22- The Rise and Fall of Saul
- October 29- David Spares Saul's Life

Here are important dates for the month of October:

- October 29- Fall Festival, NO AWANA

I know that the youth are so excited! They have been meeting on a regular schedule again. Wednesday Night youth continues to be a great mid week time of connection and fellowship. We meet every Wednesday night, 6:15pm-7pm. Sunday night youth is also back in full swing. We are changing the time this year, youth will start at 6pm and go till 7pm. We will be doing a new series called Run the Race. Based on the movie Run the Race, this six-session Bible study combines powerful scenes from the film with the timeless message of faith, hope, and love. Through illustrations, Scripture, and discussion, you will be invited to experience the triumph of grace and hope that only comes from trusting the God who "loves us like crazy" and never stops pursuing us. "But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." —Romans 5:8.

The youth have two things that are coming up in October. The first is Youth Sunday on October 22. The youth will be putting together the whole service as well as leading the whole service that morning. We will be having one service at 10:30 on October 22.

The second thing that the youth have in October is the Fall Festival. The youth do a great job each year helping with the Fall Festival. So we will need all the help from all our youth to make the Fall Festival possible.

The youth will be continuing Bible Studies for Life: Students during Sunday school. This month's series is Living Unashamed and Confident:

- October 1- Confess Wholeheartedly
- October 8- Prepare for Battle
- October 15- Does It Really Matter Which "Truth" I Believe?
- October 22- What Is the Purpose of Miracles?
- October 29- Why Do We Suffer?

Here are the youth events that are scheduled for the month of October:

- October 22- Youth Sunday, One Service at 10:30
- October 29- Fall Festival, NO YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT

Announcements

Communion

On October 1, we will be celebrating Communion together during both services. This is traditionally honored as World Communion Sunday where we join with Christians all over the world in honoring the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Baptism Opportunities

We have two opportunities for baptism coming up! Sunday, October 15, we'll do a lake baptism at Buddle Creek Swim Area at 3:00pm. Then, November 5, here at Jersey, we'll have baptism during the early service at 8:30am. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Paul or Pastor Megan.

Church Conference

On October 8, at 9:30am we will have our regular quarterly Church Conference in the Multipurpose Room. During this conference we will vote on the 2024 Budget as well as hear reports from our ministries and committees.

Youth Sunday

October 22 is Youth Sunday! **There will be one service that morning at 10:30am.** The Youth of Jersey Baptist Church will be leading the service with music, children's sermon, prayer, and a message. It promises to be quite a meaningful service. Please try to attend.

Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival is just around the corner on October 29 at Southmont Ball Park! The times this year for the Festival are from 3pm until 6 pm. Lots of fun with bounce houses, free food, games, music and candy. We do need donations of candy. If you can donate, please bring to the Welcome Center in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Records and Reports

SEPTEMBER TITHES & OFFERINGS

General Fund Giving	\$27,987.00
Other Giving:	
Ham Family	\$450.00
Pastor's Pantry	\$30.00
Heck Jones	\$169.00
Blessing Box	\$70.00
Caswell Ministry	\$169.00
Gail Mainess Memorial	\$50.00
Wednesday Night Meals	\$178.00

ATTENDANCE

Sept. 3		Sept. 24	
8:30 am	106	8:30am	107
11:00 am	52	11:00am	47
Sunday School	98	Sunday School	86
Sept. 10			
8:30 am	104		
11:00 am	50		
Sunday School	103		
Sept. 17			
8:30 am	98		
11:00 am	42		
Sunday School	119		

Praying for Each Other

Church Members

Eric Mainess, Charlotte Dougan, Bobby Joe Owen, Margaret Beeker, Rev. Phillip Gregory & Barbara Gregory, Jonie Myers, Dolly Lemly, Jacob Randall, Robert Sturdivant, Kim Workman, Jennifer Penninger, Arabella Caffey, Doris Owen, Malcolm Myers,

Our Friends

Frances Hughes, Carol Hughes' mother-in-law; Jordan Sharpe, Ruth Sharpe's grandson; Shirley Blankenship; Charles Blankenship; Dennis Tate, Patsy Hilliard's brother; Ronda Troutman, Keith Weaver's sister; Emily Mann, Roger & Malcolm Myers' niece; Robert & Darlene Caudle, Malcolm & Roger Myers' sister, brother-in-law; Jim Hilliard, Margaret Lemly's brother; Linda Hunt, friend of Lynn Myers, Marilyn McDowell, Andria Smith's mother; Mike Love, Liz Batson's father, Jane Cox, Barbara Chapman's care giver; Pauline Moretz, Kim Workman's aunt, Kathy Batten, Gail Smith's sister, Rev. Taylor Humphries; Darren Wood, Melissa Myers' brother; Mandy Sutherland, Melissa Myers' cousin, Barbara Workman, Phillip Workman & Carol Teeter's mother; Dale Frittz, Lynn Smith's brother-in-law, Jeri Hudson, Trey Brown's mother, Dale Frank, Josh Frank's father, Beverly Smith, Kristen Benfield's mother

In Assisted Living Care

Aline Lyon, Barbara Chapmen, Abbotts Creek; Peggy Owen, Cadence-Mooresville; Eloise Hilliard, Gail Sewell, Ruth Swink Lexington Healthcare; Connie Carrick, Margaret Lemly, Piedmont Crossing; Ann Darr, Trinity Oaks, Salisbury; John Willis, Brookstone Terrace, Thomasville

October Breakfast Schedule

- Oct 1-Andy/Jami Barbee
- Oct 8-Josh/Susan Frank
- Oct 15-Austin/Emily Trotter
- Oct 22-Rodney/Kristen Benfield
- Oct 29-Trey/Aaron Brown

October Blessing Box – Tonia & Kevin Pennington

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

October 1

8:30 Service

A/V-Kevin Wattenbarger, Ralph Randall, Tanner Milner

11:00 Service

A/V-Sammy Shoaf

Nursery

Fallon Butler, Carrie Leonard

October 8

8:30 Service

A/V-Patrick Cash, Ian Cash, Trey Brown

11:00 Service

A/V-Jared Hager

Nursery

Jami Barbee, Leslie Young

October 15

8:30 Service

A/V-Dan Hoffmann, Aiden Hoffmann, Tanner Milner

11:00 Service

A/V-David Shields

Nursery

Aaron Brown

October 22

8:30 Service

A/V-Carrie Leonard, Alison Leonard, Trey Brown

11:00 Service

A/V-Paul Penninger

Nursery

Kristie & Emily Trantham

October 29

8:30 Service

A/V-Kevin Wattenbarger, Ralph Randall, Tanner Milner

11:00 Service

A/V-Sammy Shoaf

Nursery

Susan Frank, Laura Lanning

October 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting 5:30pm Awana 6:00pm Youth	2 6:30pm LBA Associational Meeting Mills Home Baptist Church	3 2:00pm Chair Yoga	4 5:30pm Meal 6:15 Regular Wednesday Activities	5	6	7 Homeless Shelter Homebound Ministry
8 9:30am Church Conference 5:30pm Awana 6:00pm Youth	9	10 2:00pm Chair Yoga	11 5:30 pm Meal 6:15 Regular Wednesday Activities	12	13	14
15 3:00pm Lake Baptism 5:30pm Awana 6:00pm Youth	16	17 2:00pm Chair Yoga	18 5:30pm Covered Dish Meal 6:15 Regular	19	20	21
22 Youth Sunday One Service @ 10:30	23	24 2:00 pm Chair Yoga	25 5:30pm Meal 6:15 Regular	26	27	28
29 Fall Festival Southmont Ball Field 3pm until 6pm	30	31 2:00pm Chair Yoga				

Celebrating JBC

⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:8-10 NLT

Birthdays

October 7

Eli Trantham
1598 Jersey Church Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 9

Sue Owen
305 Woodbrier Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 12

Susan Gustafson
245 River Rock Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 15

Payton Benfield
1195 Green Meadows D
Lexington, NC 27292

October 18

Jami Barbee
3160 Sowers Rd.
Linwood, NC 27299

Gene Fritts
127 Michael Rd.
Lexington, NC 27295

Malcolm Myers
P O Box 876
Linwood, NC 27299

October 18

Melissa Myers
P O Box 866
Linwood, NC 27299

October 20

Roger Collett
12915 NC Hwy 8 South
Lexington, NC 27292

October 24

Davis Hager
2435 Riverside Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

Meredith Penninger
595 J M Penninger Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 25

Ella Trantham
1598 Jersey Church Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Susan Frank
2690 Beckner Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 26

Megan Allman
245 Cap Ingram Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 27

Lily Lanning
1392 Beckner Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

David Smith
2263 Jr. Order Home Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

October 29

Barbara Trexler
257 Albert Dr.
Lexington, NC 27292

Anniversaries

October 11

Roger & LeAnn Collett
12915 NC Hwy 8 South
Lexington, NC 27292

October 15

Don & Hilda Leonard
175 Wrenn Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Lost & Found

Janice Williams is looking for a crystal tray with a W in the middle of the tray.

Thank You!

The family of Gail Mainess wishes to express their thanks to the church family for their prayers, cards, visits and food during

FALL FESTIVAL

BOUNCE HOUSES · HAY RIDES · LIVE MUSIC
GAMES · FOOD · AND MORE!

OCTOBER 29, 2023

3:00-6:00PM

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