

*From the Pastor*

With the new year here, we have some really exciting things happening at Jersey Baptist Church. Some of these have been in the works for some time, but now is the time to start rolling them out! Before I share some of them with you, I'd like to first say thank you to my church family for making this Christmas season wonderful at Jersey! I know we had a bit of a different schedule these last few weeks, but it was great to have everyone together in one service as we celebrated Christmas together. Every now and then it's important for us to all be together for worship opportunities. Now, let me share with you what I'm excited about.

First, we have a new church membership management program! Okay, that doesn't sound super exciting except for those who are in charge of keeping up with information. But I think you'll like what this system will be able to do for us. It will make it easier to keep track of birthdays, contact information, etc. and will make it easier for church members (with an access code and permissions granted) the ability to see that information, much like you would have in a church directory. You'll actually be able to access your own profile, upload your own photo, and update your information any time you'd like. Also with this system will come some major updates and changes to our church webpage and we'll even be developing a Jersey Baptist Church app for your phone. In this app you'll be able to receive announcements, connect to online giving, and much more. This will take a few months to fully roll out, but be on the lookout for these changes soon!

Second, everything needs a little refreshing every now and then, so we're introducing a new Jersey Baptist Church logo! You'll start seeing this in our signage, letterhead, website, and more over the next few weeks and months. We'll also be preparing

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an opportunity to order some Jersey Baptist Church merchandise with the new logo. What will the new logo be? Take a look on the back of this newsletter to find out! We think it communicates the Christian nature of our church in a contemporary way. I think you'll love it!

Finally, I've shared with our leadership that Jersey Baptist Church is in a position that probably only around 5% of churches in the U.S. experience. Because of God's blessings and your generosity, we finished 2023 significantly ahead of our budget and expenses with our giving. This presents an exciting opportunity for Jersey and I'll tell you more about it at the Quarterly Business Meeting on January 14 at 9:30am. You'll have to wait until then to find out more!

Blessings,  
Pastor Paul

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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

**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**

- January 7-AWANA & Youth Resume
- January 10-Wednesday Night Programs Resume
- January 17-Third Wednesday Potluck
- February 23-25-Youth Winter Retreat
- June 23-29-OBX Mission Trip

**JANUARY SERMONS**

**"Benchmarks" Sermon Series**

- Jan. 7 Intro**  
Nehemiah 6:3  
Philippians 1:4-6
- Jan. 14 Finances**  
Various Passages
- Jan. 21 Fitness**  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Jan. 28 Time**  
Ephesians 5:15-17

*Spotlight On...*



**OBX MISSION TRIP**



You'll be hearing more about Mission OBX over the next couple of months, but go ahead and put it on your calendar! We'll be serving the OBX through children's/service beach ministry, visiting assisted living facilities, construction and yard work, and much more. There is something for everyone of every age on this trip!

We'll be staying at Camp Emmanuel, a ministry facility on the campus of Liberty Christian Fellowship in Kill Devil Hills.

There will be an interest meeting in February and some fish fry fundraisers and the auction scheduled for the spring to help with expenses.

We often think of the OBX as just a vacation place, but there are many year round residents that have many needs and our mission will be reaching anyone and everyone on the OBX with the Gospel!



**Benchmarks**

# Family Ministry News

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to all that we have planned for 2024 and to see how God will move in our children and youth ministries this new year!

I know that the children are excited for Awana, children's choir and GA's to start up again and get back to their normal schedule. Awana will start back Sunday, January 7, and will continue every Sunday night until May 5. Awana starts at 5:30pm and ends at 7pm. It is a powerful ministry that is for children ages 2 through 5th grade. I encourage you to bring your children and have them bring their friends!

Children's choir and GA's are also starting back in January on Wednesday, January 10. Children's choir is for all children through 5th grade. They meet every Wednesday night from 6:15pm till 7pm. GA's will also start back on January 10. GA's is for elementary age girls. They meet at 7pm till 8pm. Children's choir and GA's are both awesome ministries that we have for children. Encourage your children to come and be apart of these ministries. Children's worship is also starting back.

Children's worship is during our 8:30 worship services every Sunday morning. During this time together the children hear a Bible story, play games, and many other things. We worship in a way that keeps children engaged, and we have a great time each week. I hope your children will be a part of Children's Worship.

This month the children will be doing a series called The Heart of Jesus:

- January 7- The Beatitudes
- January 14- Salt and Light
- January 21- Loving Our Enemies
- January 28- Worry

Here are important dates for the month of January:

- January 7- Awana Starts back, 5:30pm-7pm
- January 10- Children's Choir and GA's Start back

I am so excited for the new year and to get our youth back on their normal schedule. I have missed the time together, and I know they have too. Sunday night youth will start back on January 7. We meet every Sunday night at 6pm till 7pm. We will be continuing our series 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.

Wednesday night youth will start back on January 10. We meet every Wednesday night from 6:15pm till 7pm. It is a great time mid-week to connect and fellowship together. I am working on a late winter/ early spring retreat for the weekend of February 23-25 at Teen Valley Ranch. I will be emailing more detail soon, but if your youth would like to go, please let me know.

The youth will be continuing Bible Studies for Life: Students during Sunday school. This month's series is A Name Like No Other and Real Faith:

- January 7- The Protection of God's Name
- January 14- Real Faith is Life-Changing
- January 21- Special Focus- A Cry for Justice
- January 28- Real Faith is Obedient Faith

Here are important dates for the month of January:

- January 7- Sunday Night Youth Starts Back, 6pm-7pm
- January 10- Wednesday Night Youth Starts Back

# Announcements

## GA's Bake Sale-January 7

The girls will have lots of goodies for you to purchase. And if you can help make some delicious things to purchase, the items will be appreciated. All the proceeds go to the Lottie Moon offering.

## Quarterly Business Conference-January 14

At this conference, we will hear from our various committees and ministries, as well as an exciting opportunity for Jersey Baptist Church. The conference will be at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room.

## Wednesday Night Supper

Once again, we are asking for volunteers for prepare, serve and clean up the Wednesday night meal. This is a great time of fellowship, and it seems everyone who joins us really enjoys the meal. One Wednesday night is covered which is the covered dish supper, but we need the other 3 Wednesdays covered. Please check your calendars and see if you are available to help. Call the office or fill out on the Connection Card on the bulletin and turn that in. You are reimbursed for the items you purchase for the meal. Your meal does not have to be fine or fancy, you prepare what you are led to prepare for about 50 people.

# Records and Reports

## DECEMBER TITHES & OFFERINGS

General Fund Giving	\$26,934.99
Other Giving:	
Ham Family	\$605.00
Pastor's Pantry	\$330.00
Heck Jones	\$150.00
Youth/Caswell Trip	\$55.00
Senior Meals	\$325.00
Memorial-E. Myers	\$50.00
Wednesday Night Meals	\$122.00
Summer Mission-M Myers	\$1,524.00
Global Missions	\$750.00
Lottie Moon Honorariums	\$150.00
Christmas Mission Offering	\$3,729.20
Kitchen Supplies	\$50.00
Memorial-John Willis	\$100.00
Memorial-Gail Mainess	\$50.00
Ramp Fund	\$250.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$230.27

## ATTENDANCE

<b>Dec. 3</b>		<b>Dec. 17</b>	
8:30 am	122	10:30 am	140
11:00 am	41	Sunday School	87
Sunday School	89	<b>Dec. 24</b>	
		10:30am	182
<b>Dec. 10</b>		Sunday School	67
8:30 am	92	<b>Dec. 31</b>	
11:00 am	40	10:30am	130
Sunday School	89	Sunday School	95

# Praying for Each Other

## Church Members

Eric Mainess, Charlotte Dougan, Bobby Joe Owen, Margaret Beeker, Jonie Myers, Dolly Lemly, Jacob Randall, Robert Sturdivant, Kim Workman, Arabella Caffey, Mike Kepley, Barbara Chapman, Bob Byerly, Mike Canzonieri

## Our Friends

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; 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; Mandy Sutherland, Melissa Myers' cousin, Barbara Workman, Phillip Workman & Carol Teeter's mother; Dale Fritz, Lynn Smith's brother-in-law, Dale Frank, Josh Frank's father, Beverly Smith, Kristen Benfield's mother; Curtis Overcash, Patsy Hilliard's uncle; Diann (Ball) Hartley, JR Maner, LeAnn's great-nephew

## In Assisted Living Care

Aline Lyon, 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;

## January Breakfast Schedule

- Jan. 7 Trey/Aaron Brown
- Jan. 14 Tim/Kristie Trantham
- Jan. 21 Mike/Melissa Myers
- Jan. 28 Richard/Libby/Adam Gant

**January Blessing Box** – Kristie & Tim Trantham

## MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

### January 7

8:30 Service  
A/V-Kevin W., Ralph Randall, Tanner Milner  
11:00 Service  
A/V-David Shields  
Nursery  
Jami Barbee, Leslie Young

### January 14

8:30 Service  
A/V-Patrick Cash, Ian Cash, Trey Brown  
11:00 Service  
A/V-Paul Penninger  
Nursery  
Aaron Brown

### January 21

8:30 Service  
A/V-Dan Hoffman, Aiden Hoffman, Tanner Milner  
11:00 Service  
A/V-Sammy Shoaf  
Nursery  
Kristie Trantham, Emily Moorefield

### January 28

8:30 Service  
A/V-Carrie Leonard, Alison Leonard, Trey Brown  
11:00 Service  
A/V-Jared Hager  
Nursery  
Susan Frank, Laura Lanning

# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2 2:00 pm Chair Yoga	3	4	5	6 Homeless Shelter Ministry & Homebound Meals
7 GA's Bake Sale 4:00pm Deacons 5:30 pm AWANA 6:00 pm Youth	8	9 2:00 pm Chair Yoga	10 5:30 pm Mid-week meal 6:15 Regular Wednesday activities	11	12	13
14 5:30 AWANA Meet 6:00pm Youth	15	16 2:00 pm Chair Yoga	17 5:30 Covered Dish Meal 6:15 Regular Wednesday Activities	18	19	20
21 5:30 AWANA Meet 6:00pm Youth	22	23 2:00 pm Chair Yoga	24 5:30 pm Mid-week meal 6:15 Regular Wednesday Activities	25	26	27
28 5:30pm AWANA 6:00pm Youth	29	30 2:00 pm Chair Yoga	31 5:30 pm Mid-week Meal 6:15 Regular Wednesday Activities			

## Celebrating JBC

<sup>8</sup> Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. <sup>10</sup> 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

#### Jan. 1

Kristen Benfield  
1195 Green Meadows  
Dr.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 9

Jacob Byrd  
331 Silver Ridge Dr.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 21

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

#### Jan. 11

Dan Hoffman  
8092 Old Salisbury Rd.  
Linwood, NC 27299

Thomas Trantham  
1787 Hugh Miller Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 24

Breanne Stallings  
708 Churchill Rd.  
Hookerton, NC 28538

#### Jan. 2

Kenny Hall  
3906 Brickfield St.  
Hickory, NC 28602

#### Jan. 12

Jacob Randall  
2988 Holloways Church  
Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27292

Shirley Blankenship  
1363 Burkhardt Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 5

Lindsay (Pudge) Smith  
5238 Linwood-  
Southmont Rd.  
Linwood, NC 27299

Kristie Trantham  
1598 Jersey Church Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 27

Pam Shoaf  
376 Foxcroft Dr.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 16

Braven Welch  
5777 Old Salisbury Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27295

Adam Gant  
12407 Bravington Rd.  
Huntersville, NC 28078

Janice Williams  
680 Foxcroft Dr.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 7

Brian Lewis  
P. O. Box 847  
Linwood, NC 27299

#### Jan. 19

Emberlee Hager  
2435 Riverside Dr.  
Lexington, NC 27292

**Jan. 29**  
Brenda Smith (Charlie)  
1204 Jersey Church Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27292

#### Jan. 8

Ava Grace Trotter  
15836 Waterfront Dr.  
Huntersville, NC 28078

#### Jan. 21

Mike Kepley  
2490 Sierra Trace R d.  
Denton, NC 27239

**Jan. 31**  
Buford Blankenship  
1363 Burkhardt Rd.  
Lexington, NC 27292

### Anniversaries




## JERSEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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