

Jersey Journal

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



July 2020

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

Our worship services are broadcast on YouTube.



Congratulations to Alexis and Michael Dobbs on the birth of a son, Nolan Michael, Tuesday, June 9, 2020. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. & was 20.5 inches long. Their mailing address is 478 Charley Miller Road, Almo KY 42020. Maternal grandparents: Richard & Crystal Lehman and great grandparents are Roger & Patsy Hilliard.



Much love to our church family for the cards, calls, and many prayers for Roger and me during Roger's recent pacemaker implant. We are so thankful for each and everyone of you.

Love,
Roger and Patsy Hilliard

Reopening Public Worship

Your pastor and deacons have continually prayed and collaborated toward reopening public worship for Jersey Baptist Church. We continue to consider everyone's voice as we monitor updated realities concerning the COVID-19. July 5, and until further notice, Jersey will worship Sunday mornings at 9am outside the sanctuary. For people who want to sit in the grass, bring your own chair or blanket. Limited seating is available on a first come first serve basis. Parking attendants will direct you once you drive onto the church property as you disclose your desire to either sit in the lawn in front of the sanctuary or remain parked and in your car to worship.

Worship will continue to occur live via YouTube at 9am. We want everyone to be comfortable and confident regarding how we gather as a church body. Please know we support your choice to worship in person, in your car or at home as we navigate toward a future that will hopefully allow us all to gather again in person under one roof. We are all still the church, moving with Jesus as we fulfill his mission and ministry, gathered and scattered! Continue to pray as God directs our worship, ministry, relationships, and purposes based on his Kingdom's focus.

Cemetery Clean Up: Please remove all old flowers from gravesites by July 15th. The cemetery committee will be cleaning up and disposing of flowers etc. based on the attached guidelines.

Nominating Committee

Pray for the nominating committee as they prayerfully consider how to ask the church body to fulfill the leadership roles necessary to continue the mission and ministry of the church.

The church is the fullness of
Jesus



Canned tuna for Pastor's Pantry is needed during the month of July. 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 May, 437 households and 741 individuals were served. A total of 4,253 bags of groceries were distributed.
*Empty grocery bags are needed.



Pastor's Thoughts

Empathy is the ability to cultivate curiosity, discover commonalities, listen intently, inspire, and imagine. Jesus demonstrated empathy exposing his love through intentional relational interactions with others. Jesus calls us to love God and others as we love ourselves. This is best expressed through an empathetic attitude. Jesus demonstrated how to live curiously focused on what unites people as he listened, inspired, and shared a holy imagination.



Have you ever engaged in a conversation and noticed the other person is not listening? The person hears you but their responses do not flow with the conversation; their responses continue their personal narrative instead of the collaborative narrative birthed from communal conversation.

Jesus calls us to curiously investigate the lives of others allowing their perspective to affect our perspective. We are to listen intently to others, inspire others through our empathetic love and imagine a reality that cultivates relationships based on God's essential kingdom purposes. This does not require one to agree with every person's opinion or method of expressing non-essential components of life. Empathetic living as Jesus demonstrates and calls his followers to embrace allows space for the essentials to remain essential: to love God with all our being and to love others as ourselves. The expression of this love varies, but the source and substance are the same: professing and expressing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Let us pray for an empathetic ear that focuses less on how we perceive others should experience and express life and more on personally experiencing God's transforming presence within our own lives.

Records

June (virtual worship)

Total tithes & offerings-\$18,521.61

Other Monies given in June

- Baptist Men of Jersey 24.00
- Missions-The Ham's 200.00
- Pastor's Pantry 200.00
- NC Baptist Men 200.00
- Missionary house 125.00
- Missionary house (Food) 25.00
- Cemetery Fund 2,500.00
- Memorial/Sara Knapp/
Baptist Children's Home 150.00
- Memorial/Charlie Smith, Jr/
Hospice 30.00
- Memorial/Peggy Floyd/
General Fund 30.00
- Memorial/Carolyn Stiffel/
General Fund 30.00
- Memorial/Jimmy Hamm/
General Fund 75.00
- Memorial/Ruth Starbuck/
General Fund 25.00
- Memorial/Ruth Starbuck/
Missions 75.00
- Memorial/Lucy Trexler Haynes/
Missions 100.00

From Megan, our Family Minister

Summer is in full swing! I hope that everyone is enjoying this time of rest and the break from school work!

This month the children and youth will be learning the following Bible stories: : Josiah Promises to Follow the Lord, Daniel's Friends Are Safe in the Fiery Furnace, God Protects Daniel in the Lions' Den, and God Promises to Restore Israel After the Exile

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 can watch the Bible story on Facebook or YouTube every Sunday at 10:30 am. I will be sending activities for the children to each parent through email. Parents will receive an email containing what the Bible story is about, items that they will need during video, activities that they can do during the week, questions to discuss as a family, and a family guide page. I am currently working on planning a fun event for families. More details will come out soon!

We are also working on creative ways to minister to our youth. Until further notice youth will meet on 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 a part of them Zoom calls. The youth will be starting a new series called A Life of Faith and Adventure. 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 be sending a few different things. First, parents will get a parent guide on what we will be discussing during our Wednesday night Zoom calls. I will also be sending a family connection sheet for you and your youth that goes along with the Bible story for that week. I am planning youth events for this summer and will have more details very soon!

I look forward to seeing everyone very soon! Be praying 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.

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New Sermon Series

A New Sermon Series Starts June 28: "Beauty in the Broken"

June 28

"Beauty in the Broken: Sinfulness"

Scripture: Mark 1:15

July 5

"Beauty in the Broken: Giftedness"

Scripture: Romans 10:14-15

July 12

"Beauty in the Broken: Hope"

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

July 19

"Beauty in the Broken: Love"

Scripture: 1 John 3:16

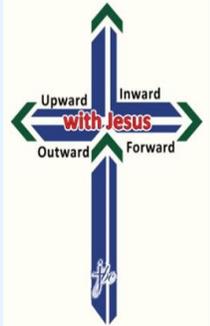
July 26

"Beauty in the Broken: Movement"

Scripture: Mark 9:33-37

Mission Statement

Looking upward,
growing inward,
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Vision Statement

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

The Plan

(From the Church Council—when the church begins meeting inside again)

Week One & Two----Worship and Spiritual Focus

Week Three----Discuss Plan for Deacon Nomination and Election and Nominating Officer Election and schedule Special Called Business Meeting

Week Five---Nomination of Deacons and Election of Church Officers

Week Seven—Share Slate of Deacon Candidates and Budget and schedule Special Called Business Meeting

Week Nine---Vote on Deacon Candidates and Budget

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



☺ Regularly Scheduled Sunday - 1st Sunday's 5:30pm-6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm Deacons Meeting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Collecting Canned Tuna for Pastor's Pantry						
5 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service and YouTube live 6:00pm Deacon's meeting	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service and YouTube live	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service and YouTube live	20 Newsletter info. deadline	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service and YouTube live	27	28	29	30	31	

Jersey Baptist Church

Week of June 28, 2020

Prayer Concerns:

Church members: Margaret Beeker, Ruth Swink, Rev. Phillip Gregory, Roger Hilliard, Gene Fritts, Shirley Blankenship, Gail Sewell, Sandy Yarborough, Gwen Lanning, Charlotte Dougan, Kaye Smith-Orman, Sandra Pickett, Jonie Myers, Bobby Joe Owen, Barbara Chapman, Carl & Margaret Lemly, Leroy Lemly, Dolly Lemly, Jacob Randall, Gray Koonts, Robert Sturdivant, Dale & Carol Wilson

Our friends: Don Duggins, Sharon's Kepley's father; Doris Dellinger, Erma Griffin's daughter; Eloise Hilliard, Roger's mother; Steve & Cathy Batten, Gail Smith's sister & brother-in-law; Dennis Tate; Donald Myers; Charlie Snider, Gwen Lanning's brother; Ronda Troutman, Keith Weaver's sister; Emily Mann, Roger & Malcolm Myers' niece; Todd Copley, Gwen Lanning's son, Clay, Sharon Benner's brother-in-law; Darlene Caudle, Malcolm & Roger Myers' sister; Owen Yarbrough, Kyle & Katie Yarbrough's son; Andy Royals; Kate Gwaltney; Theresa Cash, Patrick's mother; Edith Clark; Scotty Rhodes; Jimmy Davis, Kim Leonard's father; Londa Morrow, Kim Leonard's friend; Thurmond Toland; Don Strickland, Ann Darr's brother; Ruth Durham, Don Durham's mother; Gerald Wimmer, George & Margaret Beeker's son-in-law

In the Nursing Home: Aline Lyon, Linda Copley, LeAnn Collett's mother, Abbotts Creek; Edith Myers, Alston Brook; Barbara Mason, Brookdale Lexington; Erma Griffin, Maryfield Nursing Home, High Point; George Beeker, Peggy Hilton, Lex. Healthcare; Connie Carrick, Nancy Jones, Wendy Milner's grandmother, Piedmont Crossing; Buddy McDowell, Andria Smith's father, Canton, NC

Upcoming surgery: Pam Scheetz, Sue Voyles' daughter, July 13

Our love and sympathy to the family of Peggy Joyce Floyd, who died, Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Her memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our love and sympathy to the family of Ruth Brown Starbuck, who died Monday, June 1, 2020. Her memorial service was held on Thursday, June 4th, 11 am, at Davidson Funeral Home Chapel and interment was at Jersey Baptist Church.

Our love and sympathy to the family of James "Jim" Donald Hamm, who died Monday, June 8, 2020. His graveside service was held at Jersey Baptist Church, Thursday, June 11th at 2:00 pm.

Our love and sympathy to Aline Lyon in the death of her sister, Lucy Trexler Haynes, Sunday, May 24, 2020. A private ceremony was held at Jersey Baptist Church, Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

Our love and sympathy to the family of Virginia Dare Everhart Conrad Hill, who died Sunday, June 7, 2020. Her graveside service was held at Forest Hill Memorial Park.

Nursing Home addresses:

Abbotts Creek Care
877 Hill Everhart Road
Lexington NC 27295

Alston Brook Nursing Home
4748 Old Salisbury Road
Lexington NC 27292

Brookdale Lexington
161 Young Drive
Lexington NC 27292

Lexington Healthcare Nursing Center
17 Cornelia Drive
Lexington NC 27292

Maryfield Nursing Home
1315 Greensboro Road
High Point NC 27260

Piedmont Crossing
223 Hedrick Drive
Thomasville NC 27360

JERSEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article XIV-CEMETERY

- A. Members of the church, as defined in Article VII, by a three-fourths affirmative vote shall establish all policies, procedures, rules, regulations and restrictions governing the cemetery. The Cemetery Committee is responsible for adhering to and enforcing such policies, procedures, rules, and regulations and all actions taken in complying therewith shall be by majority vote. Cemetery Committee shall be represented by at least two members of the committee when conferring with individuals relative to plots, shall keep detail records of meeting and actions, and shall report all actions taken to the deacons and church as set out in "A Profile of Jersey Baptist Church."
- B. The Cemetery Committee is charged with the responsibility to facilitate the rules, regulations, restrictions, and provisions as follows:
1. Cemetery Committee shall meet with the family members on site to select plot.
 2. Fee for cemetery plots for active church members, their spouse and/or minor children shall be \$100 per individual plot.
 3. Fee for columbarium niche for active church members, their spouse and/or minor children shall be \$100 for individual niche. Each niche holds remains for two individuals.
 4. Cemetery plots may be selected by active church members prior to need. No more than two plots may be selected and such selection shall be void unless an appropriate permanent headstone with foundation base with a six-inch grass ledge (for no more than two plots) and is erected within a 6-month period.
 5. Columbarium niches will be selected starting with the top row, right to left, continuing to the second row as needed.
 6. All doors on columbariums shall be engraved in block letters, using only the deceased name, date of birth and date of death. No other design or letters shall be used. The cost of engraving of the door is the responsibility of the deceased family.
 7. Cemetery plots/columbarium niches shall be selected by the Cemetery Committee for non-active members and non-members at the time of need (burial) upon payment of \$2500.00 per individual plot or niche. Inactive members are members who are absent from church for at least one year when well and able to attend, or otherwise fail to fulfill the obligations of membership.
 8. Vaults or grave liners of concrete, steel, or other permanent composition shall be used for all graves.
 9. A permanent headstone with appropriate foundation base with a six-inch grass ledge shall be erected at all graves within a six (6) month period after burial.
 10. All foot stones and corner stones are installed flush with the top of the ground.
 11. Borders of any kind shall not be placed around the plot, not permanent shrubs, trees or bushes shall be planted within the cemetery grounds.
 12. All markers or monuments shall be placed at the head of the grave in line with other markers or monuments in the same row.
 13. When a grave is dug, the sod shall be preserved so that it may be returned to the area from which it was taken.
 14. If the family of a member or non/member of the deceased shall fail to erect a monument within a period of six (6) months, the cemetery committee shall then have the authority to erect a monument and bill the family.
 15. It shall be the responsibility of the family of the deceased to remove all perishable flowers from the grave within a period of ten (10) days following burial. If the flowers have not been removed within that period, the cemetery committee shall have the authority to remove them for a fee of \$50.00 in which the money would go into the cemetery fund.
 16. No old flowers are to be thrown in back (wooded area) of the cemetery, but should be disposed of in the proper church disposal.

17. Flowers and wreaths placed on gravesites should be secured in proper holders or vases, no loose flowers shall be placed around the gravesites. Loose flowers will be disposed of by the cemetery committee. There shall be no steel, wood or metal rods or solar lights of any kind placed around the graves or plots.
18. During the mowing season, all flowers and wreaths obstructing mowing should be removed from the graves to allow for proper upkeep of the cemetery grounds.
19. All traditional burials and cremations must have an outer burial container either by concrete, steel, or plastic.
20. There are to be no burial cremains in existing traditional graves.
21. Only the cemetery committee shall have the authority or to authorize to dig in the cemetery.
22. A copy of this article of the bylaws shall be furnished to each person selecting a cemetery plot. A written instrument acknowledging receipt of a copy of this article of the bylaws and agreeing to comply with the rules, regulations, and provisions therein set out shall be executed in duplicate, one of which shall be retained by the church and one of which shall be delivered to the person selecting said plot.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that a copy of the foregoing policy has been reviewed in detail and copy received, that sections _____ thereof are applicable and are understood, and cemetery plot has been selected in accordance with and subject to the conditions outlined above. This agreement is executed in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties, this is the _____ day of _____.

Witness

Family Member or Representative

Witness

 (Address)

 (Date)

 (Phone)

Cemetery Plot for _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____