

# Jersey Journal

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



## August 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.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for prayer, phone calls, & cards during eye surgery which was 100% successful. The doctor was well pleased. I am able to see with both eyes instead of one.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me during time of recovery after my fall. My prayer is to be out and about real soon.

Fondly in Christ,  
Ruth Swink



Thank you for thinking of my mom and our family during this time of loss. Your thoughtfulness was comforting and very much appreciated. Your friendship and love have meant so much to me. I have felt every prayer that you said on our behalf. For that, I am forever grateful.

Again, many thanks for your condolences. Much love to you!

*Leigha Smith*

### 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 from a scientific perspective. Until further notice, Jersey will worship Sunday mornings at 9am outside the sanctuary. For people who want to sit in the grass, bringing 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 also. 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.

### Note from our Mission Team

The Mission Team met outside the church building, socially distanced, on July 16. The mission team spent time in prayerful discussion focused on the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through JBC. The team discussed the cancellation of the out of state and international mission trips, future collaboration with our Sunday school director to enhance creative small group gatherings, outreach opportunities for the community, blessing box, JBC Crew work, and ways to continue conversation regarding racial reconciliation.

The mission team knows that Wednesday night ministries will not be available for the foreseeable future as they were once experienced. But that does not mean the church is not on mission with Jesus in creative and imaginative ways.

Be in prayer for our leaders within the church and stay engaged with God and others with intentionality.

The church is the fullness of  
**Jesus**



**Dry Pasta for Pastor's Pantry is needed during the month of August.** 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 June, 432 households and 735 individuals were served. A total of 3,858 bags of groceries were distributed.

\*Empty grocery bags are needed.



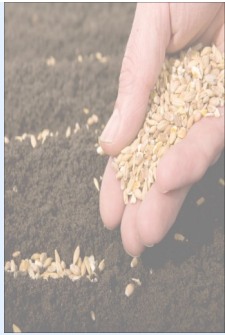
## Pastor's Thoughts

Have you heard of a false dichotomy? A false dichotomy is when an “either/or” situation is proposed when in fact multiple options exist and reality is too layered and complex to present only 2 options for such a reality to be understood. For example, right now a false dichotomy has emerged that proposes there are only two ways to respond to the Covid-19 crisis: either with “fear” or with “faith.”

The coronavirus birthed a complex reality that does not allow for this false dichotomy. When someone operates with caution i.e., social distancing, wearing a mask, or patiently processing how to engage a new reality, some may deem that as a “fearful” approach to life under the new reality covid-19 has birthed. While on the other hand when someone engages reality birthed from the coronavirus with little adjustment compared to life prior to covid-19 some may deem that as a “faithful” approach to life.

Instead of trying to interpret reality as it exists right now and instead of trying to interpret what God is doing now or in the future with an “either/or” approach, find contentment in the fact that you are alive. Scripture teaches us that God’s love surpasses knowledge and that the Spirit intercedes for us with wordless groans. In other words, there are times we cannot fully comprehend all of life’s experiences nor do we always know what to say.

I hope you will allow the complexities of reality to exist as you prayerfully contemplate how you are experiencing and extending the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



## Records

### July (virtual worship)

Total tithes & offerings-\$23,390.22

#### Other Monies given in July

• NC WMU	175.00
• Baptist Men of Jersey	24.00
• Missions-The Ham's	475.00
• Pastor's Pantry	300.00
• Benevolence Fund	846.80
• Lottie Moon offering-SBC	50.00
• Cemetery Fund	260.55
• Interest	2.20
• Memorial/Jim Vinson/ Cemetery Fund	100.00
• Memorial/Jimmy Hamm/ Pastor's Pantry	500.00
• Memorial/Jimmy Hamm/ Missions	30.00
• Memorial/Virginia Hill/ Missions	30.00
• Memorial/Ruth Starbuck Missions	30.00



## Week of Prayer for the North Carolina Missions Offering

**Aug. 30—Sept. 6, 2020** Please join in a special prayer emphasis for NCMO and ministries it supports in the week leading into September. “Compelled by Love” is the theme for this year’s North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) and is based upon 2 Corinthians 5:14, which says “For Christ’s love compels us, since we have reached this conclusion: If One died for all, then all died” (HCSB). The NCMO supports a variety of ministries that declares and displays the gospel by sharing the love of Jesus in word and deed. The offering is allocated by percentage to Baptists on Mission (41%), church planting (28%), mission camps (15%), associational projects (10%) and mobilization ministry projects (6%).

## From Megan, our Family Minister

Hard to believe that summer break is almost over. I hope that everyone has enjoyed this time of rest and the break from school work!

Join us for a FREE movie outside! August 7, we will be hosting Wheels and Reels. Come and watch *Toy Story 4* in your cars or bring a chair or blanket to sit outside socially distanced. We will have FREE popcorn and bottled water for everyone! Invite your friends and family!!

This month the children and youth will be learning the following Bible stories: Nehemiah Seeks God’s Forgiveness for Israel, Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall, Esther Saves Her People, Job Remains Faithful in Suffering.

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.

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 the Zoom calls. 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. Make sure you are reading the emails because they are full of information.

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 for teachers and school staff as they try to navigate during these uncertain times. Pray that they will trust God during these uncertain times.



**Congratulations** to Desteni Smith and Johnathon Coble on the birth of a daughter, Rylee Paige, Friday, July 10, 2020. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. & 19 inches long. Her maternal grandmother is Lynn Motsinger Smith.

## Sermon Series

August 2

“The Writing Was on the Wall”

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:1-13

August 9

“Personal Accountability”

Scripture: Jeremiah 7

August 16

“How Do you Define Exile”

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-4

August 23

“Acceptance and Action”

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:5-7

August 30

“True Peace and Prosperity”

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:7-10

## **Biblical Recorder/Nurturing Faith Periodicals**

If you wish to continue or cancel your monthly *Biblical Recorder* or bimonthly *Nurturing Faith* magazine, please call the church office. If you would like to be added to receive one of these, please call the church office.

**The Sharpe Reunion** will not be held this year in September. The officers elected to call off this meeting until next year due to COVID-19.

## church staff

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## **Deacon Family Ministry**

### George Benner

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Bobby Lanning Family

Brian Lewis Family

Malcolm Myers Family

Mike Myers Family

Roger Myers Family

Chris Myers Family

Mildred Smith

Edith Myers

Elliott Smith Family

Sue Voyles

Logan Ikner

Adam Butler

### Patrick Cash

**336-225-1705**

Lester Darr Family

Sydney Skeen Family

Bobby Joe Owen Family

Charles Myers Family

Bryan Shaw

Carl Lemly Family

Dolly Lemly

Josh Koontz Family

Andy Barbee Family

George Benner Family

Trey Brown

### David Shields

**336-906-5683**

Carey Sharpe Family

David Smith Family

Reid Smith Family

Robert Sturdivant Family

Charlotte Dougan

Barbara Trexler

Gwen Lanning

Cindy Grentzinger Family

Dan Kalabon Family

Clegg Yarbrough Family

Dawn Shields Poole

Cindy Todd

### Dan Deviney

**704-608-9310**

Aline Lyon

Susan Gustafson Family

Ruth Trexler

Roger Hand

Terry Trexler Family

Keith Weaver Family

Kristi Louya Family

Betty Hammond

Barbara Chapman

Rick Myers Family

Tony Asbury Family

### Roger Collett

**336-669-1528**

George Beeker Family

Ruth Swink

Sandy Yarbrough Family

Gerald Moyle Family

David Penninger Family

Glenn Penninger Family

Paul Penninger Family

Thomas Penninger Family

Shannon Leonard Family

Buford Blankenship Family

Tommy Jolly Family

### Andria Smith

**336-240-7987**

Gene Fritts Family

Lester Floyd Family

Erma Griffin

Ann Bowman Family

Keith Owen Family

Levi Tait Family

Matt Riggsbee Family

Tracie Getty

Phillip Gregory Family

Jean Reid

Nicki Hedrick Family

Sharon Kepley Family

### Terry Trexler

**336-357-6441**

Kelvin Langley Family

Eddie Motsinger Family

Bill Smith Family

Kevin Wattenbarger Family

Anderson Everhardt Family

Lynn Smith Family

David Shields Family

Mike Walsler Family

Gail Sewell

Carol Teeter

Amy Everhart Family

Sandra Pickett

### David Penninger

**336-462-4108**

Tommy Trantham

Louise Lookabill

Gerry Lookabill Family

Greg Dickens Family

Lindsay Smith Family

Robert Smith Family

James Smith Family

Pat & Cole Dunning

Brenda B. Smith

Brent Lookabill Family

### Keith Owen

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Sammy Shoaf Family

Peggy Owen

Anna Miller Family

Eric Mainess Family

Wallace Glenn Family

Michael Glenn

Tina Coggin

R L Williams Family

Jr. Walker Family

Zack Yontz Family

Gary Yontz

### Mike Walsler

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Connie Carrick

Roger Collett Family

Jonathan Milner Family

James Baker Family

Frances Koonts

Gray Koonts

Jakie Koonts Family

Pat Hollifield

Timothy Penninger Family

Carolyn Tutterrow Family

Carol Hughes Family

### Tim Trantham

**336-596-0638**

Patrick Cash Family

John Willis Family

Barbara Mason Family

Randy Smith Family

Jimmy Hamm

Don Leonard Family

Ralph Randall Family

Alice Koontz Family

Sarah Musik Family

Stacy Bowden Family

### Wendy Lewis

**336-239-1018**

Earl Adams Family

Leroy Lemly

Sheila Trantham

Kevin Pennington Family

Rachel Shaw

George Smith Family

Bob Ketchie

Carrie Leonard Family

Eric Snider Family

Grant Snider Family

Jared Hager Family

Peggy Hilton

### Kevin Wattenbarger

**336-309-2584**

Dan Deviney Family

Marshall Parsons Family

Robbie Young Family

Eddie Smith

Phillip Workman Family

Darlene Barneycastle

Tim Trantham Family

Thomas Trantham Family

Roger Hilliard Family

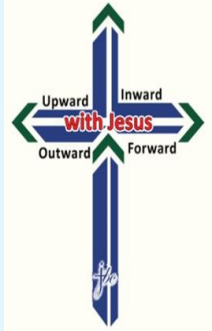
John Wall Family

Ben Ribelin Family

Trisha Vinson

## 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**

## Addresses

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## The Hams

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# JERSEY BAPTIST CHURCH CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Regularly Scheduled Sunday - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday's - 5:30pm-6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Deacons Meeting						
2 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service YouTube live	3	4	5	6	7 8:30-10:30 Movie night outside church	1 6pm Feeding Homeless Tim Trantham & Deacon Families
9 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service YouTube live	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service YouTube live	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service YouTube live	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service YouTube live	31					Collecting Dry Pasta for Pastor's Pantry

# Jersey Baptist Church

Week of July 26, 2020



## **Prayer Concerns:**

**Church members:** Jason Walker, Bobby Joe & Doris Owen, Keith & Sue Owen, Robin Shuman, Leslie Cash's mother; Margaret Beeker, Ruth Swink, Rev. Phillip Gregory, Roger Hilliard, Gene Fritts, Shirley Blankenship, Gail Sewell, Sandy Yarborough, Charlotte Dougan, Kaye Smith-Orman, Sandra Pickett, Jonie Myers, Barbara Chapman, Carl & Margaret Lemly, Leroy Lemly, Dolly Lemly, Jacob Randall, Gray Koonts, Robert Sturdivant, Dale & Carol Wilson

**Our friends:** **Ken Carter**, Dolly Lemly's brother; **Pam Scheetz**, Sue Voyles' daughter; 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; 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:** **Gwen Lanning**, Aug. 4

## **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