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Looking Upward, Growing Inward, Reaching Outward, Moving Forward with Jesus

# From the Pastor

Hello Jersey Church Family!

As summer winds down and we get into a little bit more of a regular rhythm and schedule, I'm excited for what is in store for Jersey Baptist Church. I am also grateful for all the ways Jersey folks are connecting to our community. At any given time you may see someone from Jersey volunteering in a concession stand at a ballgame, feeding teachers at a local school, helping with community senior adult activities, and so much more.

Church is so much more than what we do on the Jersey campus. It is more than Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Church is making a difference in the community. It's sharing Jesus through word and deeds. It's helping a neighbor when their car breaks down. It's providing a meal to the new family that moved in down the street. It's praying with a coworker at lunch because their mother is in the hospital. We *go* to church on Sundays. We *are* the church every day. Let's remember that no matter where we are and what opportunities are before us to serve this fall.

Along with the opportunities in the community, there are lots of ways to plug in at Jersey! September is a great time to connect or reconnect to an area of ministry, Sunday School class, or

mission emphasis. If you need help finding a connection, please let me know. I will be honored to help you find a place! And speaking of connecting, we have lots of visitors checking out Jersey during both of our

We go to church on Sundays. We are the church every day. Sunday morning worship services. If you see someone you don't know, please speak to them! Sometimes a guest finding a connection is simply done by a regular attender or member reaching out. We have had lots of guests come during the summer, so I expect there will be many more dur-

ing the fall.

Finally, we will be celebrating baptism on Sunday, November 5, at Jersey. I know it's a little ways off, but if you're thinking about baptism or feel God prompting you in that direction, please let me know. I'd love nothing more than to have a HUGE celebration of lots of baptisms that day!

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

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**

Sept. 4 Labor Day-Church
Offices closed

Sept. 6 Wednesday Nights
Resume

Sept. 10 Church Cookout

Sept. 15 Youth Lock-In

Sept. 17 AWANA Resumes

Sunday Youth Resumes

# Spotlight On...



#### **WEDNESDAYS AT JERSEY**

We kick off our fall Wednesday schedule on September 6! Our Wednesdays are full of exciting things for all ages including a churchwide meal, adult bible study, children's choir, youth, and GA's. There is something for everyone! For the adults, we gather for a bible study/discussion in the Multipupose Room. We'll be studying the book of Ecclesiastes beginning September 6.

We need volunteers to prepare the meal for our Wednesday night suppers. All expenses are reimbursed, so there is no cost to you except your time and effort. The menu is up to you! Please let the Church Office know if you'd be willing to help with preparing a meal.



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# Family Ministry News

Everyone is back in school which means we are switching back to our Fall schedule! I know that the children are excited to have all of our ministries back in full swing. Children's Choir will return September 6, 6:15pm-7pm and will be every Wednesday through December. All children are welcome! GA's also start back on September 6, 7pm-8pm and will meet every Wednesday night. All elementary age girls are welcome! Awana will start back this month on September 17. Times for Awana meetings will be 5:30pm until 7pm. We will have Awana every Sunday night until our winter

This month the children will be finishing Think Again and starting Problems and Promises:

September 3- The Bronze Snake

September 10- The Judges

September 17- Rahab and the Spies

September 24- Crossing the Jordan River

#### Here are important dates for the month of September:

September 3- Children go to their new Sunday School Classes

September 6- Children's Choir and GA's starts back

September 10- CookOut 5:30 pm

September 17- Awana starts back at new time, 5:30pm-7pm

I know that the youth are so excited to get back to having youth on a regular basis again! We are excited to welcome our new youth that are moving up this month! They are going to have a true youth group experience as we start off the new year with our annual Lock -In! The Lock -In will be September 15-16. Youth can be dropped off at the church at 7pm on Friday and picked up at 7am on Saturday. Youth need to eat before they are dropped off. They need to bring snacks to share and we will have breakfast before they are picked up on Saturday morning. This is the youths most favorite event of the whole year.

Wednesday Night youth starts back on September 6, 6:15pm-7pm. Sunday night youth will start back on September 17. 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 will be continuing Bible Studies for Life: Students during Sunday school. This month's series is Living Unashamed:

September 3- Develop Strong Convictions

September 10- Pray with Passion

September 17- Speak Truth Boldly

September 24- Live Courageously

#### Here are the youth outing/ events that are scheduled for the month of September:

September 3- 6th Graders move into Youth

September 6- Wednesday Night Youth starts back

September 10- CookOut 5:30 pm

September 15-16- Youth Lock-In 7pm-7am

# Announcements

Davidson County Senior Services has opened the Southmont Café to senior residents of Southmont and Linwood communities. Martha Trantham is the site coordinator and can be reached at 336-798-2933. The site is open every day, Monday-Friday from 9am until 1 pm. Lunch is served at 11 am. Various activities are planned for each day or month. Bingo is played every Tuesday. This site is the old Southmont School cafeteria or that little brick building at the Southmont ballfield. You must be 60 and above to be able to take part in these activities. You may call the site phone number, listed above, to make arrangements to attend or go for lunch.

**Oops!** A couple of students were inadvertently left off the back to school list: Callie Williams 1st grade, Southwood Elem, Mallory Weaver, 1st grade, Southwood Elem., Isabelle Smith, Senior, CDHS. Catelyn Coley, Senior, Mt. Pleasant HS, Charlee Coley, 9th grade, Mt. Pleasant HS. Have a great year! Please let the office know if any other children are left off the list. We want to include all the kids!

To celebrate Bus Week! A shopping trip to Hamrick's in Greensboro is planned for September 19! Every passenger gets a free gift, and by going to Hamrick's on Tuesday, you get your senior discount! It's a win-win!

# Records and Reports

### **AUGUST TITHES & OFFERINGS**

General Fund Giving \$	27,138.30
Other Giving:	
Ham Family	\$360.00
Pastor's Pantry	\$390.00
Heck Jones	\$100.00
Blessing Box	\$35.00
Annie Armstrong-Mem P Willis	\$50.00
Ham's-Mem P Willis	\$50.00
NC Baptist Men Mem-L. Darr	\$1,000.00
Columbarium	\$100.00
Senior Meals	\$50.00

#### **ATTENDANCE**

)	August 6		August 27	
0 0 0	8:30 am 11:00 am Sunday School	99 44 92	8:30am 11:00am Sunday School	122 57
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)	August 20 8:30 am 11:00 am Sunday School	104 75 107		

# 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, Gail Smith, 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; Susan Jester, friend of Becky Myers, Scott Quinn, Laura Lanning's brother, Pauline Moretz, Kim Workman's aunt, Larry Swaim, Wendy Milner's uncle, 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

#### **In Assisted Living Care**

Aline Lyon, Abbotts Creek; Gail Mainess, Brookdale Assisted Living; 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

#### September Breakfast Schedule

Sept. 3	Tim/Kristie Trantham
Sept. 10	Mike/Melissa Myers
Sept. 17	Richard/Libby/Adam Gant
Sept. 24	Laura/Harley Lanning

#### **MEMBERS IN MINISTRY**

#### September 3

#### 8:30 Service

Audio-Kevin Wattenbarger Media-Ralph Randall Video-Tanner Milner

#### 11:00 Service

A/V-Sammy Shoaf

#### Nursery

Sue Owen, Tonia Pennington

#### September 10

#### 8:30 Service

Audio-Patrick Cash Media-lan Cash

Video-Trey Brown

#### 11:00 Service

A/V-Jared Hager

#### Nursery

Kristie & Emily Trantham

#### September 17

#### 8:30 Service

Audio-Dan Hoffman Media-Aiden Hoffman Video-Tanner Milner

#### 11:00 Service

A/V-David Shields

#### Nursery

Millie Warner & Emily Trotter

#### September 24

#### 8:30 Service

Audio-Carrie Leonard Media-Alison Leonard Video-Trey Brown

#### 11:00 Service

A/V-Paul Penninger

#### Nursery

Meredith & Jennifer Penninger

#### September Blessing Box – Erika & Chris Biesecker

			Evening Activines			
			Regular Wednesday			6-7 pm Youth Meet
			5:30pm			5:30—7 Awana Meet
30	29	28	27	26	25	24
			Regular Wednesday Activities			6-7pm Youth Meet
			5:30pm Covered Dish Meal	Senior Shopping Trip to Hamrick's		5:30pm-7 Awana Meet
23	22	21	20	19	18	17
	Youth Lock In		Regular Wednesday Evening Activities			Cookout
	2pm		2:30pm			5:30pm Church
16	15	14	13	12	11	10
			5:30pm Supper 6:15 pm Children's Choir & Youth 6:15 pm Bible Study		Labor Day Church Offices Closed	Deacon's Meet 12:00 pm
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Homeless Shelter & Homebound Ministries						
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# Celebrating FBC

8 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

#### September 2

Brenda (Pudge) Smith 5238 Linwood-Southmont Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 7

Tim Trantham 1598 Jersey Church Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 8

Cayla Ham 6726 Linwood-Southmont Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

**Charles Stallings** 708 Churchill Rd. Hookerton, NC 28538

Millie Wattenbarger 6965 Linwood-Southmont Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 10

Leslie Young 975 Old Pasture Rd. Linwood, NC 27299

### September 11

Diana Moyle 485 S. Shore Dr. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 13 **Taylor Hoffman** 8092 Old Salisbury Rd. Linwood, NC 27299

#### September 14 Lee Young

975 Old Pasture Rd. Linwood, NC 27299

#### September 15

**Ruth Swink** Lexington Healthcare 17 Cornelia Dr. Lexington, NC 27292

### September 16

Connie Carrick **Piedmont Crossing** 100 Hedrick Dr.

Thomasville, NC 27360

Phillip Gregory 803 Hickory Point Dr. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 21

Glenn Penninger 618 J M Penninger Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

### September 22

Andie Smith 2750 Jersey Church Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 22

Josh Frank 2690 Beckner Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 25

Blakely Frank 2690 Beckner Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 26

**Robert Smith** 2400 Jersey Church Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 27

Jen Street 1188 Riverview Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 28

Bill Smith 6919 Linwood-Southmont Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

**Emily Trantham** 1598 Jersey Church Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 30

**Sharon Kepley** 2490 Sierra Trace Rd. Denton, NC 27239

## Anniversaries

#### September 19

Chris & Erika Biesecker 1503 Waterford Pointe Rd. Lexington, NC 27292

#### September 26

Charles & Breanne Stallings 708 Churchill Road Hookerton, NC 28538

# New Address

Peggy Owen wants to tell all of you hello, and she misses everyone. Her address is in the office so if anyone wants to send her some cheer & encouragement, call the office for her information.





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