

# Jay First Baptist Church

April

"A Church Family Serving Christ and Community"

2020



*There is much in the world to make us afraid. There is much more in our faith to make us unafraid.* - Fredericks W. Cropp

I never thought that I would start my article in Jay FBC newsletter like this, but I want us to know that we have safety and comfort in Christ through our faith, but we also must understand that there are issues in our world. Some of these issues may affect all of us during the next weeks and months, but God is still in control.

In 2001 on September eleven, after I had just finished giving a Jerusalem Model presentation, I was called up to the tech booth in the Shofar Auditorium. There on a small tv I saw one of the twin towers in New York city burning, and as I was watching in disbelief, I saw a plane hit the other tower. On that fateful day, my job was to evacuate the Holy Land Experience of its guests. The very next day I was one of the people who had to answer questions of very depressed guests. On that day our nation did change, but God was not taken by surprise, nor was He shocked. He was and still is in control. This virus that is threatening our world was no surprise to God. He still is in control, and He cares for us. God will never let us down. Man always has the propensity to fail us, but God never will.

I cannot tell you that I have every answer for you. I do not know why this is happening. I wish I could just speak it away, but I am not in control. I do know what we can do. We can trust in God. As a church body we need to lift each other up in prayer, and we need to do what we can to take care of each other. By the time this newsletter reaches you, we as a church, should have protocols in place to meet the needs of our church and community, both spiritually and physically. I ask for your prayers. Church we have a great opportunity to show Christ's love to our community. Let us focus on that, and always remember that God will never fail us. He is and will always be here for us.

I want to leave you with a passage that was given to us in the New Testament during a time of persecution of the church, a very stressful time. During this time God used a man named John to write a love letter to His children. In the first epistle of John, John wrote a reminder on just how much God loves us because He is our Father. John writes in 1 John 3:1-3, "*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*"

I desire that over the course of this month of April, that we be flexible. Jay FBC, we have a mission, and it is to share our Savior with our community and to serve the saints. Many things may change; I do not know all of the answers. I do not believe anyone knows, but God knows the answers and He never forgets us. My prayer is that not only our church, but our community, our state, our country and even our world can have God's mercy. May God's mercy and grace be unto you.

Love-in-Christ,  
Brother George



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| 5  | Robbi Glover     |
| 8  | Glenn Bingham    |
| 10 | Mary Jane Young  |
| 11 | June Kuiper      |
| 12 | Trudie Blackmon  |
| 14 | Lou Watson       |
| 16 | Laverne Little   |
| 17 | Dwayne Bond      |
| 23 | Dianne Lewis     |
| 25 | Becky Holley     |
| 25 | Julius Middleton |

If your birthday is not on the calendar and you would like for it to be, please call the Church office.

MARCH REPORT			
Date	SS	DT	Offering
3/1	63	20	\$8,550.25
3/8	51	22	\$4,249.81
3/15	46	20	\$3,136.00
3/22	-	-	\$2,075.00
3/29	-	-	



Brotherhood Breakfast is **SUSPENDED** until further notice. Continue to pray for our nation as we look to God to overcome this virus.

Jolly Jays meetings are **SUSPENDED** until further notice

Please keep an eye on our Website and FaceBook page for updates.



Terrace Ministry led by Jolly Jays **SUSPENDED** until further notice



**Grief Support Meeting** **SUSPENDED** until further notice

This meeting is open to the community and is for Mom's who have lost children.

### FLOWERS FOR APRIL

- April 5: Jenny Lowry
- April 12: Laverne Little
- April 19: Terry & Sherry Diamond
- April 26: Bennie Youngblood



**MANNA Volunteers (SUSPENDED)**

- April 7: Dwayne Bond & Laverne Little
- April 14: Don Kuiper & Debra Coffey



## SAVE the Dates VBS 2020

June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 9AM - Noon  
We'll be using toys, real construction equipment, and tools for props and decorations. Please let Mary Jane know if you are interested in working or have items we can use. {675-6849 or 207-1660}

Children's Choir Easter Program  
"Because He Lives"  
TBA



## SUSPENSION OF SERVICES

At this time, all our services have been suspended. We are closely monitoring the CDC and FL Baptist Convention recommendations. Once the restrictions have been lifted, we will resume our normal service times. Remember, the leadership at JFBC is still here to serve our congregation. Please continue to pray for our president and leaders as they make decisions during this time of global emergency.

\*\*Please note, all activities listed could be postponed or cancelled. Contact the church office or pastor if you have any questions.

Please continue to pray for our Building & Grounds Committee, Deacon's and Pastor as they work together to formulate solutions for the air quality issues and structural issues of the sanctuary building. Also, remember the New Sanctuary Committee as they gather and prepare information pertaining to the building of a new sanctuary.





# Puzzling

## Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my \_\_\_\_\_ given for you; do this in \_\_\_\_\_ of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This \_\_\_\_\_ is the new \_\_\_\_\_ in my blood, which is \_\_\_\_\_ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured



All Youth activities are currently **SUSPENDED**.

We are still planning to attend Student Life Camp this summer in Alabama.

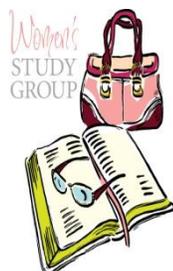
We will be planning a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and prayer for the youth of JFBC.

Precepts Upon Precepts  
John Part 3

"The True Vine... One with Him"

Begins Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Libby Wade for details



Children's Church Workers for the month of April:

- April 5: Robbi Glover & Mykiah Ware
- April 12: Robbi Glover & Jesus Patterson
- April 19: Robbi Glover & Josie Lowry
- April 26: Robbi Glover & Deidra Ivey

Nursery Workers for the month of April:

- April 5: Brennis McDaniel & Audrey Bodiford
- April 12: Stephen & Misty Campbell
- April 19: Nikki Diamond & Caralee Fredericks
- April 26: Janet Lowry & June Kuiper

Nursery Workers for the Evening Worship Service during the month of April will be available if needed.

During the summer months the nursery may not always have workers available due to schedule conflicts.

If you would like to be added to any of the rotating children's helpers lists please contact the church office.



Interesting facts about music in the Bible

Mentioned in the Bible

Music—97 times

Song—92 times

Sing—169 times

**Psalms**

<sup>1</sup> O sing unto the LORD a new song;

sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing unto the LORD, bless his name;  
shew forth his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the heathen,  
his wonders among all people.

**Psalms**

<sup>1</sup> Sing aloud unto God our strength:

make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

If you would like to do special music in the near future please let me or the office know and we will schedule you for a Sunday.

Singing for Him,

Music Director: Doug Moesta 850-324-2911

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## **NEWSLETTER NOTES**

✝ All announcements for the church newsletter need to be in the church office by the 15th of each month.

✝ If we have incorrect birthdates or addresses please let the office know as soon as possible so this may be corrected in the computer. Birthdays published in the newsletter are of attending church members only. If you would like your birthday added to the calendar please contact the church office.

✝ Please post the enclosed calendar in a convenient place so you will not miss out on all the great ministries and happenings at Jay First Baptist Church.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. George Fredericks, Pastor  
Jorey Diamond, Youth Minister  
Doug Moesta, Music Director  
Melinda Johnson, Ministry Assistant  
Ken McPherson, Custodian

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### Weekly Schedule

#### **Sundays**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m.– Morning Worship

4:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

5:00 p.m. – Discipleship Training

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship

#### **Wednesdays**

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Choir

6:00 p.m. – AWANA

6:30 p.m. – Youth Bible Study

6:45 p.m. – Adult Prayer Meeting

Join us on FaceBook Live Sunday mornings beginning at 10:30AM.

Or go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Dr. George Freericks or Jay First Baptist Church