

JerseyLife

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A Season for Change

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A Season For Change

A few weeks ago, I shared with those in attendance at the Annual Meeting that I feel we are in "A Season For Change". You may ask why I am feeling that a time of change is coming. We are very blessed as a congregation; however, there are several challenges as we head into the future:

- 1) The retirement of Pastor Phil Duncan after 21 years of ministry here at Jersey.
Although Pastor Phil is still planning to be involved as a "retired" Pastor, our staff and our church has to figure out how to do ministry without Pastor Phil involved on a daily basis.
- 2) We have a maturing staff and leadership team. We must figure out how to bridge the gap to the next generation.
- 3) We have a complex ministry structure.
 - We have six worship services with four styles of music.
 - We have two types of small groups (Bible Fellowship and Community Groups).
 - We also have an array of ministry programs both within our church and out in the community.
- 4) The vision for our church is complex and there are a variety of interpretations regarding how we should seek to achieve the vision. I am committed to having a very clear vision into the future.
- 5) We swim against the current with our culture and even within the Christian Church.

Examples:

- Many people are skeptical of large churches and denominations.
- There is a strong shift towards Reformed Theology in many churches and seminaries.
- Churches that take a clear stand on doctrinal position and biblical values are seen as rigid and legalistic.

We are working with a firm, Auxano, to help us re-establish our moorings as a church. The team that is assembled is praying about where God would have us focus. The process will take about 7 months. I need to encourage you to be in prayer for the team, and for our church. We plan to bring a clear vision of the church and yet remain true to our doctrine. With our vision clarified, we will seek to move ahead with a united front. I feel that our church is well positioned for the future. Our best days are ahead.

Working Together for the Kingdom,



Pastor Phil celebrating 21 years at jersey

Sunday, January 1, 2012 from 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Pastor Phil has touched many of our lives since he came to Jersey in 1990. He is retiring January 2012 after over 21 years of full-time ministry at Jersey, although he is still planning to be involved making visits and other ministry activities. Many of you have been impacted by him spiritually, and we want to extend to you the opportunity to join in the celebration. A basket for cards and/or notes of thanks will be available at the celebration; or you may mail them to Pastor Phil here at the church. If you wish to make a donation to his retirement celebration/retirement gift, please make your check payable to Jersey Baptist Church, and put Pastor Phil's Retirement in the memo line and mail to the church or place in the offering during a worship service.



Christmas Benevolence Offering

Each year, our church comes together on Christmas weekend to celebrate the birth of our Savior. In addition, we take up an offering to help those in our church and surrounding communities struggling with their basic needs. Over this past year, your contributions have assisted 101 families with:

- Utilities – gas, electric, water
- Rent / Partial Mortgage
- Food, clothing, etc. for single parent families
- Misc. expenses because of unexpected job loss
- Perishable foods for those in need during Thanksgiving & Christmas
- Unexpected car repairs for individuals living on a very limited income
- Counseling services for those who could not afford it

Please be in prayer about what you will give to help those in need during 2012. Your offering can be given at any time in the weeks leading up to or after Christmas.



The Great Christmas GIVEAWAY

Sunday, December 4, at 6:00PM in the Chapel,
the Kidz Choir will present The Great Christmas
Giveaway The Gift Goes On!



Christmas Weekend Services

- Saturday, December 24, at 3:30 Live and Gospel Celebration Services. At 5:30PM Live and Emerge Services.
- Sunday, December 25 one service at 11:00AM in the Worship and Activities Center. Bible Fellowship Classes will not meet.
- Childcare provided for children ages 3 and under.
- You will have an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Offering.

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College & Career Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30PM. Bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share. There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange, Ginger Bread House building competition, and we will be wrapping the Christmas gifts for our Adopted Jersey Family.

World Changers 2012

Registration for the Pikeville, KY Mission trip June 18 – 26 will be available beginning December 15. Application and \$150.00 (non refundable) to secure spot is due by January 15. Total estimated cost of the trip is \$425.00.

Super Bowl Party

Join us Sunday, February 5 in The Barn at 4:00PM. The Game will be on the Big Screen, and there will be Video Games, Commercial Bingo, Score Grid and More (w/ Prizes). Dinner will be provided - bring your favorite football snack and soda to share.

Connect, Grow, Serve and Go

Stay connected on Facebook at Jersey College & Career or Twitter at @JerseyCnC. For more information contact Adam Ness at adamsness@gmail.com, or call him at 614.946.8464.

Preparing for Marriage

Before you walk down the aisle, do you know where you're going? Today, more than ever, it is vital that you prepare for the important, lifelong task of building a Christian marriage. This study includes six fun, romantic sessions and five special projects that will prepare you as a couple for a loving, lasting marriage firmly established in Jesus Christ. Pre-registration is required as class size is limited. If you are considering marriage at Jersey Baptist Church, this class is required as part of our marriage counseling. Cost of book is \$10.00. Enrolling now for classes that will begin Sunday, February 12, at 6:00PM. Please note: This class is limited to 4 couples. Priority registration is given to those being married by one of our pastors. To pre-register email Nancy, nmorbiter@jerseychurch.org. Leaders: Carl & Donna Sauder.

ONE CHILD HE CHANGED THE WORLD

Friday, December 16, Saturday,
December 17, and Sunday December 18,
at 7:00PM the Jersey Music Department will
present One Child He Changed The World.

Year End Giving

Thank you for giving to the work of the Lord in 2011!
Each year we get questions from the Jersey family on year end giving.
There are a number of ways to give at year end:

- Place your contribution in the offering during a service. This year, Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, is the last service of the year. You will want to plan ahead, specifically if you plan to be out of town.
- Mail the contribution with a postmark on or before 12/31/2011.
- Deliver the contribution to the church office by 4:30PM on Friday, December 30.
- Give online before midnight on 12/31/2011 by going to our website: jerseychurch.org/resources/giving-at-jersey
- If you wish to give a stock gift and have never given stock through your broker, you will need to plan ahead to allow the stock to be transferred to the churches account prior to year end.

The church will be mailing out Year-to-date Contribution Statements before the end of November. If you have any questions about your year-to-date contributions, stock gifts, or the donation of other assets please contact Herb Coffield at hcoffield@jerseychurch.org or 740.927.1859 x118.

Jerseymissions

How Can YOU partner in the International Missions Offering

PRAY – please pray for all of our front line workers and their families.
Pray how you can become involved in Missions. Pray how you might contribute to International Missions Offering

GIVE

Use your International Missions Offering envelope
Use the special Missions envelope in your offering envelope
Indicate your International Missions Offering giving on your regular envelope
International Missions Offering Post Office
Children's Department International Missions Offering Mission Jars

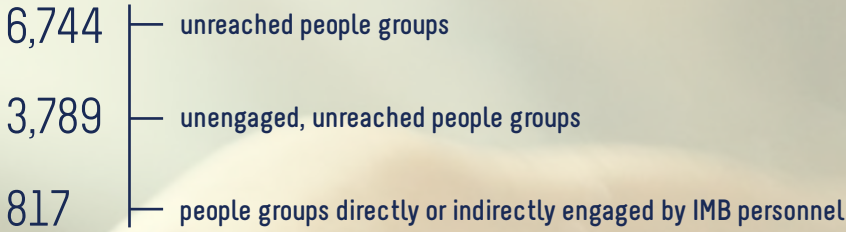


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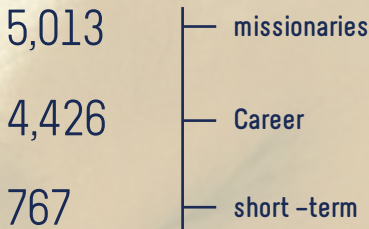
29,237		new churches
360,876		baptisms

Have you ever been confused by all the letters we use when talking about missions? For example - NAMB, IMB, LMC offering, M's, and several others. Many times people are confused with what we are talking about. To help clarify things, all of our missions communications will come under the heading of Jersey Missions (see the logo at the top of this page). We are still giving 11% to the Cooperative Program, a means by which Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Churches use to support missions, seminaries, and other entities. As always, 100% of our International Missions offering will continue to go to support the missionaries serving through the International Mission Board of the SBC. The bottom line is we are trying to make our communications easier to understand. If you ever have any questions or concerns about Jersey Missions, please contact Penny Zuber at the church office or email her pzuber@jerseychurch.org. Thanks for continuing to support Jersey Missions.

FAST FACTS



MISSIONARIES



Wolf Family Update

The Wolf Family serves as career missionaries in the country of Chile. Bryan, Deana and the children live in Vallenar. Their ministry extends from the foothills of the Andes Mountains down to the coast of the Pacific Ocean. The goal is to raise up national leaders that can reach other Chileans. There have been three baptisms that the Wolfs have been directly involved.

The Wolf family will be having their stateside assignment in the latter part of 2012. Pray that the Lord would raise up Chilean men and women who are seeking His face.

AVERAGE COST TO SUPPORT AN INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY

\$46,700 — this includes housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement and more



Preschool Ages

- Puggles - Age 2 by September 1
- Cubbies - Age 3 and potty trained by September 1
- Teaching Care - For all children born after 9-1-09

Parent Child Dedication December 11.

Preschoolers Live Nativity Christmas Party

Join us Sunday, December 18 during Bible Fellowship class time for this Live Nativity. All preschoolers who attend will receive a small Christmas gift.



Play Group

A time for moms to get together for a play date with other moms and children. Any expecting mom or moms with children birth to 5 years old are welcome to join. Siblings welcome! This winter we will be meeting at the indoor play area from 9:30-11:30AM on the following dates: December 8, January 12, & February 9.

Mom's Mingle - February 24 at 6:30PM at the church

We will share a meal, fellowship, devotional, and much laughter!

Special Events:

Franklin Park Conservatory Holiday Exhibit - December 15

We will meet at the front gate at 10:00AM to view together the indoor/outdoor display. Cost for adults is \$11, ages 3-7 is \$6, and birth-2 is free! Parking is free.

Chik-Fil-A Playtime on East Broad - January 19 at 10:00AM

Cost to fellowship and use of playplace is free, each family is responsible for their own food costs.

womensministries

Scrapbooking & Sewing

Scrapbooking and Sewing meet each month on the second Friday of each month for 6 fun-filled hours of scrapbooking and sewing. We will continue to meet in Room 4021 (downstairs) from 6:00PM-midnight. As always, crops are FREE so mark your calendar, invite a friend and join in on the fun. Email Tiffany Smith at tbsmith7@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Ladies Time of Prayer

All I can do is pray.....What????? The truth is we are called in every situation to pray and believe! James 5:16 says "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective". Come and pray with us the third Saturday of every month in Room 4003 9:30-11:00AM. Child care will not be provided.



HONOR BEGINS AT HOME COURAGEOUS

Coming Soon COURAGEOUS

The movie Courageous will be shown at the church on February 10 and 11. It will be a date night. Refreshments and Childcare will be provided. Follow up studies will be offered dealing with parenting and marriage. More details will be available in January.

primetimers

Jersey PrimeTimers is a ministry for Senior Adults that meets monthly and offers opportunities for encouragement and support through fellowship, luncheons, Bible study, prayer, and various outings.

Monthly Bible Studies

December 8 at 10:30AM

A Bible Study followed by a covered dish luncheon. Special music and group singing will be provided by Mark Hutsko.

January 12 at 10:30AM

A Bible Study followed by a pizza party.

Annual Valentines Luncheon

February 9 at 12:00PM in the Worship and Activities Center

Contact Alvina Long at the church 740.927.1859 X202 for more information about the PrimeTimers (Senior Adult Ministry).

singleadults30+

first FRIDAY

Plan to join us for these upcoming dates: December 2, January 6 and February 3. We will have regular pot luck's those nights and will meet in the game room. The December 2 First Friday Steve Averitt will be playing his guitar and leading us all in singing Christmas Carols.

Jersey Students

Is God calling you to missions this year?

World Changers 2012

Registration for the Savannah, Georgia Mission trip June 15-24 will be available beginning December 15. Application and \$150.00 (non refundable) to secure spot is due by January 15. Total estimated cost of the trip is \$439.00. Contact Kenny Sipes ksipes@jerseychurch.org or Erik Koliser ekoliser@jerseychurch.org for more info.

Starved 2012

Join us February 24-25 for this event that is a mixture of servanthood, fasting to grow closer to the Lord and to help us identify with those who are hungry everyday. All you bring to this event is your Bible and the clothes on your back. Come on Sunday mornings (Bible Fellowship) and Wednesday nights (Ground Zero) for more details.



Coming Soon

Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Practices begin December 5

AWANA Resumes January 4

Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Games begin January 7

AWANA Resumes January 4

AWANA Grand Prix February 29

Membership at Jersey

The church has a New Member Class and is required for church membership. If you wish to become a member of Jersey Baptist Church you may come forward during the time of commitment and tell one of the pastors of your desire. They will introduce you to an encourager who will pray with you. The encourager will advise the church staff of your desire for church membership. You may also complete the Communication Card you receive as you enter any of our worship venues. On the back is a block that you can mark indicating that you are interested in church membership. A pastor will contact you. It will be offered approximately eight times per year. The final class session will be for those desiring church membership. The senior pastor will conduct this class to discuss expectations of members, share Jersey values/purposes, and cast vision. Email Nancy at nmorbitzer@jerseychurch.org for more information or to pre-register for the next class.

DIVORCE *Care*

This 13-week program is for adults and children ages 5 -12 hurt by divorce. No matter what the circumstances, divorce is a painful process and DivorceCare is a place where many people have found that they can start to heal and begin putting their lives back together again. DivorceCare 4 Kids provides a safe environment for children to find healing, receive encouragement and to develop coping skills during this time in their lives. Gary and Becky Kinser (740.927.2281) are the facilitators for DivorceCare and Vicki Monley (614.755.4480) facilitates the DC4K program. All facilitators are survivors of divorce and understand the emotions and turmoil associated with the divorce process. DC4K begins at 6:45PM and DC begins at 7:00PM on Wednesday January 25. There is a \$10.00 charge for the DivorceCare workbook. DC4K is free.



DivorceCare for Kids



COMPASS Ministries

Coaching, Counseling & Support

Journey To Oneness

Beginning Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00PM in Room 4018.

The Bible states in marriage that “the two shall become one” but clearly there are two very different people with two distinctly different personalities in a relationship - so how do the two learn to operate as one? Join us as we discover the characteristics needed in a relationship for “oneness” to occur. Pre-registration is required.

Coach Training

Register Now for February 2012 Coach Training! (Married Couples)

Have you experienced grace and growth in your marriage? Maybe you're looking for a ministry that you and your spouse can get involved in together? The material and tools are provided for you. It will help others in their relationships and benefit you personally as well. Pre-registration is required.

Marriage Coaching

God has a great game plan for your marriage - Coach Couples can help you learn how to win at having a relationship that is everything God intended. Our specially trained Coach couples are available to meet bi-weekly and guide you through relationship strategies that will have long lasting benefits whether you've been married for years or just engaged!

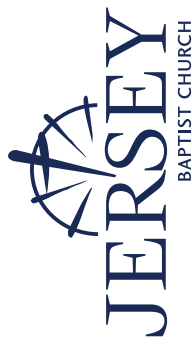
Counseling

Whether you have pain from past or present experiences that you need help dealing with or you want a caring ear to help you work through life issues our Biblical counselors are available to meet with you.

Email compass@jerseychurch.org to register for any of these opportunities or more information.

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