



Good Day Everyone,

As I sit here and think about what to say to you in this article, I begin to think about spiritual growth. My mother used to tell us as children that we were having a growing pain when we would complain about an ache. Spiritual growth and church growth cannot always be measured by the number of people sitting in the pews. Growth also is painful. Graduating from high school and leaving your friends behind that you have known for years is painful, yet it is necessary. Children growing up and no longer needing parents to hold their hand as they walk is painful but the child must walk on his own. Growth either spiritual, church or physical growth is painful. If we do not grow, we are dying. The Christian cannot stay in a state of stagnation. Children move up through the ranks of Sunday School classes. Church members step out of comfort zones to be open to serve God. Changes take place. All these things cause pain because it is growth. As a church, we are growing. I see several of you stepping out on faith and serving in places that may be painful. To grow means to change. None of us look like we did when we were born. We have grown. Very often growing in God's word is painful. I often read the scripture and find myself feeling pain from the conviction. I can either concentrate on the pain or use it to grow. A child who never experiences hurt, pain or defeat will never learn to succeed. We as a church are growing. That growth may be painful or uncomfortable, but as I think of the pain and suffering Christ endured, it strengthens my resolve to grow and live closer to him. Be encouraged and continue to step out. Thank you to those of you who have followed God's calling you to serve.

Love to you all,

Bro. Clint, Steph and Zoe



Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m.

All men & boys are invited.

Thank You

Dear JMBC Family,

Thank you very much for my adorable cup that you all gave me for my graduation! I have already put it to great use, and I have received so many compliments on it. The verse that is on it is one of my all time favorite verses! Also, thank you for the fabulous graduation lunch! I really appreciate all of your encouragement & prayers throughout the years!

Love, Kristen Barton

No WOM Meeting
during the month August.



God is leading and guiding His children if we will only submit to His will. I have gotten some questions about what exactly it meant for me to come before the church this past Sunday and commit to ministry. Some have asked if I would be leaving the church or quitting my job as an engineer. First and foremost, Julie and I have prayed and still feel that we are serving where God wants us during this time of our lives and I plan to continue in my 'day job'. What I am doing is publicly committing to the ministry that God called myself and Julie into 7 years ago. You could say that I have been doing the work without formality, before God and our church, wholly committing my life to serve in this capacity. God had begun to lay this on my heart heavily over the last couple of months and continually placed nudging reminders in my life, even from some of you! Maybe you are like me and have been in church, living the Christian life without fully and formally committing to Christ. Many say that going before the church is all show, that we can serve without standing up in front of our church family. There is power in publicly confessing and committing to Christ. It allows our church family to know how to pray and gives us accountability to our commitment. Each of us are called to different roles in the body of Christ, but all are called! Maybe God is calling you to repentance, to Salvation, to baptism, to teach, to work with children, to greet, to help with audio visual, to commit to daily prayer and Bible study. I challenge you, whatever God is calling you to, commit to Him publicly!

Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act."

Thanks, Matt

Community Block Party

Saturday, August 4

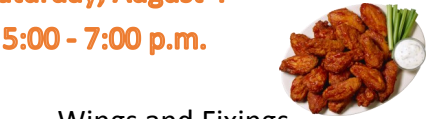
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Games



Mars Shaved Ice



Wings and Fixings



Bounce-In-Fun
Inflatable

We need everyone to come out and help make this a great time to reach the community!

Ladies' Small Group

meets on Tuesdays

at 11:00 a.m.

Come Join Us.



Just A Note

August is the beginning of some things and the end of others. Students will be headed back to school which means the end of summer vacations and lazy days in the sun. The sounds of bands practicing and football teams getting ready for Friday night lights replace the sound of children laughing as they splash in the pool or run through a sprinkler. A church choir is a good place to help develop a ministry in music and possibly a new beginning. I would like to invite anyone to join with us to make a joyful noise to the Lord. The only requirement is to want to praise our wonderful Lord and Savior. Please come and join us at choir practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. We will save you a seat.

Myra Reagan

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Activities/Services	Wednesday Activities/Services
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Service	6:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study, Youth Worship, Children in Action 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

August Meetings and Events

- ◆ **Community Block Party**, August 4, 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Deacons' Meeting**, August 5, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Brotherhood Breakfast**, August 19, 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Church Council**, August 26, 12:30 p.m.

Quarterly Business Meeting

October 10, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Blessing Box

Items are needed for the Blessing Box.
Place items directly in the Box or put in plastic container
in the Welcome Center. Thanks for your help!

Deacons - Security/Greeters

Aug. 5 Pat Sherrill - 256-543-7742, Paul Allen - 256-458-3683

Aug. 12 Donny Hunter - 256-504-8820, Paul Allen - 256-458-3683

Aug. 19 Bob Lowery - 256-390-1208, Steve Snyder - 256-546-7557

Aug. 26 Robin Roberts - 256-393-9415, Sam Ashley - 256-504-8224

Stewardship

Lisa Lancaster, Estelle Arrington

Ushers

Aug. 5 - Bryant Allen, Pat Sherrill, Bob Lowery,
Rickey Frasier, Robby Robertson

Aug. 12 - Alexander Allen, Gene Johnson
Robin Roberts, Sam Ashley

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In God We Trust
Psalms 56:4

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	65
Worship Attendance	81

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	74
Worship Attendance	90

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	69
Worship Attendance	86

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	71
Worship Attendance	79

JMBC Staff

Clint Moon	.....	Pastor
Matt (Julie) Johnson	.....	Minister of Youth
Myra Reagan	.....	Choir/Music Director
Marjorie Hall	.....	Organist
Marie Barnes	.....	Guest Pianist
Rachel Chaney	.....	Secretary
Murray McBurnett	Custodian

Miss a Service?

You can live stream the service on Facebook.

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FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A
SPIRIT OF FEAR,
BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE
AND OF A **SOUND MIND.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

**Exalting the Savior, Equipping the Saints,
Evangelizing the Sinner”**