

"Reaching our surrounding communities with the gospel of Christ through equipping believers who will carry the ministry of the local church into the world."

Welcome Back!

On Sunday, September 12th, we will have a "Back to Church" Sunday. I hope you will join us for one of our morning services. We will have a potluck and hot dogs after the 11:00am service. Please bring a side dish to share for the meal. We will also have games for the whole family.

Hebrews 10:25 tells us, "Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another all the more as you see the day approaching." This is my favorite verse.

It would be great if you are able to come on September 12th at either 9:00am or 11:00am for service and at 10:00am for Sunday School/Small Groups, so that all of us can be together on this special Sunday.

Join us for "Back to Church " Sunday!

In Christ,



Lead Pastor, Jackson Friends Church



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Announcements

“Back to Church “Sunday

Invite your friends (and those who haven't yet returned to church) to join us on Sunday, September 12th for a special Sunday! We will have our normal services at 9:00am and 11:00am, and Small Groups/Sunday School at 10:00am. Following the 11:00 service, we will have a potluck (hot dogs, beans and drinks provided; please bring a side dish to share). There will be games for the whole family in the gym. If you attend 1st service, please stick around or return for the meal! Come back to church and let's see if we can have everyone here on this Sunday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Sundays at 7:00pm: Senior High Youth
- ◆ Mondays at 4:00pm: Adult Pickleball (Boettler Park)
- ◆ Tuesdays at 10:00am: Ladies' Bible Study
- ◆ Wednesdays at 6:00pm: VBS (5 weeks in September); ProTeens and Middle School Youth
- ◆ Wednesdays at 6:30pm: Adult Bible Studies (begin Sept. 8th)
- ◆ Wednesdays at 8:00pm: Senior High Youth
- ◆ Monday, September 6th: Labor Day (office closed)
- ◆ Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30pm: Adult Groups begin
- ◆ Friday, September 10th: Men's Retreat (through Sunday)
- ◆ Sunday, September 12th: "Back to Church" Sunday
- ◆ Saturday, September 18th: Men's Fishing Trip (Atwood Lake)
- ◆ Saturday, September 18th at 11:00am: Pins IN NEEDles
- ◆ Sunday, September 19th at 12:15: ProTeen & Middle Sch. Hike
- ◆ Sunday, September 19th at 7:00pm: Senior High Youth Bonfire
- ◆ Saturday, September 25th at 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at JFC

HELP WANTED!



We are in dire need of attendants for the Nursery. Only one hour per month! See Marty at the Nursery check-in or contact her at 330-498-9222.

Men's Ministry:

Under the direction of Kevin Maletich, the Men's Ministry has been busy over the summer! They have been completing service projects on a regular basis (1-2 per month) and have been holding their monthly men's breakfast on the last Saturday of each month. The men have been discussing their plans for the fall and have some great things in store! When Kevin or anyone in the men's group sees a need within our church family or in the community, they do whatever they can to fill that need!

Men's Bible Study: Our new 10-week Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30pm.

Weekend Retreat: You don't want to miss this powerful weekend from Friday, September 10th through Sunday, September 12th at Camp Gideon! You can get more info and register at www.meninmissions.org. Please contact Kevin at 330-806-1731 for more info or you can email specific questions to ask@meninmissions.org.

Fishing Trip: We will head out early in the morning on Saturday, September 18th for a great day of fishing and fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of Atwood Lake!

Men's Breakfast: Our next breakfast at JFC will be on Saturday, September 25th at 9:00am. Don't forget your Bible!

Men's Clothing/Shoes/Boots and Women's Boots Needed! There is a great need for new or gently used men's clothing, especially with cold weather just around the corner. We are collecting MEN'S clothing (jeans in sizes 34-48 and shoes or boots in sizes 8-14). We will also collect boots in women's sizes (boots only, please).

Please contact Kevin Maletich at 330-806-1731 for more details for any of these events.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know needs a ride to church on Sundays!



Kevin Maletich, Director of Men's Ministry



September is here! That's back to school time for many of our families and the start of a new season in ministry here at Jackson Friends. I'm excited to welcome back a number of our Small Groups that have taken some time to recharge during the summer, and I believe that this will be a great fall season for seeing God and growing in these group environments.

Our Small Groups have a simple purpose: to bring people together as we grow closer to God. I want to encourage you to be connected into one of these circles! Here's why: We believe that people were designed by God for relationships. We believe it's only when we're in community that we can truly grow to God's potential for us.

Our Small Groups typically meet weekly inside and outside the church, and provide a place for you to experience encouragement, Scripture, prayer, and take your next steps in your spiritual journey to follow Jesus. Regardless of your age, interest, or location, we are sure there is a group here for you.

Our Sunday morning Small Groups meet from 10:05-10:55am and are more class-oriented, while other groups meet at different times throughout the week and have a little more conversation/fellowship approach. Some groups meet in homes, some at church, and some out in the community. Wherever we meet and whatever the personality of the group, every group is about personally growing.

We believe God created us to live in relationship with others and only then can we experience the Christ-likeness God calls us to. Sharing life through community is part of our design, but meaningful relationships aren't always easy to find. That's why our Small Groups exist.

Keep an eye out the next time you're at Jackson Friends for the new Small Group bulletin board in the main hallway (between the sanctuary and the atrium) to see all of the options for what Small Groups are meeting and when/where they meet.

Got questions? I'd be happy to help you find a group to fit into! Please contact me through the church office or at cking@jacksonfriends.org for suggestions or guidance in where you can fit in!

Pastor Chris



Women's Ministry

Pins IN NEEDles: Saturday, September 18th at 11:00am in the Hospitality Room.

Join us as we continue to make items to donate to local charities.

"ReNew" Conference: Saturday, September 18th from 8:30am-4:00pm (Canton Baptist Temple)

Ladies, are you ready for a challenge? ReNew is a one-day women's conference, offered by Moody Bible Institute, with in-depth Biblical insight and inspiring worship. Register online at <https://www.moodyconferences.com/renew-conference/registration>. We will carpool from JFC for those interested. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to carpool.

WMF Fall Retreat: Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10th (Sugar creek)

This year's theme is "U-turn: Trusting God When Life Changes Direction". Join us for some inspiring workshops, a banquet, silent auction, and more. Registration brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

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Check out the website for current updated info and details.
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Sports and Recreation:

Fall is finally here! And that means we have JFC's youth flag football program in full swing! We also have our new junior soccer league going right now for Pre-K through 2nd grade. If you have any interest in volunteering or doing something like concession stand, we are always looking for helpers!

We are also looking for a site director for our junior/senior high basketball league that runs in the winter time, starting the first week of December. Games will be Thursday and Friday evenings. This is a paid position and we are hoping to find a member of the church or community that has a passion for youth and basketball and would like to be a part of our programs!

Please email jbankert@jacksonfriends.org if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Children's Ministries:

Hello, September! School is definitely back in session, but let's not forget all the fun we had this summer! Thank you to all the families that joined us for our Family Fundays! We had food, water games, gym activities, music, friends, and devotions! We also want to thank all of the volunteers who worked hard to make them a success.

We are excited for September to get here because we are moving back upstairs! That's right! As of September 5th, we will officially be back upstairs. Below you will find a new Sunday morning schedule and the new classroom numbers:



9:00am: Children's Church in the Clubhouse (ages 5 through 5th grade)

10:00am: Preschool through 1st grade will be in Rm 203 for Sunday School, while the 2nd and 3rd graders will be in Rm 204, and 4th through 6th graders in Rm 206.

11:00am: 1st through 5th grades will gather in the Clubhouse for Children's Church. Ages 3 years through Kindergarten will be in Room 205, our new "Preschool Campground" Room! If you haven't seen the room, come check it out!

Don't forget our exciting new VBS this month! We will meet every Wednesday in September from 6:00-8:00pm (ages 4 through 6th grade). A concession stand will be open from 5:00-5:45pm and all items will cost just \$1.00 each. Please register on the church website if you haven't already done so.



JUST 4 YOUTH! *Sundays from 7:00-9:00pm: Senior High Youth*
Wednesdays: ProTeens & Middle School Youth will continue to meet through September, following the VBS schedule (as well as any Senior High Youth who are helping). Then the Senior High Youth will meet from 8:00-9:00pm, with food and time to just hang out afterwards for those who can stay longer.

ProTeens and Middle School Hiking: On Sunday, September 19th, we will meet after the 2nd service to go hiking! Bring your lunch, a friend, and some money for a post-hike snack.

Senior High Bonfire: The Senior High youth will gather at JFC on Sunday, September 19th from 7:00-9:00pm for a bonfire! Bring something to share. We can hang later if you are permitted.

"Parents' Night Out" is coming in October! Details coming soon.

Anyone seeking more info, an online Bible study, a small group study, or a mission/service event, please contact Moby at moby@jacksonfriends.org; office 330-966-0616 ext 311; or cell 330-224-0695 any time.

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