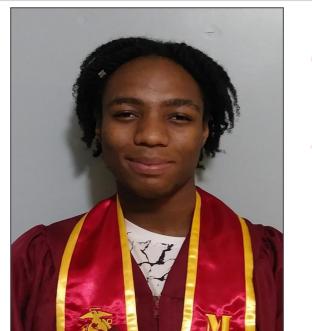


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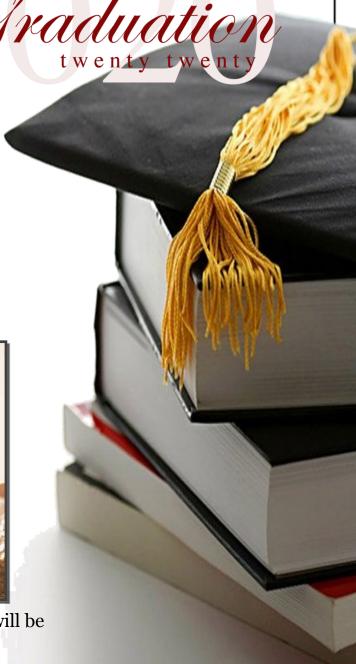
THE COMPASS



Dequante Dean, son of Cassandra Dean has enlisted in the U.S. Marines.



Wyatt Webb, son of Tom and Michelle Webb will be pursuing a degree in Drafting and Design.



Dear Church Family,

On Wednesday nights we are looking at various prayers that are in the Bible. We have seen many over the past couple of months from the Model Prayer of Jesus to the prayer for salvation by Paul on the Damascus Road. We are now looking at the extended prayer/conversation between God and Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3 and 4).

God was calling Moses and Moses, in his deepest heart, didn't want to go. "Who am I," Moses said. "I will be with you," God answered. "What is your name?" Moses asked. "I am who I am," God answered. Last night we saw, "What if they don't believe me." To which God responded, "What's in your hand...throw it down." It was only a simple staff (Exodus 4:2) but by the power of God it would become the Staff of God (Exodus 4:20). With a simple stick God would do great things.

The application is easy. God calls us today to take whatever is in our hands and place it in God's hands so that He might use it in remarkable ways. A simple case in point is the way we are trying to thank our community for bravely serving us all during the Corona-19 pandemic. Men and women across our community go to work everyday risking their lives to help their neighbors. We are thanking them with cookies and cakes but we are placing these things in God's hands and looking for God to move in the hearts of these men and women. Every simple act of service is far more than a simple act of service - it is like a cup of cold water given in the name of Christ. What's in your hand? Give it to Jesus.

We are (I remind us again) on a spiritual journey. We are not marking time - we are becoming like Christ. Come and join us Sunday as we take a next step.

Your are loved, Brother Donnie





A Note from

Bro. Woody

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

--2 Chronicles 16: 9--

A little boy was playing in his sandbox one day. While he was playing, he discovered a large rock in the middle of the sandbox. He managed to dislodge it from the dirt, and nudged the enormous rock across the sandbox using his feet.

But when he got the rock to the edge of the sandbox, he found that he couldn't roll it up and over the little wall. He shoved, pushed, and pried, but every time he thought he had made some progress, the rock tipped and then fell back into the sandbox. All this time, the boy's father watched from his living room window as the drama unfolded.

As tears of frustration filled the boy's eyes, a large shadow fell across the boy and the sandbox. It was the boy's father. Gently he said, "Son, why didn't you use all the strength that you had available?" Defeated, the boy sobbed back, "I did, Daddy."

"No, son," corrected the father kindly. "You didn't use all the strength you had because you didn't ask me." With that the father reached down, picked up the rock, and removed it from the sandbox.

Many Christians are just like that little boy—we're trying to overcome challenges in our own power. It's in that moment that God wants us to trust in Him. Give your struggles to God, who has the power to move the "big rocks" in your life. Confess to God where you've been trying to overcome your struggles on your own and give them to Him today.

You are loved, Bro. Woody

A Page from Jim's Journal

Our Senior Recognition Service will be the morning of June 14th. We will be taking a little bit of time out of the service to recognize Dequante Dean and Wyatt Webb. Both of these guys are really special to me. I've spent a considerable amount of time looking through the photos their parents have sent me for the slideshow and it makes me sad they are moving on. Don't get me wrong I am excited for them, but sad all the same. I have spent time with both of these guys at camps, retreats, mission trips, at my home, out to eat, and at school. I have really good memories of them that I'll cherish.

When it all comes down to it, these two guys are special to me because of the time I have spent with them. I haven't just preached to them at church. I'm involved in their lives. Going through those pictures and thinking of the shared memories reminded me of a very important Truth. People matter. That's it. That's all it is. People matter. I know it seems so obvious and elementary! But it escapes me at times.

Jesus seemed to always have time for everyone, never rushing to his next location of ministry. Everyone shared equal significance to Him. If someone was seeking Him out He would take time to listen and respond, regardless. Luke 18:15-17 says, "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, 'let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

In my mind I wonder how foolish the disciples looked, claiming Jesus did not have time for these little children. But then I'm reminded how I have not had time for others. In my desire to honor Jesus I am just as guilty of choosing who is worthy of my time. That does not paint a good picture of what Jesus has done for me. Friendships, bonds, and great memories are forged when the people of God see people as God see's them. People matter.



Third, Fourth & Fifth Grade Teachers:
Science & Social Studies
Math
Reading/Language Arts

Applications available in the Church Office and online at www.fbcjaspertx.com

Update to our Covid-19 protocols: We are as eager as you are to meet together again but we must be cautious and not rush things.

We ask that you please follow these guidelines if you plan to come to church.

- If you aren't feeling well, please stay home.
- Only meeting for Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. at this time. All services are live streamed to Facebook and uploaded to YouTube.
- We will continue to seat 75 people in the Sanctuary and up to an additional 75 in the gym. Please allow the greeters to direct you to a seat so we can implement proper social distancing.
- No Sunday School, Children's Church or Nursery will be offered.
- Small Groups (committee meetings, etc.) can meet in designated rooms (Sanctuary, Gym, His Followers, Choir Room and Youth Room). It is very important that you call the church office if you plan to have a meeting/gathering of any kind at the church. We do not want to double book a room and we must know which rooms are in use so they can be properly disinfected afterwards. We ask that you follow all social distancing guidelines during your meeting.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during these uncertain times.