



THE COMPASS

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10:30 AM
Sunday 10:30 am & 5:00 pm
Wednesday 6:00pm

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FBC Family, you have really shown love to our community these last four weeks!!
Because of your generosity, we have delivered baked goods to numerous businesses and the police and sheriff's departments. Each place we have gone to has been so appreciative of your kindness in taking the time to bake things and deliver to them.
Thank you for loving your neighbors during these challenging times!!

Thank you note from Lowes:
First Baptist Church of Jasper,
Thank you so much to the FBC, Jasper for all of the great treats y'all brought us last week!!
Everyone at Lowe's greatly appreciated it! It was all awesome and y'all are awesome!
I pray that you all be blessed as I know you will be.

Have a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Caleb Hicks	June 23
Wyatt Gibbs	June 26
Colt Moss	June 26
Cherlyn Lundquist	June 28
Hope Rivera	June 30
Nora Townsend	July 02
Jim Fetterman	July 03
Parson Herrington	July 03
Johnny Wood	July 03

My God will supply all your Needs according to His Riches in glory by Christ Jesus
Philippians 4:19

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Dear Church Family,

These are unusual times. Who would have thought just a few months ago that we would be experiencing a worldwide epidemic, a financial crisis, and an internal social upheaval all at the same time? I don't think any of us saw this coming. Of course, our sovereign Lord knew these things. I do not know how to explain how the sovereignty of God and the moral freedom of humans interacts. What I do know is that everything that humans break, Christ died to redeem.

It is my strong belief that God is working among us to redeem our current situation. I don't know all the ways He is doing this but here are some that I see. Our community longs to see hope in the present trial. Lonely people are desperate for love. Those who no longer have faith feel abandoned. It is remarkable that the Word of God says that when everything else gets stripped away what is left as a gift from God is: "faith, hope and love." (see 1 Corinthians 13:13) The very thing that our neighbors need, Christ supplies.

Here's how we fit into this redemption story - God calls on us at all times but especially during hard times to tell our message (the Gospel) and our personal story. The message is the one we have been looking at in worship for some time: Christ lived, died, rose, ascended, and we are witnesses. Our story is the one that you personally have of how you came to Christ. And here is how our amazing God works redemption in trying times - the people of God tell the story of God and when we do our neighbors and our community discover that faith is real, hope is ours, and love is God's marvelous gift.

Can you feel how exciting it is to be a part of God's redemption story? I hope you can. Keep praying, keep telling, and join us for worship this Sunday (in person or on Facebook). With great anticipation, let's see what God is going to do!

You are loved,
Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

--John 12: 26--

In the early 1900s, a London newspaper printed an advertisement that read:

Men wanted for hazardous darkness, and constant danger. Safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success.

Thousands of men from across England responded to this ad to be on a team headed by the famous arctic explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton. Christian author, Warren W. Wiersbe, commented that if Jesus Christ had advertised for workers, His ad might have read:

Men and women wanted for difficult task of helping to build My church. You will often be misunderstood, even by those working with you. You will face constant attack from an invisible enemy. You may not see the results of your labor, and your full reward will not come till after all your work is completed. It may cost you your home, your ambitions, even your life.

Many Christians today determine the success of their spiritual lives based on the answers to questions like, "Is my message being accepted?" "Are people responding?" or, "Am I comfortable?" But the reality is that Jesus never said we'd have acceptance, recognition, or comfort in this life. Yet we must move forward in obedience. Maybe you've lived faithfully for years and have never seen the physical fruit of your labor. But don't worry, God recognizes your obedience and will reward you greatly. All you have to do is remain faithful! Have there been times when you stayed faithful and trusted God in obedience even when you didn't see the visible fruit of your work? Never give up!

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

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A Page from Jim's Journal

This last week my family got to enjoy some time at Pointe West on the opposite side of Galveston Island. It was a great opportunity to relax and simply be together. Although I knew the week was going to be great, I was unable to fall asleep that first night. My heart was troubled. I was thinking about a student that was walking away from faith in Jesus. I had said and done everything I could and it was not enough. I was hurt for him. I walked out on the balcony and listened to the waves. It was late and everyone was asleep. I turned a small light on, opened up my bible and read Psalm 20 and 21. God has always been faithful to speak when I'm troubled and He never ceases to amaze me. Psalm 20 and 21 are two Psalms that go together and were written before and after a battle. Psalm 20 is a battle cry. The writer is declaring his trust in the Lord. Regardless of the circumstances, numbers, and odds the writer knows God is bigger. Psalm 21 is a declaration of praise in God for being stronger than the writer's enemies. There was one particular verse in each of these Psalms that gave me great comfort and put my heart at ease.

The first was Psalm 20:7. It says, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." It is an awesome act of faith to face down an opposing army and reduce their numbers and power to nothing in comparison to God in heaven. That particular verse gave me faith and reminded me (once again) that God is at work even when I cannot see it. The next verse that comforted me was Psalm 21:1-4. It reads, "O Lord, the King rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories you give! You have granted him the desire of his heart, and have not withheld the request of his lips. You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked you for life, and you gave it to him - length of days, for ever and ever." This reminded me just how good God is to His children and He gives life to all who come to Him.

I meditated on these two Psalms often while I was at the beach. They gave me comfort. We got back Saturday, right before celebrating our Seniors at church the next day. I went to bed early so I could be well rested for church and I woke up in the middle of the night because my phone had received a text. It was the student that I was hurting for earlier in the week. God is giving him a restless heart and he wants to talk. Our conversation has not taken place as of the writing of this article. But I recognize God's hand at work. Work that does not depend on me, but invites me to be a part of.

I wanted to share this with you, my church family, to remind you that God is always working, even when we can't see it in the circumstances. He desires that all come to a saving knowledge and a life that glorifies Him. So keep praying for those that you hurt for, keep loving them, and keep speaking Truth. But take comfort in the Truths of Psalm 20 and 21 and praise Him!

We are sad to announce that VBS for Summer 2020 is cancelled. If you have teaching/planning materials please return them to the church office.



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COME JOIN OUR TEAM

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Reading/Language Arts
and a
Teacher's Aide

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