

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Erma	Anderson	July 06	J.D. Martin	July 09
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Glend	da Cammack	July 08	Josiah Slaton	July 14
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#### Three Ways to Give



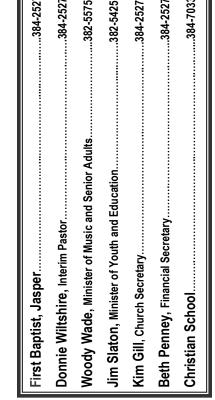




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#### Financial Report

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Annie Armstrong\$	296.70
Reach Texas\$	200.00





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# THE COMPASS



Dear Church Family,

A couple weeks ago I preached a message on the HOW of salvation. You might recall that I said experiencing salvation was more important than understanding it. That is completely true. However, most of us also want to have at least some level of understanding. Our website says this about salvation: "Salvation is God's free gift to us. It is available to us and in order to have it, we must accept it...It is only by trusting Jesus Christ can anyone become a Christ Follower and be set free from sin's penalty."

My way of describing this in my sermon was slightly longer. It makes these same points but expands these thoughts into 8 points. Here they are:

- 1. God by His creation made humans to live in relationship with Him.
- 2. No human today can do this because by inner compulsion and by willful decision every living person says "NO" to this relationship with God.
- 3. God has acted all through history to heal the break in our relationship with Him.
- 4. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is God's supreme act to heal the broken relationship.
- 5. Now God stands ready to heal the break by forgiving us for turning from Him.
- 6. When you submit your life to the risen Lord Jesus by faith, He gives Himself to you.
- 7. Often the act of submission, which comes after a time of soul searching, happens through a submissive prayer to Christ asking for forgiveness and new
- 8. I like to say it this way "Giving all you know of yourself to all you know of Christ."

This is the message that flows from the heart of God. He is calling all who will pay attention to turn and come to Him. This is the Gospel we proclaim and believe. It is the Gospel we believe as members of FBC. It is my prayer that all of us will share it with someone this week.

Irma and I are keeping you all in our prayers during these trying days.

Brother Donnie



## A Note from Bro. Woody

But now faith, hope, love, abide these three... --1 Corinthians 13: 13--

Long before Christ, a Greek philosopher named Thales said, "The most universal thing is hope, for hope stays with those who have nothing else." In a period of time when everything was changing, in a period of tremendous personal loss, the Apostle Paul penned the inspiring words, "And now these things remain: faith, hope and love..." The second of these qualities, hope, is to life what oxygen is to breathing. Where there is hope, there is life. And when hope dies, life itself begins to ebb away. In listing those three eternal virtues, it is interesting to notice how the Apostle Paul sandwiches hope between faith and love. Could it be that Paul put them in this order because of the relationship that hope has to faith and love? Faith precedes hope, but hope is so closely related to faith, that at times it is impossible to separate the two. One passage of Scripture defined faith, saying that it is "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see". When you have faith in a person, hope is born in your soul. Faith in God produces a hope that rescues you from the despair of the most difficult circumstances. When you trust God to answer your prayers, hope is gradually born in your soul. Hope that cannot be defeated! How else can we account for the lives of Christian martyrs, who faced the persecution of heathen Rome? How else can we account for the suffering that men and women endure in the hideous conflicts of war?

The message of the Gospel is a simple one that still produces hope in a hopeless world: "God so loved the world that He gave..." In short, it tells us that you are never so far from the cross that you cannot find a lasting hope. The Scripture says that hope which comes as the result of a personal experience with Christ is an anchor to your soul. Hope links you to God as an anchor holds a ship in angry waters. If there is one lesson our generation should have learned it is that men can never produce lasting hope in our world. But there is hope which comes from above, the hope of heaven which transcends the failures of men. It's the only way to find faith, hope, and love.

> You are loved, Bro. Woody

# A Page from Jim's Journal



Thank you

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone at First Baptist Church for your love, prayers, and support the past weeks. We are also appreciative to everyone who helped provide the delicious meal after the service. We are blessed to have a wonderful church family.

With love and gratitude, The Rose Family (Jimmy, Robin, Randi & Landon) Dear Friends.

All of us at Jasper Share are enormously grateful to you for your generous donation. Thanks to your kindness and generosity we are able to continue providing needed food to many families each month. We really appreciate your support and commitment to those in need and will strive to use the funds wisely. You truly have made a difference!

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