

# THANK YOU

Thank you, church family, for the cards, the phone calls, the texts, and the words of encouragement on Facebook. Thank you most of all for your faithfulness to pray. We miss you all and pray the day will soon come when we can gather again.

John & Nancy Ebarb

A note to say thank you, and how much I appreciate all who were involved in assembling the beautiful gift baskets for us widows and widowers.

It is so nice to be remembered, and blessed by the visit during these difficult times. Every small kind act of help is special.

May God bless each one involved in this ministry.

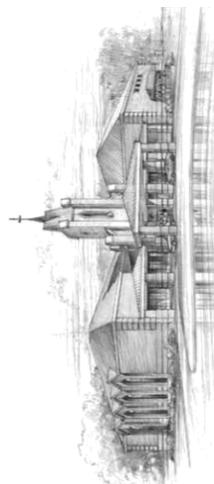
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## Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Classes for all ages

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# The Lord's Supper

**Sunday, January 31st**  
**During the morning worship service**  
**10:30 a.m.**

If you would like to observe the Lord's Supper with us but cannot attend the worship service in person right now please call or email the church office. We have two options available for you. You can come by the church office and pick up the elements or our deacons can deliver them to you. If you are able to watch the service live, you can take part in the Lord's Supper at the same time in the service as everyone else. If you cannot watch the service live, please consider taking the elements between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday morning as that is the same time those present will be observing the Lord's Supper. Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, January 27th to get on the list. 409-384-2527 or [fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com](mailto:fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com).

## I've Been Thinking...



## A Note from Bro. Woody

Dear Church Family,

We have begun, what I am sure, will be a wonderful journey. I am now serving you as your pastor. It is a responsibility I take quite seriously, but I expect you will find, with a sense of humor too. Just did not see God leading us all this way – but here we are. Of course, like every journey, it will have some ups and downs. It will have some starts and stops. On occasion the kids in the back seat are going to ask, “are we there yet?”

It is important to me that you and I both have a mutual set of expectations. That is why I am spending so much time on Sunday mornings reviewing our expectations. The expectations arise from the job description and out of the Word of God. It would be hard to find a set of expectations more focused than 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (Preach the Word), 1 Peter 5:1-4 (Shepherd the Flock), and Ephesians 4:11-13 (Equip the Saints). I am so glad that the Personnel Committee had the wisdom to make these points the purpose of the pastor.

Soon we are going to be talking about God’s Mission and Vision for us as a community of faith. As Brother Woody read Sunday – “without a vision the people perish.” Already I am talking about these things with our deacons who are spiritual leaders among us. I can already tell you that a God directed mission and a God sized vision will do much to pull us into the future that God has for us.

These are important times for us in our church. I encourage you to not miss out on what God is doing among us (it’s really not about us, it’s about God isn’t it!). Sunday morning in worship is the time we meet God together, lay ourselves at His feet, and hear His marching order. Join us in person if it is safe for you to do so. If not, with all my heart, I ask you to join us online on Facebook so we can all share these beginning days of the journey together.

Brother Donnie

***But now, O LORD, You are our Father,  
We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all of us are the work of Your hand.  
--Isaiah 64:8--***

A huge chunk of beautiful marble lay in the courtyard of the Florence, Italy cathedral for almost a hundred years. The sculptor commissioned to carve it had made a mistake while attempting to carve the stone, and most people thought it was beyond repair. But in 1505, another young sculptor by the name of Michelangelo came across the piece and thought he could do something with it. For three years, he worked steadily, carefully shaping the marble into an 18-foot tall image of the young shepherd boy David – a sculpture that would define the great artist’s career.

Much like Michelangelo, God is our Sculptor. He finds us broken, lost, and in desperate need of work. Then, after putting our faith in Christ, He begins to chisel us – scraping and chipping away our imperfections and making us more and more into the image He wants us to be. This sculpting we undergo is not always a pleasant experience. That’s because sometimes we have idols and imperfections chipped away to which we’ve grown very attached. But our Master Sculptor knows what He’s doing. Trust Him to mold you throughout your life into the masterpiece He’s created you to be and thank Him that He’s set you free from the imperfections that hinder you! Ask God to help you submit to His daily sculpting in your life as He transforms you into His image.

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.*

You Are Loved,  
Bro. Woody



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## A Page from Jim’s Journal

This week I’d like to share with you a devotion from “Think on These Things” by Ray Comfort:

“Control is something we must daily yield to our Lord and Savior. He is the supplier of every need for the believer. Proverbs 11:28 says, “He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.” Its money that provides clothes for our kids, puts food on the table, and pays off the mortgage. So the more we have in the bank, the more peace of mind we will have. Having money means its less likely we will have cold, hungry kids without a home. It’s normal, natural, and understandable to feel this way.

However, it becomes sin when we forget that its God who supplies our needs. He is the one who makes sure we can clothe, feed, and house our kids. So we must be careful to make sure our trust is in Him and not in our savings. What is it that you still need to yield to Gods ownership? Acknowledge that every need comes from God alone, who created and rules Heaven and Earth.”



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