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Dear FBC Jasper Family,

Your generous contributions of \$14,869.72 in the crazy year of 2020 were a tremendous blessing to the Association and our work throughout SE Texas and beyond. Your gifts were among the Top 3 in Sabine Valley and in the Top 10 of churches throughout the SNBA. Thank You!

Keep Bragging on Jesus!  
Jimmie Neal

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Juanell Langham	Feb 10
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Rhonda McNeely	Feb 12
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Jerry Sheffield	Feb 14
Ross Hines	Feb 15
Marlene Woods	Feb 15
DeAnn McBride	Feb 16
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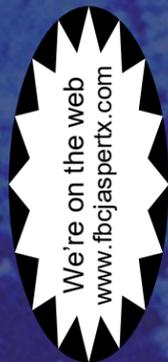
### Financial Report

Offerings.....(01/01 - 01/31) .....	\$ 49,963.89
Lottie Moon ....(cumulative).....	\$ 14,542.56

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## Church Membership

Sense the Lord leading you join First Baptist Church? Have questions about church membership? Call or email the church office. We'll be glad to answer your questions and would love for you to become a part of our FBC Family.  
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## I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Two weeks ago I preached about the expectation you should have for me to “equip the saints for works of service.” (Ephesians 4:12) This part of my pastoral task is written into my job description and it is clearly defined in the Bible. I have asked you to hold me accountable to this and I know that God is holding me accountable (from our Sunday night study Luke 12:47).

I want to remind you of two matters concerning “works of service.” The first reminder is this: works of service have two focuses – one focus is on our own church family. Works of service toward the family include praying for each other, mutually raising our children and youth in the faith, participating in acts of worship, keeping our building resources in good condition, caring for our widows and home bound, serving each other in times of trouble, and a million other things. The other focus is on the community and world outside of our family of faith. Works of service toward the community and world include sharing the gospel, reaching the kids of our community, feeding the hungry, loving the outcast and the foreigner, working for racial unity, serving in times of disaster, being medicine to the ills of our society, sending our children to the world in the name of Christ, and giving our money and lives for the cause of the Kingdom. (and a million more!)

Here is the other reminder: our church has and will have programs to accomplish these things. BUT, don't wait for a program to be about this work. This is the work of the Kingdom of God (see Luke 19:10 and Luke 4:18). No one of us can do all the tasks in the Kingdom. But when **ALL** of us do the part for which God has individually gifted us, there is little limit as to what the Family of Faith can accomplish. Here is our first task – let's join together (either on Facebook or in person) in the worship of our Majestic God this Sunday morning.

I can't wait...

Brother Donnie



## A Note from Bro. Woody

*You will make known to me the path of life;  
In Your presence is fullness of joy;  
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.  
--Psalm 16:11--*

Years ago, the Holiday Inn hotel chain was looking for 500 new people to fill positions in a large new hotel. The applicants found the first cut was the easiest to make as it was simply based on smiling. If a candidate smiled fewer than four times during the interview, no matter what job they were applying for, they were eliminated from consideration.

It would be interesting to see if the group who made the first cut had a proportionately greater number of Christians than those who didn't. After all, joy is a fruit of the Spirit of God within a believer, so we would reason that joy would automatically be more evident on the faces of those who are believers in Christ. But sadly, many Christians miss out on the gift of joy that God gives them because they pick up so much excess baggage throughout their lives that gets in the way. I am talking about things like anger, sadness, bitterness, and cynicism that many allow to take away the joyful life that God wants them to have. God gives us the gift of joy so that we may experience fullness in Him. So, don't miss out on this incredible gift by letting negative emotions get in the way. Let the joy of the Lord shine through in all circumstances and experience the fullness of His blessings for you! And pray, asking God to let His joy shine through any dark circumstances you are facing so that you can experience Him to the fullest!

Though trials will, come don't fear, don't run;  
Lift up your eyes hold fast, be strong.  
Have faith, keep on believing lift up your eyes;  
For God is at work in us, molding and shaping us,  
Out of His love for us, making us more like Jesus.

Consider it joy, pure joy, when troubles come.  
Many trials will make you strong.  
Consider it joy, pure joy, and stand your ground,  
Then at last you'll wear a crown.

You are love,  
Bro. Woody

## A Page from Jim's Journal

I attended the same Southern Baptist Church from the time I was born till I left for college. Southwest Baptist Church in DeSoto, TX (South Dallas) was a terrific church family. Two people I remember the most from my younger years in that church are “the candy guy” and “the amen guy.” You know the ones I'm talking about. The candy guy is the one in the service that carries extra jolly ranchers, mints, and lifesavers. All the kids know the candy guy and they run up to him every Sunday right before the service begins. The candy guy was my hero. The Amen guy is the one who verbally agrees with every statement the pastor makes by making a hearty “Amen!” a couple dozen times in the service. This guy always fascinated me when I was little. He sat a few rows behind us and I would count the number of times he would yell “Amen!” in a service. I would always hope he would beat the number from the previous Sunday.

I was six or seven years old when I tired of my counting game and decided that I was going to join the Amen guy in yelling during the service. I didn't really think about the appropriate time to begin yelling “Amen”, I just knew I wanted to start yelling it. So after a moment of silent prayer at the beginning of the service, I wrapped up my words to God by standing on the pew and yelling “Amen!” The silent sanctuary erupted in laughter as I sat down with immense satisfaction. I'm not sure I remember how the rest of the service went but my Dad kept his hand close by to keep me from standing if I felt the urge again.

Do you ever wonder if your actions make a difference? Do you ever wonder if people are watching? I guarantee you they are. The young, old, and in between watch, listen, and learn from what they see. This is why Jesus says in Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” People are always watching. Are you letting your light shine?



Hello from First Baptist Christian School! The week of January 24th-30th was National School Choice Week. According to the organization, school choice is the process of allowing every family to choose the K-12 educational options that best fit their children. These options include all forms of education, from traditional public schools, to public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and home-schooling. Every child deserves an effective, challenging, and motivating education. Because each student has their own unique set of talents, interests, and challenges, a variety of options in education is crucial. School choice ensures that each student can find a learning environment that allows them to be inspired, successful, and happy. We are so happy so many precious children chose us! Thank you for allowing us to teach, inspire, and spread the love of Jesus to these kids! FBCS is the best!

Sincerely,  
Stacy

I will praise the Lord all my life.

Psalm 146:2

