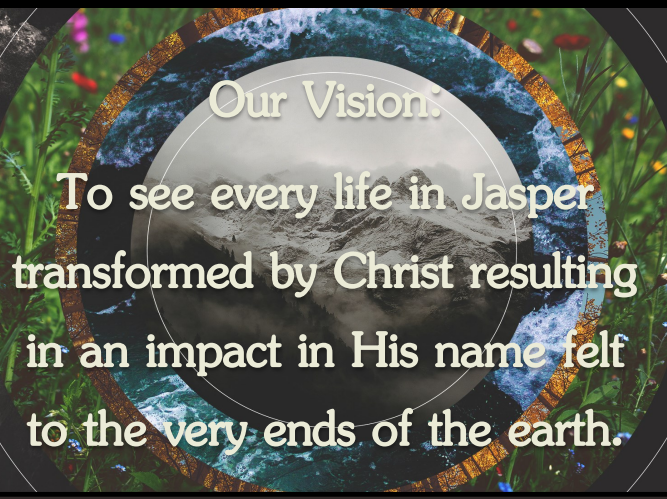


**FBC will be hosting lunch for local teachers  
and staff on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.**



**DESSERTS ARE NEEDED FOR LUNCHEON**

Sign up sheet on table in the foyer or call the church office .



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| Bill Gee            | Aug 10 |
| Jay Powers          | Aug 10 |
| Joe Chapman         | Aug 11 |
| Robert Lee McLemore | Aug 11 |
| Jana Tatum          | Aug 13 |
| Louise Rydman       | Aug 15 |
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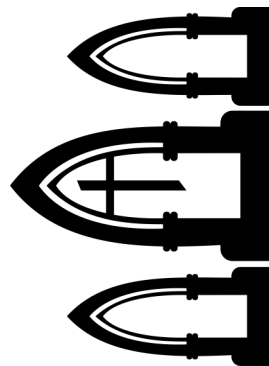
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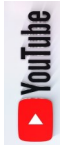
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# THE COMPASS

*You are cordially invited to our  
**Operation Christmas Child Banquet**  
Friday, August 20, 2021  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Family Life Center*



*If you plan to attend, please sign up in the foyer  
or call the church office.  
You are asked to bring a salad or dessert.  
Childcare will be provided,  
please sign up if needed.*



## I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I hope you have not grown tired of me sharing our vision. Our desire is, "see(ing) every life in Jasper transformed by Christ with a result that an impact is made in His name to the ends of the earth." Often, I wake up in the morning thinking how this vision can become a reality. Yet, I know there is no way we can make this happen. Only God can transform lives and impact the world. However, God in His great mercy invites us into the work of bringing His "kingdom on earth as it is in heaven."

We are in the process now of "retooling" our congregation. We are asking people to serve on committees, to minister through teams, to disciple through Sunday School, and to work as officers. Someone may have recently spoken to you about being a part of this retooling. I hope you have prayerfully considered any request that has come to you.

But I have a big favor to ask of the whole church and to ask especially of those who have agreed to serve. The favor is this – look at your place of service in a new way. Don't think of your role as one of getting a particular job done so the church can run a bit more efficiently. Look at every job, every committee, every classroom as an opportunity to make a disciple! Does that sound odd? Can my service on the building and grounds make disciples? Or what about kitchen team or budget committee? Sure, teaching Sunday School informs students, but does it do more?

The answer to all those questions is "yes!" We are moving from where we are as a church to life transformation by Christ. How do we get from point "A" (where we are now) to point "B" (where Christ is taking us)? The only way we can do it is by letting the aim of every last thing we do be the making of mature reproducing followers of Christ. To fulfill our vision, that is what we are asking you to do.

Ready? I can't wait!

Brother Donnie



## A Note from Bro. Woody

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.  
--Psalm 23: 5--*

Our grandson was home with his mom and dad on Saturday afternoon recently, and he decided he was big enough to go to the bathroom without anyone's help. He unknowingly locked the door behind him and couldn't unlock it when it was time to leave. He started to panic and called for help. His dad had to come in through the bathroom window and unlock the door from the inside. "Thanks, Daddy," the boy said. And he ran out to play.

A lot of people see God like our grandson sees his Daddy. We get in trouble, He comes in, bails us out, and sends us on our way. But what happens when God doesn't unlock the door? What happens when our friends betray us, our finances take a nosedive, our health worsens, or we lose a loved one? When we're locked in that dark room, God still climbs in. But instead of quickly unlocking the door, He sits with us, because spending time with Him is more important than quickly getting on with our lives. So instead of praying, "Get me outta here!" when hard times hit, maybe we should ask God to sit with us and show us something even greater than a quick fix – His presence. As hard as it is may seem, we should pray and ask God to show us His presence in the midst of our trials.

*Bow the knee; trust the heart of your Father  
When the answer goes beyond what you can see.  
Bow the knee; lift your eyes toward heaven  
And believe the One who holds eternity.  
And when you don't understand  
The purpose of His plan,  
In the presence of the King, bow the knee.*

P.S. Thank you so much, church, for the very generous bonus. Although it was certainly not expected, it was appreciated more than you know!

You are loved,  
Bro Woody

## A Page from Jim's Journal



FBC Students are going to  
**inSPIRE ROCK** INDOOR CLIMBING GYM  
SPRING, TEXAS

Spring, TX, 2021  
August 14th  
Meet at the church @ 11 am

You will need to bring  
\$20 for Rock Climbing  
Money for Dinner (minimum \$15)

Please call church office (409)384-2527 if you would like to go or  
Email [fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com](mailto:fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com)

"It's almost time to move our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders into the youth group! I want to invite all of our students to participate in a fun day at Inspire Rock. We will be participating in a bunch of group-based challenges to help us get to know our new 7<sup>th</sup> graders and help them feel comfortable, like they are part of the family. Afterwards, we will have plenty of free time to climb in the gym at the level you are most comfortable with. You are welcome to invite your friends. Call the church office or sign up in the youth room to let us know you are coming."

Jim



**First Baptist Church is looking to hire  
a Nursery Coordinator.**

If you are interested come by the church office  
and fill out an application.



**FBC KIDS POOL Party!**

Come and make a splash at the  
**END OF THE SUMMER** Cele-

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 11TH | 4:30 PM

@ East Texas Baptist Encampment

Kindergarten - 6th grade kids come celebrate the end of summer at ETBE with swimming, hot dogs and smores.

We will return back to the church at 8 pm  
Don't forget your swimsuit and towel



**Christmas Music  
Listening Party**

**Sunday, August 29**

following the  
**Evening Worship  
Service**

If you would be interested in singing  
with us for Christmas, we invite you to  
listen to

"I Call Him Lord" with us at the  
church!!