

Join Us  
for



Wednesday Night  
Dinner

August 25th

Fried Chicken Strips  
Loaded

Potato Casserole

Coleslaw

Biscuits & Gravy

Assorted

Cookies & Sherbet

September 1st

Chicken Spaghetti

Bread

Salad

Dessert

\$5/person. \$2/child 12 & under.

\$15 Family Maximum

To go plates are for shut ins only.

Please sign up by Tuesday at noon by  
calling the church office 409-384-2527,  
or fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com  
or using this QR code





Have a  
VERY  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Keith Hilderbrand

Todd Knight

Mitch McMillon

Becky Chamberlain

Lauren Penney

Richard Chamberlain

Matthew Powers

Aug 23

Aug 23

Aug 24

Aug 27

Aug 30

Sep 01

Sep 02

Our Vision:

To see every life in Jasper  
transformed by Christ resulting  
in an impact in His name felt  
to the very ends of the earth.

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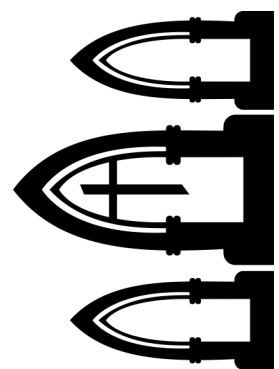
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Jasper, Texas

THE COMPASS

Sunday School - Classes for all ages

Dear Church Family,

Since March of 2020, we have lived our church life without some of our important programs. It was not our first choice to scale back our regular adult Sunday School classes, stop having Wednesday night suppers, and suspend Happy Years. We did these things as safety precautions. Until recently, Covid was in retreat, and we were ready to advance. Frankly, along with everyone else, we are again carefully watching.

On August 25 we will re-launch Wednesday night suppers. Eating supper in the Family Life Center allows us to spread out and remain safe. Make your reservation and join us in a great time of fellowship and then gather in the Sanctuary for prayer. Please don't go home after supper. Stay and pray!

Sunday School is important for us to accomplish the vision we have for our church. Sunday School is a time of Bible study. But it is also a portal for new families to enter church life and it is a venue for connections and ministry. That is why we are making some changes in Sunday School. We are making Colin Townsend's class a class for younger families (roughly adults in their 20's and 30's), and we are adding a class with Jim Hamilton. Jim's class will be for families right after they leave Colin's class (roughly 40's and 50's). These classes will help us target younger families and families new to our church. You will see more information soon about enrollment for these classes. Adding these classes for specific age groups will mean changes for some members. Be patient with the changes. We have our eyes on church growth and this, along with enhancements in all of Sunday School are steps toward vision fulfillment.

As of August 19, this is our plan. We are watching our community and especially the schools to see if we can safely re-launch adult Sunday School in small classrooms on September 5 with a major kick-off effort on September 12. If we must pause for a while we will. But not for long. The work of the Kingdom goes on and we, like the wise bridesmaids waiting for the groom, have our wicks trimmed and extra oil in hand! (Matt. 25:1-13)

I can't wait!

Brother Donnie



## A Page from Jim's Journal

The First Baptist Students welcomed the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders last Saturday with a trip to Inspire Rock Climbing's facility in Spring, TX.



### 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!!



## A Note from Bro. Woody

*He must increase, but I must decrease.*

--John 3: 30--

Gary Thomas, in his book *Authentic Faith*, describes a friend of his named Mike. He met Mike when he went to college. Mike was a leader among students. He had everything—a contagious personality, athletic ability, good looks, and natural appeal. Everybody wanted to be around Mike. Everybody wanted to be Mike. But a few years after college, Mike suffered a brain hemorrhage, and, as a result, he lost everything—his handsome appearance was gone, his voice was slurred, and he couldn't teach any more. Everything that others admired in Mike was now taken from him. His treatment required months of challenging therapy, but eventually he was able to function again. The devastating effect on his body was obvious, but so was the equally powerful change in his spirit. He still attracted followers, but he was no longer focused on himself. He was focused on God. Gary Thomas says, "In college, when I was around Mike, I wanted to be like Mike. Now, after spending time with Mike, I want to be more like Jesus."

Many of us get discouraged by the physical changes we experience as we grow older. But instead of letting that get us down, we need to let it motivate us to point more people to Jesus! Let's ask God to give us a perspective on ourselves that keeps Jesus front and center in our lives.

*Little is much when God is in it!  
Labor not for wealth or fame  
There's a crown, and you can win it  
If you go in Jesus' name.*

You are loved,  
Bro Woody

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your willingness to help wherever you whenever needed. As a member of the bereavement committee, I am constantly calling for help. Then last week with the teacher luncheon, you came through again. I appreciate each of you.  
Betty Powers

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Thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful facility. We deeply appreciate your hospitality.  
Sincerely,  
Michell Barrow, Newton ISD  
Georgia Sayers, Kirbyville CISD

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To everyone who made Senior Sunday so special,  
Thank you so much for the deep consideration that went onto the planning and execution of this service. It was so sweet and without a doubt made all seniors feel loved and supported. I have enjoyed growing up at FBC Jasper and am beyond grateful for all the memories that brought me to Jesus. Thank you.  
Love,  
Allison Pool

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your kindness during my recent move to my new home. I appreciate all the help, large and small, showing how our church shows it's love for it's members.  
In His Love,  
Frances Williams

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Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you provided for our family. Your kindness was such a comfort to our family.  
Love,  
The Robbie Martindale Family

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First Baptist Church,  
I am so thankful and blessed to have been a part of such a wonderful church throughout my childhood! I am so thankful for all the people I have met and the memories that I can forever cherish! Senior Sunday was perfect and I am so thankful to everyone who worked to make it that way! Thank you all and I hope that you will keep me in your prayers for this next stage!  
Love,  
Macy Powers