

Wednesday Night Suppers

October 27th

Fall Fest

Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
Frito Pie
Nachos
Fruit Cups

November 3rd

Beef - Vegetable Soup
Broccoli - Vegetable Soup
Cornbread
Banana Pudding

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

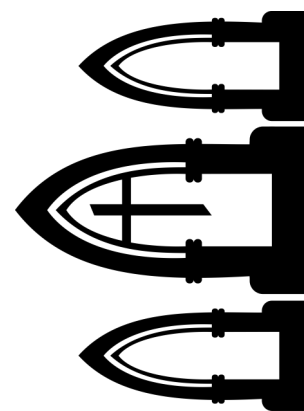
\$15 Family Maximum

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



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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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Reese Hines	Oct 27
Carlton Penney	Oct 27
Peyton Woods	Oct 28
Doyle Herrin	Oct 30
Velinda Corbell	Nov 02
Cameron Cammack	Nov 03
Cason Pool	Nov 03
Laura Wisniewski	Nov 03
Jennifer Herrington	Nov 05
James Slaton	Nov 07

Happy Birthday!

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Church Events

- October 22nd—Youth 5th Quarter at 10pm in the Gym
- October 23rd - Children's Ministry to the Zoo Meet at the church at 12:30 pm
- October 25- 29 - FBCS Book Fair in the Parlor
- October 26th - Constitution & By-Laws Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- October 26th - Happy Years - 10:00 a.m. Games begin, Catered lunch at Noon in the Gym
- October 26th - B&F Budget Workshop - 6:00 p.m. in the Gym
- October 27th - Fall Fest - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Gym
- October 31st - The Lord's Supper in the Morning Worship service
- November 21st - Thanksfeast at 5pm

Sunday, October 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, October 27th to get on the list. 409-384-2527 or fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I have just come home from a short visit in Memphis, Tennessee. Many of you know that Irma and I went to Memphis to help our old church celebrate their 75th anniversary. We had a wonderful time. We were able to see many people who were members of our church two decades ago when I was their pastor. It was such a joy to see new people among them and to see how they had grown in the faith. It is delightful to look back from time to time and see what God has done.

But we cannot live in the past. We can pray that God was honored in our past and we can pray that He has redeemed all our missteps of the past, but the past is passed. We can only live in the present. The present is God's gift to us in which we can obey God and love others. The present is the moment we have for living in faith. It is imperative that day by day we live the present in submission to Christ.

Jesus taught us to not be anxious about the future. I am afraid that too much of the time I live today worried about tomorrow. We might as well not do that. No amount of worry today can fix tomorrow. But that does not mean we make no plans for tomorrow. Many of the stories of Jesus spoke to making future plans. When He taught us to count the cost of discipleship, He used stories about preparing for the building of a tower or for the fighting of a war. We even know that Jesus made extensive plans for the time when He would depart and the disciples would carry on the work. He equipped them for ministry by preparing them for the future.

It seems to me that a blueprint for life emerges from these thoughts. We leave the past to God's redemptive power. We live the present in submission to Christ's will. We look toward the future as the place where God will do the Kingdom work that we prepare for today. Fantastic! Past, present, and future all belong to God. Let's live it that way!

I can't wait...

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody



Happy Years

*A Fellowship Time for
those 55 and better!*

The 4th Tuesday of each month
beginning October 26th

Each month we will gather to play table games at 10:00 am, followed by a catered meal and brief devotional/hymn sing. We will be finished and on the way home by 1:00!

These days of COVID have caused us to realize the need for quality time together.

This is an opportunity for us to enjoy spending a few hours playing, eating and worshiping together. We hope you will give it a try!

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

A Page from Jim's Journal

We had John's 5th birthday party this last weekend. We rushed home after a full morning of soccer to transform the front yard into a super hero training ground. John wanted his theme to be Marvel's Avengers so Jaclyn had planned some different super hero training exercises for each of them to earn their cape and super hero name. They had to throw Captain America's shield, run with super speed, perform a hulk smash, and bust through a "brick" wall. At the end of their training, when they each received their cape, you could see in their face that they were really super heroes.

Aren't kids the greatest? When they do an activity they do it with all of their heart and fully participate. Their imaginations allowed them to compete in these super hero activities and pretend that they had super powers. I wonder what this would look like if we did it for his 13th birthday party. His 18th? His 30th? I can imagine it would become less appealing the older he gets. It is natural for us to leave childish things behind as we grow up. But Jesus challenges his disciples in Matthew 18 that they must turn back to being like a child in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Of course, Jesus is speaking on having faith like a child. As we grow older we tend to think on things more rationally and lose a lot of our God-given imagination. We stop dreaming big things and wondering about our mighty God. Matthew 18:3-4 says, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." It's ok if you outgrow some of your childhood interests. But when it comes to matters of faith, "Stop acting your age." We serve an unbelievably, all-powerful, all-knowing, omnipresent God! He invites us to join us in His kingdom work. Keep dreaming big!

Dear Pastors,

Thank you
for the early Sunday mornings & the late Wednesday nights.

Thank you
for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

Thank you
for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

Thank you
for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

Thank you
for the sacrifice and service.

Pastor Appreciation Month

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S

FALL

FESTIVAL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
314 N MAIN STREET; JASPER, TX

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

5:00PM TO 7:00PM

CAKE WALK
BOUNCE HOUSE
GREAT FOOD, PRIZES
GAMES AND MORE