

### Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

#### **November 10th**

**Chicken Fried Steak Tater Tot Casserole Purple Hull Peas Biscuits & Gravy Apple Cobbler** 

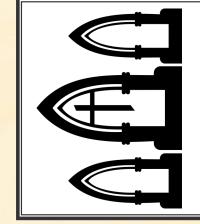
#### **November 17th**

**Fried Chicken Rice & Gravy Green Beans** 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@fbcjaspertx.com or using this QR code





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**Our Vision:** To see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ resulting in Marjorie McDonald Nov 08 an impact in His name felt to the very ends of the earth. **Brian Tatum** Nov 10 Joeley Gill Nov 12 **Kourtney Peveto** Nov 16 First Baptist, Jasper.. ...409-384-2527 Lanny Smith Nov 16 Donnie Wiltshire, Pastor... ..919-524-8302 **Martin Smith** Nov 16 Woody Wade, Minister of Music and Senior Adults.... ...409-382-5575 **Earl Dimmock** Nov 19 Jim Slaton, Minister of Youth and Education... ..409-382-5425 Jerry Willoughby Nov 20 Kim Gill, Church Secretary..... ...409-384-2527 ..409-384-2527 Beth Penney, Financial Secretary..... Christian School.. .409-384-7033



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#### **Church Events**

- November 7th—Time Change Set your clocks back one hour
- November 7th Budget & Finance Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- November 9th Constitution & By-Laws Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room
- November 9th Deacons Operation Christmas Child Packing Party at 5pm in the gym
- November 11th Operation Christmas Child **Shoebox Training** 6:00 p.m. in the Gym
- November 14th Choir Lunch/Rehearsal following morning worship in the gym
- November 14th Kids Movie Day 3:00 6:00 p.m. at the church
- November 14th Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m. in the His Followers classroom
- November 15th Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dropoff - Collection week begins



#### I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

For the past five Sundays, Jim and I have preached on the topic of salvation. That is a word that our culture does not understand. I think there was a time when most people had a sense that they needed to have an experience of salvation; they needed to have a life changing encounter with God, but that time has passed. That is partly why we have spent so much time on this subject – it is just not understood by most of our neighbors.

The steps toward understanding are not terribly complicated. It begins with a loving God who made a perfect creation and made humans as the high point of that creation. But all humans, beginning with the first pair, turned from that loving God by seeking to be their own little god. God in His great mercy did not leave us to that choice, though, for He continued down through time to call people out of rebellion and into a relationship with Him.

The most important part of this whole saga is found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Through Jesus, God has done the final act of providing a way for us to have a right relationship with Him. God pursues us by His grace, and we take His grace into our lives by faith. That is what the Bible calls, and what we know as, "salvation." There are so many parts of the Christian life, but as most of you know, we can experience none of them until we experience the first one – a conversion to Christ.

Here is where you can do me a great favor. On Sunday, November 14, I am preaching the last sermon in this series on salvation. I plan on giving a clear and simple presentation of the gospel message. Would you invite a friend or a family member to come with you to church on that Sunday? Would you especially invite someone who is perhaps not a believer? Maybe the 14<sup>th</sup> would be the day when that friend or that family member comes to Christ. It would be a great day!

Give thanks with a grateful heart

I can hardly wait!

Brother Donnie



# A Note from Bro. Woody

And you were dead in your offenses and sins, in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

--Ephesians 2: 1-5--

I recently read of a farmer who went to meet with his banker and announced that he had some bad news and some good news. "First, the bad news... I can't make my mortgage payments. And that crop loan I've taken out for the past 10 years—I can't pay that off, either. Not only that, I won't be able to pay you the couple of hundred thousand I still have outstanding on my tractors and other equipment. So I'm going to have to give up the farm and turn it all over to you for whatever you can salvage out of it." After a few moments of silence, the banker said, "What's the good news?" "The good news is that I'm going to keep on banking with you."

With so much bad news in the world today, it's often true that the good news you receive does very little to make you feel better. Yet the greatest news of all, that which is found in Scripture, is the one piece of Good News that can counteract any bad news you'll hear. What is this Good News? It's the simple fact that if you're in Christ, He's saved you. He's brought you out of the depths of sin and despair and has raised you up to be alive with Him. That's fantastic news! So whenever you feel overwhelmed by bad news, remember that Christ died for you, and in Him, you have eternal life! And don't forget to tell someone...everyone!

Christ was born in a distant land,
Tell the good news, tell the good news;
Lived on earth for the good of man,
Tell the good news, tell the good news.
Tell the good news, tell the good news,
Tell the good news that Christ has come;
Tell the good news, tell the good news,
Tell the good news to everyone.

You are loved, Bro. Woody

## A Page from Jim's Journal

I have been so proud of our church family for the way they have stepped up and poured into our students on Sunday evenings. We have had some very memorable evenings that were spent learning new skills and growing our faith by reading the Bible together. Every volunteer opportunity was taken and we already have 3 or 4 nights planned after Christmas. Thank you so much for investing time and imparting godly wisdom into our students.

These pictures are from October 24<sup>th</sup>. Brian Tatum taught everyone how to use a compass. The students went all over Sandy Creek Park, set their bearings and had to answer questions from landmarks they found. Afterwards, Brian taught the students that Jesus is our true North. We can always look to the Bible for Truth and then set aside anything that that doesn't measure up.





Thank you FBC, Bro. Woody and Bro. Donnie for your special kindness to Gene and our family during his recent illness and passing. Thank you FBC Bereavement team for cooking for and serving our family during our time of grief We want to thank you all for your love and prayers.

The Cannon Family



#### **National Collection Week**

November 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

First Baptist Church Jasper is a Drop
Off Location

National Collection Week is less than 2 weeks away! During that week we will need volunteers each day to help us greet shoebox donors and to pack the shoeboxes into cartons. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer. To serve our community well, there will be a meeting for all volunteers as a walk through for National Collection Week on Thursday, November 11th at 6pm.



## Thank you!

We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during our time of loss.

To the women of FBC, We wish to thank you ladies for all the prayers during Edwina's illness and death. Also, thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to the funeral.

Randy & Edwina's Family