

## Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

**November 24th** 

**No Wednesday Night Supper** or Services

**December 1st Cheese Enchiladas Spanish Rice** Beans **Chocolate 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 an impact in His name felt to the very ends of the earth.

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# Together, we will advance the kingdom of God.

Please pray about how you can give. Our Church Goal is \$8500

Marjorie Martin Nov 22 Nov 22 Liz Weaver Nov 24 Amanda Moss Nov 25 Reagan Stephenson Nov 26 Curtis Kelley Brenda Pierce Nov 27 Samantha Townsend Nov 27 Nov 28 Van Cammack Nov 29 Charles Lundquist Dec 04 **Bill McMillon** 

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#### NOVEMBER 18, 2021 - VOLUME 18 - ISSUE 21



## **Church Events**

- November 21st Thanksfeast following morning worship. No evening activities.
- November 30th Happy Years (55plus) Games begin at 10am, catered lunch served at Noon.
- November 30th Constitution & By-Laws Committee Meeting 1pm in the Conference Room
- December 4th FBC Kids to Grant Christmas Tree Farm meet at 9am
- December 5th Vote on proposed 2022 Budget following morning worship service
- December 5th Blood Drive in the gym from 2-5 pm
- December 12th FBC Choir Cantata 10:30am

### I've Been Thinking...

#### Dear Church Family,

I've told you before that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Fall is just the right time of year for me. I like the cooler weather and the changing season. I don't care much for getting the leaves out of the yard, but I do like the colors. Fall seems to give me a boost of energy and when Thanksgiving gets here, I know I am going to have a little extra time with my kids and grandkids. As some of you know – That's the Best!

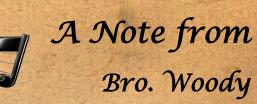
The Bible clearly calls on the people of God to be marked by thanksgiving. The words "thanks," thankful," "thanksgiving," and "thankfulness" appear over 250 times in the Bible. Several times while preaching I have spoken to you about 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Ephesians 5:20. The former verse calls on us to be thankful in all circumstances. The latter pushes us even harder for it calls on us to be thankful for all things. Both ideas are a great challenge.

In our last Compass I asked you to do something. I asked you to bring a friend who did not know Jesus to church with you. With this Compass I am going to ask you to do something else. Would you pause a bit and pay attention to how much you give thanks and how much you grumble? I'm not trying to hurt or embarrass anyone. I'm a grumbler too. But I can find no place in the Bible that extols the virtue of complaint. (sometimes complaint is appropriate) But I can find lots of places like Philippians 2:14, "Do all things without grumbling or dispute." (NASB)

I know it would be a step of Christian growth for me to shift my demeanor from one of complaint to one of giving thanks. I believe with all my heart that the blessings of the Lord far outweigh the moans and groans of daily life. Well, if this is true then let our words and expressions match our beliefs. Make a shift. Let the richness of the Christ life be reflected in your daily walk.

I can hardly wait!

Brother Donnie



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. --Romans 15: 13--

Reverend Ben Patterson once said, "Hope delivers us from the despair that nothing we do matters, and enables us to tackle even the most menial job with vigor." He goes on to share an illustration from World War II. A B-17 bomber flying over Germany during the last days of the war was hit several times, even taking direct hits on its fuel tank. Miraculously, the bomber did not explode. When it finally landed, several of the crew investigated the unexploded shells lodged in the aircraft's fuselage. Dismantling the shells they were amazed to discover that they were empty. That is, except for a note written in Czech, which read, "This is all we can do for you now." Those men, and who knows how many others, owed their lives to a member of the Czech underground, quietly working day after day at an assembly line - hoping his efforts would make a difference.

It's easy to get discouraged when we feel like our best years are behind us. But the truth is that as believers, our best opportunities are always now. We carry a hope inside us that the God who saved us will never forsake us. We are forever relevant to Him, and that means what we do right now for His Kingdom matters a great deal. So, let's ask God to fill us with hope, and then pray that out of that hope we'll be empowered to serve Him for all our days!

*My* Hope is in the Lord, who gave Himself for me And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary. For me He died; For me He lives, And everlasting life and light He freely gives. No merit of my own His anger to suppress, My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. For me He died: For me He lives. And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

> You are loved, Bro. Woody

# A Page from Jim's Journal

It's time to sign up for Hot Hearts again! Hot Hearts was cancelled last year due to the Pandemic so we are extra excited about gathering with our area churches this January. Hot Hearts is a Beaumont area conference that lasts Friday into Saturday and involves biblical teaching, worship, concerts from well-known artists and a lot of surprises. We head down right after school, drop our belongings off in the Holiday Inn Express in Vidor off of I-10 and then head to the Ford Arena!

We want to take as many students as we can for this encouraging weekend experience. The cost is \$60 and covers the conference cost, hotel stay, and CiCi's pizza Friday night. You can sign your student up in the youth room or call the church office and we'll put them down.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods, Psalm 95:2-3



Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 9 a.m. return at 4 p.m. Cost \$20.00 (Hay Ride, Zip Line, Petting Zoo, Cage Maze, Corn Maze, Jumping Pillow and Lunch) Send extra money if your child would like to buy something at the

toy store or concession stand RSVP to church office (409)384-2527









First Baptist Church - Jasper Gym unday, December 5<sup>th</sup> • 2 - 5 pm

> Your precious gift is carefully provided to someone in need. Your blood donation could impact the life of someone you know, someone you'll meet, or your closest





Please join us on Sunday. December 12th at 10:30 a.m