

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



January 12th

Smoked Ham
Mac & Cheese
Lima Beans
Yeast Rolls
Dessert

January 19th

Fried Chicken
Rice & Gravy
Green Beans
Salad
Dessert

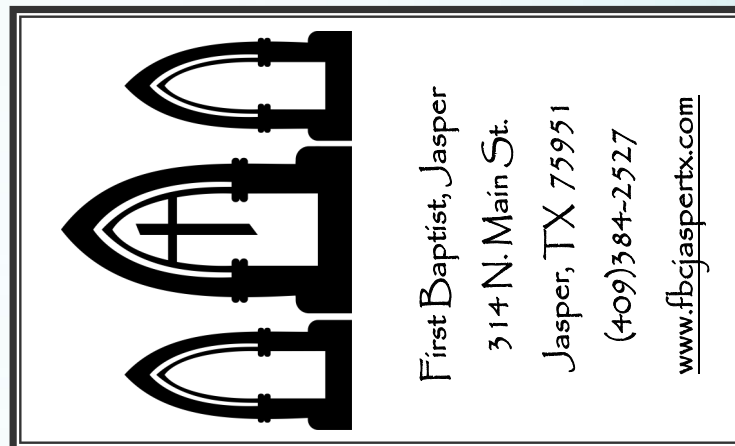
\$5 person. \$2/child 12 & under.
\$15 Family Maximum
To go plates are for shut ins only.

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



*Behold, I Bring
You Good Tidings...*

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Wishing you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Donnie

Kim

Woody

Beth

Jim

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

It's the end of the year, but it's the beginning of our great story. And . . . it's been a great year. There have been challenges through the year and the year has given us its own share of sorrow. But we have seen the Lord working in all the challenges and we have known His presence in every sorrow. When I think back where we were at the end of 2020 and look at where we are now, I am filled with wonder and the goodness of God. I invite you to stop and think about where we were and where we are. I think you will be amazed too. That is my meditation on the "end of the year." But, as I said, we are at the beginning of our great story!

The great story is not the story of where we are as a church, the great story is what God is doing in His world. I know that the "real" beginning is the Genesis story. But all the stories bow down before the greatest of all stories – God came into the world -- and we call that event "Christmas." God came into the world in the infant, Jesus. Jesus became a man and lived with us. That man died on a cross and made a way for men and women everywhere, and in all time, to be transformed into sons and daughters of God. Yes, that is our great story. The greatest story ever told.

It is right that we celebrate this "coming" like nothing else. The world celebrates with us even though they do not know its full glory. The world hangs lights, but we know that all the lights signify the Light of the World. The world gives gifts, but we know the gifts signify the Greatest Gift that God has given to us. The world puts up trees, but we know The Tree, on which He died. Yes, it's the beginning of our great story; and I wonder where that story will take us this year?

I can hardly wait to see . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

Join us for Happy Years

(55 Plus)

*Tuesday,
December 21st*

Games at 10am

Catered Lunch at 11:30am

Time of Worship

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

*Everyone bring a
puzzle to exchange*



A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL

This last week, Jaclyn and I participated in a Christmas party with other area student pastors and spouses. In typical youth ministry fashion, our Christmas party was anything but ordinary. It was actually a murder mystery party, and we had to take on the roles of characters that were assigned to us and figure out who the murderer was. The backstory that was given to us before we arrived read, "You have been invited on a **pleasure cruise** by Captain Michael Von Ammon. The guest list includes a number of the Captain's friends, family members, and business associates, as well as the crew of the Captain's sixty-foot yacht, the *Elizabeth May*. Everyone is expecting an evening cruise replete with dinner, drinks, and dancing - they aren't expecting foul weather, **the murder of someone on board**, or a sudden shipwreck on a deserted island in the uncharted Caribbean."

Jaclyn and I have never done anything like this, and we were both a little nervous. It turned out to be a fun night to remember! Jaclyn and I won the game and I even got voted "best actor" for my performance. We were both so glad to have gone and participated in such a wonderful night with partners in ministry. This whole experience reminded me of the importance of trying new things and experiences. That carries over to our relationship with God as well! It is so easy to stay in our lane and get in a routine where we only experience God in the ways we are most comfortable. Where do comfort and faith intersect? There is nothing comfortable about believing and living out in what we cannot see, yet the reward is life giving!

The author of Hebrews reflects on this in 11:32-34. He says, "And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies." Were any of these activities described within the comfort level of those who experienced them? I am comfortable saying no to that. It was their faith in God that gave them victory in these battles. Likewise, it is our faith in Christ that gives us victory in the most important battle. The battle for our souls. Romans 3:22 says, "Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."

I am thankful for the new experience and fun we had doing a murder mystery party. But I am ultimately more thankful for the new life I received, and the way God uses me when I step out in faith. I never want to grow too comfortable where I dictate the areas God cannot use me. Faith comes with a clearer vision of who Jesus is and that is the greatest adventure any of us could hope to experience.



Christmas Season Schedule

- **Wednesday, December 22nd:** No Evening Activities
- **Friday, December 24th:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm
- **Sunday, December 26th:** Morning Worship only at 10:30am
(No Sunday School or Evening Worship)
- **Wednesday, December 29th:** No Evening Activities
- **Monday – Thursday, December 27th- 30th:** Church Office Closed
- **Friday, December 31st:** Church Office Open from 10am – 12pm
- **Sunday, January 2nd:** Sunday School and Morning Worship
(No Evening Activities)
- **Wednesday, January 5th:** Prayer Meeting and Ladies Bible Study
(No Supper, Youth or Children's Activities)