

January 26th

Jambalaya Salad **Garlic Bread** Dessert

February 2nd

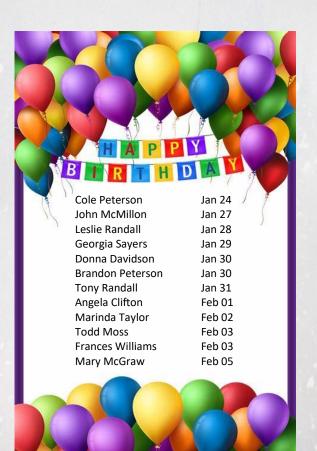
Pasta e Fagioli Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers/Breadsticks Greek Salad/Green Salad

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 an impact in His name felt to the very ends of the earth.





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, January 26th to get on the list. 409-384-2527 or fbci@fbcjaspertx.com.

Church Events

- Jan 23rd Sunday School @ 9:15a.m., Morning Worship @ 10:30a.m., Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5:00p.m.
- Jan 23rd Immediately following Morning Worship, there will be a brief informational meeting regarding a trip to Israel that Bro. Donnie plans to lead in April 2023. If you are interested in going, please make plans to stay for
- Jan 25th Happy Years (55 Plus): Games begin @ 10:00a.m., catered lunch served at 11:30a.m. followed by a time of worship.
- Jan 26th Wednesday Night Supper @ 5:00p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6:00p.m.
- Jan 28th & 29th Hot Hearts: Students 7th-12th grades. Cost is \$60. See Jim Slaton for more details.
- Jan 30th Sunday School @ 9:15a.m., Morning Worship, Lord's Supper @ 10:30a.m., Evening Worship, Children's Discipleship @ 5:00p.m.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Every journey has a beginning place. Most journeys have a final destination (although many journeys have highlights of the trip but no "final" spot). In 1971 my family fulfilled a long-standing dream of my father's - we made a trip from Texas to Alaska. It was a twomonth trip, and it was great fun. In some ways Alaska was the destination but in other ways the trip itself was the destination - both going and coming were the highlight (if you get my point). We planned for years on that trip. We bought a truck and camper, made a trailer to carry equipment and motorcycles, and saved money. Getting from Texas to Alaska and back took a strong plan or, you might say, a clear strategy.

Our church family is on a journey together. It is a many faceted journey. Part of the journey is rebuilding. Part of the journey is growing new. Part of the journey is living life together. Part of the journey is bringing new people into our shared life. Part of the journey is learning what Christ would have each individual do. Part of the journey is learning what Christ would have us do all together. But it is a journey, a Spiritual journey. And to get from where we are to where God would have us be we need a plan, or a clear strategy.

In our Sunday morning worship time the scripture has been leading us ever deeper into this idea. We have talked about how we have seen God work. We have thought about what we do now. This Sunday we will take this thinking an additional step. We will begin to explore what kind of plan or strategy will be right for us as we continue this journey. I think Jesus had a plan. I think it is discernable in scripture. I want to share at least some of that plan with you Sunday.

We know that a great many people in our church and community are sick. Let's lift each other up in prayer. But if you can, please join us. We're on a journey and we need all of us together.

I can hardly wait. . .

Brother Donnie



Happy Years
(55 plus)

Tuesday, January 25th



Games at 10 a.m.

Catered Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you all for the prayers and cards you shared with me and my family during Earl's passing. The Bibles given in his memory are deeply appreciated. Again, I want to sincerely thank you for all of your prayers for us.

Shirley Dimmock and Family

A Page from Jim's Journal

Church, I wanted to take the space in this article to share a work that God is doing in our teenagers at First Baptist Church. I began to get convicted over Christmas break over the use of our youth gatherings on Sunday nights. There was a specific purpose and reason for doing host homes and life skills. We started it so that our youth and church members could connect with one another, and we could bridge the gap in our fellowship. It was a good thing, but I can't say it fit into our church's vision. It didn't help make disciples.

I shared my concern with students and parents at the beginning of the New Year and we immediately started using our Sunday evening gatherings to discuss what accountability and growth would look like in the youth group setting. After two weeks, we have a new expectation for what we experience as we gather together. Sharing key verses that stood out to us in our weekly reading, scripture memorization, accountability for sharing our faith, and praying together will fill our time. We are using a Bible reading plan called F260. The "F" stands for foundations. A strong foundation is exactly what we want to pass on for these students to stand on.

The reason I am sharing this with you guys is because I want you to remember our students as you pray. Remember the families in our church. It is so easy to get bogged down in life, routines, and schedules that we neglect the best things to pursue good things. As with starting any new discipline, there will be some setbacks. But please pray that Jesus would captivate these students' hearts and minds. Pray that their eyes would be fixated on Christ, and they would experience His love and forgiveness in a whole new way. As always, I am thankful that you allow me to serve with our teenagers. I absolutely love my job.

-Jim



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