



February 23rd

No Supper, Winter Break

March 2nd

Fried Chicken
Rice & Gravy
Green Beans
Salad
Dessert

March 9th

Ham
Au Gratin Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
Salad
Dessert

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

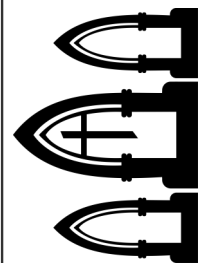
Please sign up by Tuesday at noon
by calling the church office
409-384-2527, or fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com
or using this QR code



Kathleen Wade	Feb 21
Meagan Fountain	Feb 23
Missy Tatum	Feb 24
Cyndi Harris	Feb 25
John L. Lowery	Feb 25
Terry Weaver	Feb 26
Jaclyn Slaton	Feb 27
Jim Slaton	Mar 01
Susann Shamblin	Mar 02
Paula Stephenson	Mar 02
Kara Pullen	Mar 05

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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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Celebrating 15 years

Come celebrate Bro. Woody & Kathleen's

15th Anniversary at FBC

and 45 years in the ministry on

Sunday, February 27th @ 5:00 p.m. in the Gym

Please bring your favorite "finger food", the church will
provide dessert.

There will be a basket if you choose to bring a card.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

On February 6, I started preaching on the subject of worship. Multiple times over the two years that I have been with you we have touched on this subject. The reason we keep coming back to it is because worship is vitally important to Christians. The scriptures teach us to worship. Jesus taught His followers to worship. The early church worshiped. Christians for the 2000 years since Jesus have always worshiped. And worship is a major part of what we will do for all eternity. Sounds pretty important doesn't it.

Here is one more reason why worship is important – it is the first step in our process for making mature reproducing followers of Christ. If you stop and think about it, I believe that most of you reading this article would agree that it is not possible to truly follow Christ without worshipping Him. You might think that worshipping Him can be accomplished by yourself in the woods or at your home with your Bible in your private prayer life. You would be only partially correct with that line of reasoning. You can have meaningful encounters with the living God when only you and He are together. But as we saw in Hebrews 10:19-25, the scripture calls us to be a gathered people as we “draw near to Him...”

But here is the dimension of worship that I am pushing us to acknowledge and embrace – worship is a vital step in our process for making disciples. It is not the only step, but it is the first one. We believe that God is calling us as a people to catalyze life transformation in our community. There is only one path to this kind of life change and that is through committed discipleship. We are going there. We are serious about it. We will only get there when we commit ourselves to our weekly dynamic corporate encounter with the living majestic God.

We will gather this Sunday morning at 10:30 (with Sunday School before that). I will miss it due to my family visit in North Carolina. But I am excited to see you on February 27. Now that will be a day!

I can't wait.

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

***Only fear the LORD and serve Him
in truth with all your heart;
for consider what great things
He has done for you.
--1 Samuel 12: 24--***

30 years ago (1992), a relatively young minister along with his beautiful wife and 4 young children was presented to First Baptist Church of Jasper as a potential Minister of Music. Today a relatively old minister with his still beautiful wife and 5 grown children and 8 grandchildren is blessed to serve our church as Minister of Music and Senior Adults. As I look back over more than 45 years of ministry, I am overwhelmed and humbled that God has allowed me to serve some of His most wonderful and loving churches. Out of those 45 years, almost 25 years have been spent right here at First Baptist, Jasper. You have loved, followed, prayed for, supported, and forgiven me as I've sought to allow God to work through me. Sometimes I'm asked how I've been able to serve the same church for so many years. As I consider that question here are some thoughts. I came to Jasper with the goal to lead as if I would be here forever. I didn't know at the time how close I would come to being here forever! I have strived to persevere, and you have been willing to support my every effort. I have tried to be a life-long learner. What worked yesterday might not work tomorrow. I have always sought to serve you with honesty, transparency, consistency, and love. You have always been willing to help me when I failed. So now, as we begin year number 16 together—this time—we don't know what the years may hold, but I honestly believe that the best is yet to come, and I know that I am a blessed man because of your love and support. Thanks for the memories made, and the ones yet to be made!!

*Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore every cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished our course
Knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song;
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.*

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

Let us
WORSHIP
Together

A Page from Jim's Journal



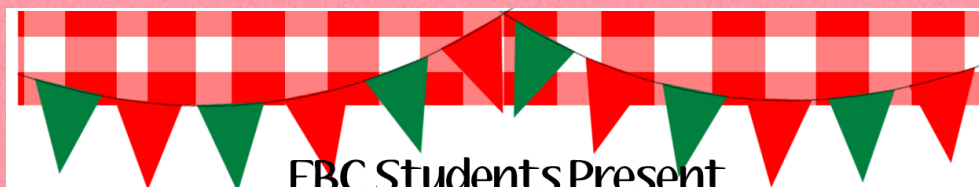
Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.” David Guzik says, “A piece of iron can sharpen another piece of iron, but it happens through striking, friction, and with sparks. A person can be used to sharpen their friend, but it may happen through a bit of friction and sparks.”

This is a picture of our students last Sunday evening, taken by Jana Tatum. Sunday evenings with these students is quickly becoming one of my favorite times of the week. They are slowly starting to build new

habits of bible reading, talking through their discoveries, accountability, and prayer. We are still in Genesis this week and we are using the H.E.A.R. method to journal as we read every day.

One of the things that constantly amazes me is how God's Word is fully capable of communicating to the human heart. These students have dug some really great things out of their reading and in turn have encouraged (or sharpened) me when they share. I am so thankful to have this time with our students. It is a blessing to me.

-Jim



FBC Students Present



Game Show Night

FUNDRAISER
EVENT

Sunday, March 6th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

First Baptist Church Jasper - 314 N. Main Street - Jasper, TX

COST: LOVE OFFERING

This is a fundraising event for the Youth. MFUGE is a missions camp experience for Middle and High School Students, 7th-12th grade. This year we are excited to be going to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth July 5th-9th.



Meal: Lasagna, Salad, Breadsticks,
and Dessert

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
PASTA, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Church Events

- **Feb 20th** - Sunday School @ 9:15a.m., Morning Worship @ 10:30a.m., Deacons Meeting at 4:00 p.m., Evening Worship @ 5:00p.m.
- **Feb 21st - Feb 25th** - FBCS and JISD Winter Break
- **Feb 22nd** - Happy Years (55 Plus): Games begin @ 10:00a.m., catered lunch served at 11:30a.m. followed by a time of worship.
- **Feb 22nd** - Missions Committee Meeting at 4pm in the Conference room.
- **Feb 23rd** - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6:00p.m.
- **Feb 25th** - His Follower's Class Party at 6pm in the Gym
- **Feb 27th** - Sunday School @ 9:15a.m., Morning Worship @ 10:30a.m., Bro. Woody's 15th Anniversary Celebration @ 5:00p.m.