

Fellowship MEAL

5pm

March 23rd

Baked Potato Bar
(brisket for potatoes)
Salad Bar
Striped Delight

March 30th

Chicken Delicious
Mashed Potatoes
Bean Salad
Broccoli Salad
Dessert

April 6th

Chicken Strips
Ritzy Vegetables
Fried Biscuits
Gravy
Peach Cobbler & Ice Cream

\$5 per adult.
Ages 0 - 18 eat free.
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



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| Ed Shirley | Mar 22 | Chris Pool | Mar 31 |
| Bill Simpson | Mar 22 | Jacob Barlow | April 02 |
| Debbie Wisniewski | Mar 22 | Jim Hamilton | April 02 |
| Barbara Calkins | Mar 23 | Carolyn McDuffie | April 02 |
| Darby Herrington | Mar 23 | Carolyn Knight | April 03 |
| Janie Sheffield | Mar 25 | Laurene Cowart | April 05 |
| Wyatt Webb | Mar 25 | Kathy McLemore | April 06 |
| Gary Clary | Mar 29 | Randy Sayers | April 06 |
| Debbie Dean | Mar 30 | | |

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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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Do you love children? Are you a teacher?

First Baptist Christian School is Hiring!

Positions Available:

- Director/Principal
- 2-year old Teacher
- 1st/2nd grade Math & Science Teacher
- 3rd/4th/5th grade Math Teacher
- 3rd/4th/5th grade ELA Teacher

Call the church office (409)384-2527 or visit our website @ fbcjasper.tx.com/fbcs-employment-opportunities/



I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

In my last Compass article, I wrote about Edward Campbell. Edward joined our church by profession of faith just a few weeks ago. Sadly, he was killed in an accident, and we will not get to see him grow in his relationship with Christ. You may be interested to know that since April of last year, 30 people have made decision to follow Christ and to join with our family of faith. Of that 30, 11 came to us by profession of faith and baptism, 16 came by transfer of letter, and two came by statement of their faith. God has surely blessed, and we are so excited to have these people living out their faith with the rest of us.

When I think about "every life in Jasper transformed by Christ. . ." I think of these people. They are some of the faces in my imagination when I consider our vision. These people felt a call to Christ, and they felt a call to live the Christ life as part of this congregation of believers. They, along with the rest of us, are part of this spiritual movement of transformation. You might have been thinking, "once people accept Jesus and join the church isn't that it? Isn't that what God is calling them to do?" Well, you're partly right. God does call people to salvation and to life within the community of faith. But He calls us all to so much more.

God calls us to a continual life of transformation and the transformation life is not a destination, it's a journey. Coming to Christ is not the end it's the beginning. God is calling us (in the words of C. S. Lewis) to "Come further up, come further in!" That is just another way of thinking about what I am describing every Sunday morning when we gather for worship. We are seeking to know from scripture how we can make this journey (together) into Christlikeness. We will worship. We will share life together. We will be on mission with Christ. Along with the 30 who have joined us in this past year – that's where we are going. Join us Sunday for the next step!

I can't wait.

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

*Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
they will run and not get tired,
they will walk and not become weary.
--Isaiah 40: 31--*

I read the story recently of a pastor who met a young boy out in front of the church carrying a rusty cage in which several birds fluttered around nervously. The pastor asked, "Son, where did you get those birds?" The boy replied, "I trapped them out in the field." "What are you going to do with them?" "I'm going to play with them, and then I guess I'll just feed them to an old cat we have at home." The pastor replied, "I'll give you \$2 for the cage and the birds." "Okay, it's a deal, but these birds are worthless! They won't even sing!" The exchange was made and the boy went away whistling, happy with earnings. The pastor walked around to the back of the church property, opened the door of the small wire cage, and let the struggling creatures free to soar into the sky. The next Sunday he took the empty cage into the pulpit and used it to illustrate his sermon about Christ's redemptive work. "That boy told me the birds were not songsters," said the pastor, "but when I released them and they winged their way heavenward, it seemed to me they were singing, 'Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed!'"

Apart from Christ, we're all held captive to sin with no hope of escape. But Jesus purchased us with His own blood and redeemed us from the punishment of captivity. Because of that, we can be set free in Him! Thank You, Jesus for Your redemptive work in our lives and for the freedom You purchased for us on the cross.

*Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed
by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am.*

You are loved,
Woody Wade

A Page from Jim's Journal

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for participating in our students Game Show Night to raise money for Mission Fuge. Your enthusiasm during the competition made the night memorable and fun. Your generous Spirit is a reason why we are able to take the students to Fort Worth and participate in Mission Fuge this summer. Our student ministry is thankful for your kindness and support. We raised \$1,845 that will then be divided between all the students who volunteered that night. That's a good chunk out of their total cost. As we move forward, look for students who are selling Easter Hams. They will be smoked by the men of our church the morning of Good Friday, and then picked up and delivered by the students who sold them. Every ham sold will contribute towards the student's final cost of Mission Fuge. Thank you again for your support. We are truly blessed!



Church Events

- **March 19th** - Azalea Festival 10am - 4pm
- **March 20th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Choir Rehearsal/Lunch @ 12pm, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5pm
- **March 22nd** - Happy Years (55plus) Games@ 10am Lunch at 11:30am
- **March 23rd** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Business Meeting, Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6:00pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
- **March 27th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Evening Worship, Youth Discipleship @ 5:00pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm
- **March 28th** - VBS Clinic @ Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper @6pm
- **March 30th** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5:00pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6:00pm., Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm