

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT DINNER

5pm

April 27th

Chicken Spaghetti

Ritzy Vegetables

Bread

Dessert

May 4th

Fiesta Celebration

in honor of

Jim & Jaclyn Slaton

(no charge for dinner)

\$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

STUDIOS

Vacation Bible School

Workers Meeting

May 1, 2022

4 pm in the Youth Room

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Gill

Blanton McDonald

Mary Kathryn Woods

Fred McDuffie

Tiffany Peterson

Caleb McGovern

Tommy Thompson

Sarah Wade

Amelia Thompson

April 26

April 27

April 28

April 29

April 29

April 30

May 01

May 02

May 03

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Mark Your Calendar

April 22nd

- His Followers SS Class Fellowship @ 6pm FBC Gym

April 24th

- Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, FBC Kids Scavenger Hunt @ 3pm, Evening Worship, Youth Discipleship @ 5pm

April 25th

- FBCS Committee Meeting @ 5:30m

April 26th

- Happy Years (55plus) Games @ 10am, Lunch at 11:30am

April 27th

- Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm

May 1st

- Sunday School @ 9:15am., Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Blood Drive @ 2pm in the Gym, VBS Workers meeting @ 4pm in the Youth Room, Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5pm

May 3rd

- Constitution & By-Law's Committee Meeting at 9am

May 4th

- Jim's 10th Anniversary Celebration @ 5pm., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm

May 8th

- Mother's Day! Sunday School @ 9:15am., Morning Worship @ 10:30am, No Evening Activities

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Years

Jim & Jaclyn

have served our students and our church for 10 years!

Please come enjoy a fiesta celebration and show your appreciation for them on Wednesday, May 4th from 5-6pm in the Family Life Center.

(There will be no charge for dinner)

I’ve Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Two weeks ago on Palm Sunday, a visitor sat in the back of our auditorium on the piano side. It was not his first time to visit with us, but it was his last time. The visitor was Brent Foster. Many of you read about Brent on the KJAS website. Some time shortly after that Sunday morning worship time, Brent died from a heart attack (according to the autopsy report).

I can’t tell you a lot about Brent’s life. I know there were hard times in his past. When he started visiting our church he was basically living on the street. Life had gotten that hard. Brent was partly to blame for how hard life had gotten. He had some practices in his life that were self-destructive. But when Brent came to our church, he came looking for help. I am pleased to say that many people in our church responded to Brent’s need and helped him. Many of us provided meals for Brent. Some of us gave him a place to sleep at night. Others provided clothes and money when he needed it. For about two months Brent was regularly cared for by you.

Fairly early in the time that Brent came to our church he responded to the Sunday morning invitation. I introduced him to all of you at that time, but I made arrangements to have a longer conversation about faith. Soon Brent and I went to lunch together. We followed lunch with a couple hours in my office talking about his life and about Jesus. It was during that time that Brent clearly and decisively asked God for a new life - he asked for forgiveness and prayed in surrender.

Our church gave Brent a Bible, and he began to read it, highlighting long sections with a yellow marker. This man, living homeless in our community, had taken a life turn that was beginning to show. I don’t know why we lost him just as his new life was beginning. But I am glad that we had a chance to love him and share Christ with him. Remember . . . every life in Jasper transformed by Christ!

We are committed to the cause. Let’s live into it.

I can hardly wait. . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.
Come, see the place where He was lying.
--Matthew 28: 6--

An eight-year-old boy named Philip who had Down’s syndrome attended a Sunday School class at his church. The other boys and girls didn’t readily accept Philip but were slowly beginning to see him as part of their group thanks to the work of the teacher. One Easter Sunday, the teacher brought in a bunch of egg-shaped pantyhose containers and gave one to each of the children in her class. Then she told them to go outside, find a symbol for new life, place it in the egg, and bring it back in to show the class. After running around outside for about 20 minutes, the children came back into the class and placed their eggs on the table. The teacher began to open them one by one – each time followed by “oohs and aahs” from the class as they saw things like flowers, leaves, and butterflies emerge from the containers. Then one was opened, revealing nothing inside. The children exclaimed, “That’s not fair. Somebody didn’t do their assignment!” Philip spoke up, “That’s mine. It’s empty because the tomb was empty!”

The tomb of Jesus is famous, not because of what’s inside, but because it’s empty. There is no body to see...no bones to exhume...and no epitaph reading, “Here lies Jesus.” There is simply, nothing. That is why Jesus stands alone among the most revered people in history. Because “He’s not here!” While many great men and women have come and gone, Jesus is different. He’s not just a great moral philosopher or religious leader. He truly is who He says: the Son of God Himself! The Easter message is so simple, but so incredibly profound. The tomb is empty because Jesus is risen from the dead. Rejoice in that hope today and every day!

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.
O praise the Name of the Lord our God,
O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Happy Years
All Seniors 55 and Older
Are invited to come Tuesday, April 26th.
Games begin at 10am in the Gym
and a catered lunch will be served at 11:30am
Call or email the church office to sign up
409-384-2527 or fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com

You are loved,
Woody Wade

A Page from Jim’s Journal

Over the past few months, Brother Donnie has been preaching on a strategy for us, at First Baptist, to fulfill the vision that God has given us. That vision is “to see very life in Jasper transformed by Christ, resulting in an impact in His name, that is felt to the very ends of the Earth. The first strategy that has been deemed necessary in order to fulfill this vision is that we are going to all gather together to worship the majestic God on Sunday mornings. The second is that we must share life with other believers. The third is that we will be on mission together, spreading the gospel and inviting others to join us.

The first strategy is easy to picture. We will commit to meeting on Sunday mornings in an agreed place (our sanctuary at FBC) and we will worship our risen savior. The next two strategies can take a lot of different shapes and forms though. Today I’ll just talk about shared life and in y next article I will discuss being on mission together. What does shared life look like? Is it Sunday School or small groups? Is it meeting in homes or at the church? Is there food or is there no food? Is it strictly for bible study or can there be fellowship as well? The answer to these questions is YES! It is not one of these things or the other. It is all of them.

If we are going to be transformed by Christ we must worship the majestic God. If we are going to be transformed by Christ we must also share life with other believers. A little over a year ago, Jaclyn and my neighbor, Kristin, began discussing plans for Easter. They both wanted to do an outdoor picnic with lots of food and an Easter egg hunt. Not only that, but they wanted to use it to invite our entire neighborhood. We have families, widows/widowers, young couples with no children and older couples whose children are grown all within three blocks and I was surprised to see how many of them did not have plans for church and/or plans with their families afterwards. We used that time after Easter service last year to gather with our little neighborhood, eat, and lift each other up.

This last week we did it again. Now this is not only church members from FBC, but it is a gathering of believers. FBC, Tanglewood, Hillcrest Baptist, and Life Restoration Outreach Church were all represented in our gathering and it was a blessed afternoon! This is one picture of what it looks like to share life with other believers. What can you do in the context of where you live and with the people who are in your life? It takes effort to get people together, but it is so rewarding in the end.



ADVENTURE
AWAITS

FBC Kids will be going
to Martin Dies Jr. State Park
on Sunday, April 24th
from 3 pm-6 pm.

The kids will be going on a treasure hunt, painting
rocks, eating yummy food and
making smores.

GIVE IN A PINCH
BLOOD DRIVE

First Baptist Church - Jasper
Gym
Sunday, May 1st
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sign up at fbcjasper.tx.com
You can also sign up in the foyer or church office

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
loved one.