

### April 13th

Spring Break No Supper

Fried Chicken Rice & Gravy Green Beans Salad

April 20th

Dessert

\$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@fbcjaspertx.com or using this QR code







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| Beth Penney      | April 13 |
| Jaylyn Blair     | April 15 |
| Josie Woods      | April 18 |
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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.

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## **Mark Your** Calendar

- April 10th Sunday School @ 9:15am, Easter Musical @ 10:30am, Budget & Finance Committee Meeting @ 3pm, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm Evening Worship Youth Discipleship @ 5pm
- April 12th Constitution & By-Laws Committee Meeting @ 9am
- April 13th - Spring Break, Informational Meeting for Israel trip in the Gym @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth Bible Study @ 6pm
- April 17th He Is Risen! Donuts & Coffee served in the gym before SS & Morning Worship in the Gym, Sunday School @ 9:15am. Morning Worship @ 10:30am, No Evening Activities
- April 18th - Registration Opens for FBCS returning students & siblings
- April 20th Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm., Business Meeting, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm
- April 22nd - His Followers SS Class Fellowship @ 6pm FBC Gym



A Musical Celebration Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

# I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

On Sunday mornings I have been preaching a series of messages that are biblically based (of course) but focused on what I have called, "our strategy to reach the vision." We are starting to get a clearer concept of what it means: "to see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ. . ." That is no simple vision, but it is God sized, compelling, and right in line with the Great Commission we have from Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).

Any organization that has a vision they are pursuing knows that to get from where you are to where the vision is pulling you there must be a plan, or a strategy. You have been learning that strategy on Sunday mornings. You have seen that the strategy has three parts. The first part is (1) we will together worship the majestic God. We will worship many different times each week but the strategy calls for all of us to be together in the presence of God on Sunday morning. We will never see the vision happen if we miss step one. The second part is (2) we are going to share life together. This will happen in a variety of ways and Sunday School will be one of them. I will be introducing you more fully to the "shared life" concept pretty soon. To see the vision come true this step is essential. Finally, the third part is (3) we will be on mission with Christ. That is the part I am preaching on right now. Suffice it to say at this point, this step in the strategy will have us sharing Christ, helping the broken, telling the Christ story, traveling the world, giving our money, praying like "crazy," and being the hands and feet of Jesus in a thousand places. I have said to the deacons and to others, that if we will live into this strategy, God will allow us to see this vision coming true.

There is no better time in the Christian year to get excited about these kind of ideas than right now. It's Holy Week (starting Sunday). The cross and the empty tomb are around the corner! Let's go see...

I can't wait.

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last, He will take His stand on the earth. --Job 19: 25--

I hope you can join us this Sunday morning as the choir presents "I Know My Redeemer Lives." It will be a time to share His story-especially the story of His cross and His resurrection. He could have stopped the painful parade up to Calvary with a word, but He never uttered it. Instead, He opened His arms to the beam, He opened His hands to the nails, and He allowed Himself to be crucified. And, what is the best part of the story? It's the part we, as believers, tell about the truth of who Jesus is, what He did, and how He penetrated our hearts and changed our lives forever. Through His death and resurrection, the sacrifice has been made. The debt has been satisfied. Our redemption has been secured. Christ has been raised. Our hope is real. Our future with Him is certain. We know our Redeemer lives! Invite others to attend with you-especially those who need to hear this good news story!

The very same God that spins things in orbit Runs to the weary, the worn and the weak. And the same gentle hands that hold me when I'm broken, They conquered death to bring me victory. I know my Redeemer lives. I know my Redeemer lives. Let all of creation testify, let this life with me cry I know my Redeemer lives. He lives!

> You are loved, Woody Wade

Happy Years All Seniors 55 and Older Are invited to come the 4th Tuesday of each month. Begin at 10am in the Gym and a catered lunch will be served at 11:30am

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### A Page from Jim's Journal

Last Tuesday I went to go play 18 holes of frisbee golf at Lumberton Municipal Park. There is a small group of guys at church that have really gotten into the game and it had been awhile since I had gotten to play. Lumberton Municipal Park is a gorgeous area and there is a lot of outdoor beauty to appreciate while you are there. Aside from how beautiful the park is, you also can't help but notice how easy it is going to be to lose a few discs along the way. There is plenty of water, lots of mud holes, and a few narrow fairways with thick woods on both sides. Hole 13 is known to eat everyone's disc at one time or another. Losing a disc in frisbee golf is a little more costly than losing a golf ball. That fact motivates me to rescue my disc if it ends up in a treacherous area. Days later, I still have the marks from trudging up and down a creek and a ruined pair of shoes from a minor incident trying to retrieve my disc. I still couldn't get to it. Frisbee discs, depending on the type (drivers, mid-range, putters) can range anywhere from \$8-\$30. It's not life or death if you lose one. But finding a disc that's molded to your throw style increases its value ten-fold.

I have to smile when I read Matthew 10:24-33. Verses 29-31 really come alive with my disc golf game still fresh from last Tuesday. It says "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." I couldn't help but think of the great lengths I went to in order to rescue my disc. I didn't want to lose it. How much more valuable am I to God than that disc is to me? Wow! His love is for us is so great, and He demonstrated it, gaining scars along the way. I pray over the course of this next week that God reminds you of His great love and the lengths He went through to demonstrate it. I am excited for the direction of our church and for the many more that will discover their value in Christ in the weeks, months, and years ahead. You are loved.





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The Library Staff would like to give a special thanks to Jane Edwards for the beautiful flower display in the Library.

Jim



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