

# Fellowship Dinner Menu 5pm

## May 11th

Italian Spaghetti  
w/ meat  
Green Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

## May 18th

Grilled Cheeseburgers  
Chips & Dip  
Baked Beans  
Homemade 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](mailto:fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com)  
or using this QR code



## Senior Sunday - May 22nd

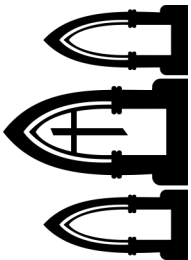
Please join us as we recognize our graduating class  
of 2022. Following morning worship enjoy a church  
wide lunch in their honor.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Holly Corbell	May 09
John Elam	May 09
Will Townsend	May 09
Kathryn Penney	May 12
Carol Calicott	May 15
Joe Ezernack	May 15
Bruce Calicott	May 16
Helen Locke	May 17
Justin Blair	May 19
Michelle Ebarb	May 23
Jane Edwards	May 23

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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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# Congratulations Class of 2022



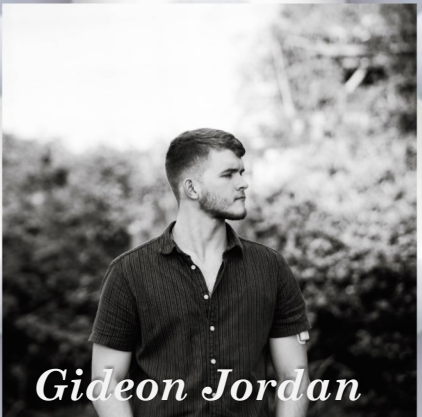
Angel Duhon



Will Cheeley



Caleb Hicks



Gideon Jordan



Haley Wedgeworth



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I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

My mother was a godly woman. She came to Christ as a young person and was baptized in obedience to Christ. She would be the first to tell you that she did not always follow Christ the way she knew to do but Jesus always kept her on a fairly short leash. Just a short time after she married my father, he too became a believer. They had a few ups and downs but by the time I was born they were solid in their commitment to the Lord. My mother led me to Christ. She was a major factor in my spiritual growth as a child and as an adult.

I married a godly woman. She became a follower of Christ when she was a young teenager. She was raised in a Christian family but still, her decision to follow Jesus brought remarkable life change for her. All of our married life I have been hard at work being a pastor or being a church consultant. Of course, I was involved in the lives of our children, but it was Irma who spoke Jesus into their baby ears. It was Irma who read them stories and prayed with them nightly. All three of our children became Christians during their childhood days and over the years their godly mother disciplined the children and helped form them into the mature Christians they are today.

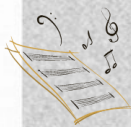
My two daughters are both godly mothers. One daughter has five children into whose lives she speaks Christ. The other daughter has our youngest grandchild. He is our sweet Canaan. These two godly women are teaching and guiding and nurturing these children so that someday, they too will be Christ followers. I am a blessed man!

This Sunday is Mother's Day. It is a day when many people express the love they have for their mothers. Well and good – this is what we should do. But if you had a mother that led you to Christ you had one of God's greatest gifts. If you will be a mother who will disciple the generations you are a gift to all of us.

Looking forward to seeing many of you Sunday at church as we think about the mother who discip-les her children.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

...and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds,  
not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another;  
and all the more as you see the day drawing near.  
--Hebrews 10: 24-25--

One thing that I have learned about God's dealing with His children is that He does it in togetherness. The children of Israel moved together across the wilderness. The young, vigorous ones probably wanted to go twice the pace. The young mothers with babies and toddlers needed to take it easy. The oldest ones probably never wanted to move at all. It took a lot of give and take; a lot of consideration of the other fellow; a lot of accommodating. But, when it was all over, except for those who died along the way, they all got from here to there—together. They all obeyed the sight of cloud and fire, the sound of trumpets. They grumbled and were punished together—but together they also saw waters part, rods bud, and fire come out of heaven. They knew each other well. They did it all together.

Isn't that what God wants from our church? Living life together? Knowing one another's strengths and weaknesses? Feeling one another's joys and trials? Encouraging one another to be our best for His kingdom? Just like the children of Israel, moving across the "wilderness" won't be easy. But together, in His strength, we can see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

You are loved,  
Bro. Woody

Please join us for FBBCS  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**  
SUNDAY, MAY 15TH  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
-A short music program performed by our students!  
-Drawings for class Art Projects!  
-Hotdogs, drinks, and snacks provided!  
-Bounce House

A Page from Jim's Journal

I will never forget the night the words of Jeremiah 1:7-8 jumped off the page and spoke to me. "Do not say, 'I am only a child,' for you must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I tell you to say. Do not be afraid for I am with you and will rescue you." Those words were the final straw for me to abandon my studies to become a veterinarian. I had decided to follow Jesus and He had different plans for my life.

Little did I know that this journey would eventually lead my family and I to First Baptist in Jasper, TX. To be honest it doesn't really feel like it's been ten years. This church and the community have been perfect for my family. I am so unworthy of the good things that we have been blessed with as a result of our move here. I feel especially unworthy of the work I get to do with the teenagers in our church and out in the community. I often ask God "why do I get to be the one to do this?" And I know it's because He is good.

Thank you for ten years of loving my wife and my children. Thank you for ten years of putting up with my constant shenanigans. More than anything, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be on staff at this amazing church. I have learned and grown so much in my time here. I can never pretend to know how God might work in the future but these ten years have engraved in my heart and soul that God's way is truly best. I truly love my church and I thank ya'll for recognizing these last ten years.

Jim

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION HONORING  
*Kathryn Penney*

Saturday, May 7, 2022 2:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Family Life Center  
314 N. Main Street  
Jasper, Texas 75951  
RSVP: 409-594-9647

We hope to celebrate this day with you only,  
no gifts, please.

FBC Kids  
**POOL Party**

Come make a splash at the  
**End of the School Year Celebration!**

Sunday | May 22nd | 4:00 PM  
@ Todd and Charra Knight's House  
200 Willow Drive Jasper, Texas

Kindergarten - 6th grade kids come celebrate  
the end of school with swimming,  
hotdogs and so much fun!