## marn DINNER

5:00 pm

October 12
Grilled Cheeseburgers
Baked Beans
Queso and Salsa
Chips
Banana Pudding

| First Baptist, Jasper <br> Donnie Wiltshire, Pastor. $\qquad$ Woody Wade, Minister of Music and Senior Adults. <br> Jim Slaton, Minister of Youth and Education. <br> Kim Gill, Church Secretary <br> Beth Penney, Financial Secretary <br> Christian School $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ 409-384-2527 919-524-8302 409-382-5575 409-382-5425 409-384-2527 409-384-2527 409-384-7033 |  |
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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.


## Church Events

- October 9 - Sunday School @ 9:15 am, Morning Worship @ 10:30 am, Missions Committee Meeting @ 12 pm , Personnel Commitee Meeting © 12 pm, Personn Meeting @ 3:30 pm, Budget \& Finance Meeting @ 4pm, Youth and Children's @ 5 pm, Choir Practice @ 6 pm
- October 12 - Supper @ 5 pm, Special Called Business Meeting at 6 pm, Adult Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities @ 6 pm, Choir @ 7 pm
- October 14 - Ladies Game Night in Family Life Center @ 6 pm.
- October 16-Sunday School @ 9:15 am, Morning Worship @ 10:30 am, Deacon Meeting @ 4 pm, Children's @ 5 pm, Choir Practice @ 6 pm
- October 19 - Supper @ 5 pm , Business Meeting at 6 pm , Adult Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities @ 6 pm, Choir @ 7 pm
- October 20 - Senior Adult Movie in Choir Room @ 1 pm
- October 21 - Fifth Quarter in Gym after football game $10 \mathrm{pm}-12 \mathrm{am}$
- October 23 - Sunday School @ 9:15 am, Morning Worship @ 10:30 am, Youth and Children's @ 5 pm, Choir Practice @ 6 pm


## I've Been Thinking...

 Dear Church Family,Have you noticed how full our church life has become? It is hard to believe how far the church has moved since the Covid year of 2020. We have had to re-engage with everything in the life of our church and, frankly, it has not been easy. Getting everyone back into worship has been an uphill climb. (You know how hard it has been to find your place on Sunday morning and other times). Refilling our Sunday School classes has been even more of a challenge than worship. We are not all the way there yet (are we ever) but the halls are starting to be repopulated from 9:15 to 10:15 Sunday morning All of a sudden, we have come back to life! Wednesday evenings are thriving. The choir has strengthened. Women have started up a women's ministry Men have launched a men's ministry. Our youth and children are reengaged and growing (thanks Jim and Allison). In addition to all these "ministry" type items, we have launched a number of "mission" type initiatives: Operation Christmas Child, engaging our Christian School, sharing our church at community festivals, teams working at the East Texas Baptist Encampment, financially supporting Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Reach Texas Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and financially supporting the Gideon ministry. This list does not cover everything we are starting to do (again) but it certainly demonstrates my point - "have you noticed how full our church life has become?"
Can you see how the three steps of our "strategy" overlay the activities we are doing? I hope you can. Go back and look at how we are engaging in worship, shared life, and being on mission with Christ. Sometimes in the flurry of activity it's hard to see the strategy behind it. We are not interested in a "flurry of activity." We want life change. As we live into worship, shared life, and being on mission with Christ we will find ourselves busy. Yes . . . but even more, we will find our lives changing. AND, we will see the lives of others changing right along beside us.
Don't fail to consider joining a small group. Now's the time. They launch between October 17 and 23. I can hardly wait . Brother Donnie
A. Note from Bro. Woody

## SENIOR ADULT AFTERNOON MOVIE

featuring
"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."


SABINA
Thursday, October 20 1:00 pm
In the Choir Room


## A Page from Jim's Journal



This last week our students had the opportunity to participate in See You at the Pole. The pictures show our students at Jasper Junior High and Jasper High School gathering at 7 AM to pray for their fellow students, teachers, school administration and the country as a whole. Then that evening our students participated in a worship rally at East Texas Baptist Encampment with many other Jasper-Newton area churches. We are so thankful for that great day as two of our own students came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior along with many others in the area.
-Jim

