

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



January 11th

Chicken/Sausage Gumbo
Rice
Potato Salad
Crackers/Garlic Bread
Bread Pudding
Corn Dogs, Chips & Cookies
for children

January 18th

Pulled Pork on a Bun
Tater Tots
Pinto Beans
Relish Tray
Banana Pudding

\$5/person over 18 yrs.

(18 yrs & younger eat free)

To go plates are for shut ins only.

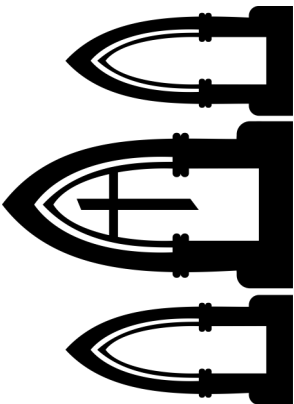
Please sign up by Tuesday at noon
by calling the church office
409-384-2527, or fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com
or using this QR code



Jack Calicott	Dec 19
Carol McKay	Dec 19
Rhonda Griffin	Dec 20
Judy Mathews	Dec 20
Barbara Pulliam	Dec 20
Steve McGraw	Dec 24
Carole Jenks	Dec 25
Jordan Blair	Dec 26
Lisa Smith	Dec 26
Colt McBride	Dec 27
Carroll Miller	Dec 29
Roy Crone	Dec 30
Vanita McMillon	Dec 30
Irma Wiltshire	Dec 30
Ollie Brookfield	Dec 31
Anna McKnight	Jan 03
Colt Webb	Jan 03
Ross Gill	Jan 06
Amy Greene	Jan 06
Rilee Richmond	Jan 06
Michelle Webb	Jan 08

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Christmas Season Schedule

- **Wed, Dec 21st** - Business Meeting & Prayer Meeting
- **Sat, Dec 24th** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm
- **Sun, Dec 25th** - Morning Worship only at 10:30am
- **Wed, Dec 28th** - No Evening Activities
- **Mon – Mon, Dec 26th - Jan 2nd** - Church Office Closed
- **Fri, Dec 30th** - Church Office Open from 10am – 12pm
- **Sun, Jan 1st** - Sunday School & Morning Worship only
- **Wed, Jan 4th** - Prayer Meeting & Ladies Bible Study

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Christmas is only a little more than a week away and like you, I'm trying to be ready! I still have gifts to buy, and I still have sermons to prepare. Irma and I are still working on getting our house decorated the way we like it for Christmas, and we are still working on our final menu plans for Christmas dinner (that piece is really important to me). Like every year, right at the end, all the pieces will come together. But getting there is just hectic.

For weeks I have been preaching my way through the words of Advent. You know them by now – Hope, Peace, Love, Joy. The Advent idea is that we are remembering the coming of Jesus and waiting expectantly for His second coming. The first coming made these words a possible experience for us. The second coming brings all the words to their ultimate climatic end. All of these words are important biblical words and all of them are experiences for which we long.

Here's the truth - because of Jesus we have confident hope both in the living of these days and in the final outcome of the world. Because of Jesus we know peace that is more than the absence of conflict, it is the abiding quiet that comes to our heart when we are at peace with God. Because of Jesus we experience love, the “agape” love that we talk about so often at church. Because of Jesus joy is ours just as the angels said: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great JOY which will be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the lord.”

Won't you come and join us this Sunday as we look at the last of the Advent words? And while you're marking items on your calendar, mark Saturday evening, December 24. We will celebrate the birth of the Christ child that evening with song and scripture. Shortly after that time of worship is over . . . I'll be ready!

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

--John 1: 4-5--

Have you ever laid in bed in a room that's completely blacked out with the lights off? A room where it's so dark you literally cannot see your hand an inch in front of your face. It can be a little unnerving, even disorienting. Imagine if in that same room, the slightest shaft of light is allowed to enter, maybe in the crack of a door, or a tiny space between curtains. Slowly you start to be able to see some details – the outline of your hand, the objects near the light. That single, tiny light changes everything. Light is a powerful thing. In a very real way, it drives out darkness and lets you see the world around you.

One of the ways we celebrate Advent is with the lighting of candles, and John 1:4–5 gives us the clear connection between Christmas and this concept of light entering our life. We praise God because Jesus is the light of the world. And He's not just a small shimmer of light peeking through a crack. He is the light and life of all humankind. And through His light we can have hope and we can clearly see the world around us. Thanks be to God for the light that overcomes the darkness. Ask God to shine His light through you this week to encourage and bless someone around you.

Noel, Noel, come and see what God has done.

Noel, Noel, the story of amazing love!

The light of the world, given for us, Noel.

Merry Christmas!
Your are loved,
Bro. Woody



A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL

Our youth Christmas party was on December the 4th. Our students had a lot of fun eating yummy food and decorating ornaments/sugar cookies. There were a lot of stencils to assist the students to make their ornaments pretty but I was surprised at how few of them chose to utilize the help. I was blown away by what these students produced. They are incredibly talented and were able to showcase it on these little wooden ornaments.

I began to think about how these students skill's were just a small percentage of the creativity of God. He created diverse creatures, landscapes, scenery, and climates. He breathed life into all of His creation. Among all of that I believe that the most amazing of His creation is humanity. We were made in His image and given the ability to think, create, solve problems and build. He is the giver of the gifts displayed on those wooden ornaments. Psalm 139:14 says, “I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.” Our God is the ultimate Creator. How fitting that we can use our gifts, talents, and artistic expression to worship Him!

