



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



Dear Friends,

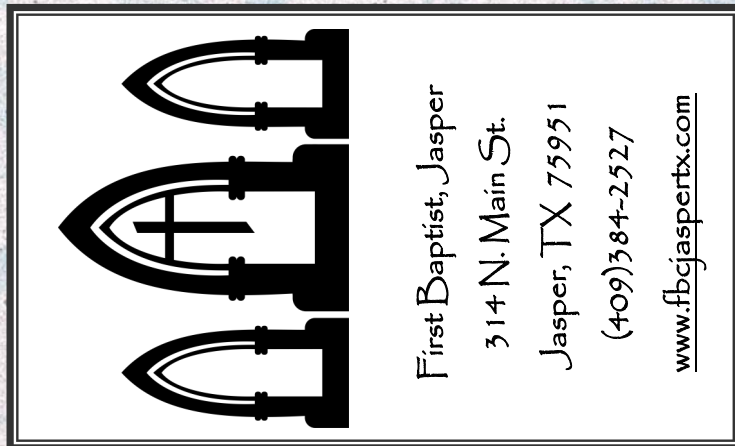
Thank you so much for your continued support of Jasper Share. Your support enables us to continue providing needed food to many families each month. Each and every donation has a positive impact on the lives of our recipients. You truly have made a difference!

With gratitude,
Greater Jasper Share



Laura Westmoreland Frederking	Jan 04
Betty Jo McLemore	Jan 09
Rodney Herrington	Jan 10
Becky Inman	Jan 13
Joan Townsend	Jan 14
Lauren Bean	Jan 15
Sarah Crone	Jan 18
Rachel Hicks	Jan 21
Henry McMillon	Jan 21

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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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of those who have gone to be with the Lord in 2022.
Their memory lives on in our hearts forever.

Hollis Behannon

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Nancy Ebarb

Sharon Hamilton

Donna Sue Jones

J.D. Martin

Robert Lee McLemore

Mitch McMillon

Susann Shamblin

Tom Westmoreland

These were non-members but part of our family:

Edward Campbell

Dal Coleman

Earlene Huff

Todd Spacek

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I have a history of looking back and looking forward. In both the 2022 and 2021 January Compass, I wrote a “look back. . .look forward” article. Seems good to me to do this again.

We believe that God has set us on a path to “see every life in Jasper (city and county) transformed by Christ. . .”. One small way to see how we are living into that vision is to see how many new members have come to join us in this task. In 2022, 32 people joined this family of faith. Ten of those by profession of faith and baptism. Of course, we have a long way to go but we are on the path.

We believe that God would have us worship Him in Spirit and in truth. This year our sanctuary has begun to refill (after Covid) and the Spirit in the room is palpable. The music lifts us up and God’s word fills us up and sends us out – Sunday after Sunday. We believe that God would have us share life in biblical “koinonia.” A significant part of this “life sharing” happens in small groups meeting in homes. This is new to us and as of this week there are somewhat over 40 people who have joined a small group. We believe that God would have us be on mission with Christ. Being on mission with Christ is how we take the gospel and the love of Christ to our community and beyond. I would like to share with you some ways we have done this. In 2022 we gave: \$58,582.30 through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, \$14,644.95 through our local Baptist Association, \$10,936.98 to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$7,269.66 to Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering; we sent 722 boxes around the world through Operation Christmas Child; we remodeled one dorm at ETBE and are remodeling another one right now; we sent our youth to M-Fudge; participated in three community events to promote Christ and our church; shared Christ with our Christian school children and families; and made plans to send mission teams in 2023 to India and Puerto Rico.

God is at work among us. The above is only a taste of that fact. As we surrender to our King in 2023, “greater works than these (John 20:12)” we will do because the living God is among us!

I can hardly wait. . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

***I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me
and gave Himself up for me.
--Galatians 2: 20--***

A young Music Minister had just been called to lead worship at his very first church. He’d been thoroughly trained, spent years honing his skills, and he was ready to embrace his leadership role. He showed up on his first Sunday beaming from ear to ear. And though admittedly a little bit nervous, he was thrilled to lead his new congregation in what he expected to be a moving time of worship. Sure enough, everything went great. He didn’t stumble once, the choir was pitch-perfect, and the congregation was filled with the Spirit. At one point, the young minister was sure he heard angels singing along! At the end of the worship service, the young man stepped up to the microphone to deliver the benediction. Rightfully happy with how well the service had gone, he prayed a beautiful prayer. Then, at the very last second as he dismissed the church, he said... *“Have a wonderful Sunday, you are all deceased.”*

I’ll give you three guesses as to who that young Music Minister was! Hint: He’s no longer young but continues to make word blunders!! It’s certainly not what he intended to say, but what a great reminder that we’ve all been crucified with Christ! The power of sin no longer has hold on to you because you’ve died to your flesh and been made alive through faith in Jesus. So don’t let sin hold you back today. Remember that who you were is dead, and having died to live, you’re now a walking, breathing example of the hope of the gospel.

*I am crucified with Christ, therefore I no longer live;
Jesus Christ now lives in me.*

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Jesus Christ now lives in me.*

Your are loved,
Bro. Woody

A PAGE FROM JIM’S JOURNAL

The grandparents had bought us a new game quite a while ago that we had just found the time to play. It’s called Sleeping Queens. It’s simple enough that John is fully able to play while strategic enough that Jaclyn and I enjoy it. I can’t remember how many card games I lost between Christmas and New Years but it was significant. Every time I lost John and Josiah would boast in my defeat. They love beating their daddy in games. More than that, they love spending time with me. The Christmas break was sweet because we found ourselves, more often than not, sitting around the table playing games as a family. We talked, we ate, we played, and we did it all together. It was refreshing to take a week without running from one activity to the next. It strengthened us and gave us joy.

It made me think. How much more joy then do we find when we simply stop and spend time with Jesus. How often do we neglect the very One our souls were created for in the name of being busy? I’m guilty. But that sweetness of family time reminded me of this very fact and brought me into a sweet time of reading God’s Word, journaling, and praying each day, unhindered by the constraints of time. My limited eyesight gave way to the fullness of God again. I am filled with faith for the work that God is doing in this coming year and I am expecting God-sized things for my family and for First Baptist as we move into this year.

I hate that I go through periods of busyness that I allow to overcome the importance of that precious time. But God is always so good to remind me again and again, the words of Romans 10:17. “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.” Have you found yourself going in your own strength, trying to lift things that only God was meant to carry? There is no greater priority in the day than to sit at the feet of Jesus.



Join the Jasper Praise Choir!
Everyone is invited to join! Tell your friends & neighbors!
Practices begin Monday, January 30th at 6pm.
Meet in the FBC Choir room.



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

January 14th
8 a.m. in gym

FBC Ladies Bible Study
January 11, 2023
6pm in Computer Lab

YOU AREN'T ALONE
IN FEELING ALONE.

IT'S TIME TO
**FIND YOUR
PEOPLE**



**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIVES**

BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH FROM 2-5 PM
IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JASPER

Sign up [online](#), in the foyer
or the Church Office