



March 1st

- Fiesta Tossed Salad
- Cowboy Enchiladas
- Green Chili Cheese Bread
- Cowgirl Enchiladas

March 8th

- Spring Break
- No Supper

\$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



Bill & I are praising God for all the many acts of care and concern for us during our recent health issues. Your visits, cards, calls and food truly blessed us.

Bill & Liz Simpson



Jaclyn Slaton	Feb 27
Jim Slaton	Mar 01
Paula Stephenson	Mar 02
Kara Pullen	Mar 05
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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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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
March 5-12, 2023

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE ETERNAL IMPACT

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

A Mission Field in Need of Hope

371 million people
350 languages in North America
281 million are estimated to be lost

Our Church Goal: \$8,000

Church Events

- **Feb 26th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship & Baby Dedication @ 10:30am, Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5pm, Alto Section Rehearsal @ 6pm
- **Feb 28th** - Happy Years (55plus) Games @10am, lunch @ 11:30am
- **March 1st** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
- **March 5th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Evening Worship @ 5pm, Tenor Section Rehearsal @ 6pm
- **March 5th -12th** - Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- **March 8th** - Youth leave for Main Event @ 12pm, (No Supper - Spring Break) Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
- **March 11th** - Church Workday @ 8am, Men's Ministry will serve breakfast.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I want to point out a very special event that is about to happen in our church body of which many of you are likely unaware. Here's what I'm talking about – we are just about ready to send a mission team to India. Yes, to India. There is no place like India. It has over a billion people and is rapidly closing in on China as the most populous country in the world. We will be going to Mumbai and our mission task will be to provide a VBS/retreat type experience to 59 children who are the sons and daughters of IMB personnel.

There will be 12 people on our team. Our team includes Jim, Jaclyn, and James Slaton, Allison and Ashley Knight, Kenny, Tiffany, and Brandon Peterson, Paula Stephenson, Gary Clary, Donnie and Irma Wiltshire. Some of us will be leading younger children and elementary age children. Some of us will be leading the older middle school and high school age youth. We will spend five of our days leading the children and youth and the rest of our days traveling and interacting with Indian people. You can imagine that this team is excited, and we really want your prayers as we go half way around the world to do the mission of Christ.

By the way, Irma and I leave on March 14. This will give us a few extra days to spend with our kids and grand children who live in Mumbai. The rest of the team will leave on March 26. We will all be back on April 6.

Many of you might ask, "why are we going half-way around the world on a mission project. Aren't there people in need and jobs to be done right here?" You are right. There is much to be done right here at home. But the command of Jesus was and is to be on mission with Christ in, "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth." We are doing and will be doing much here in Jasper and Texas and the USA. And we will also go to parts of the "far flung world" so that we may do all God calls us to do.

I think this trip will change us in many ways.

I can hardly wait. . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

***But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you;" or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary...
--1 Corinthians 12:20-22 --***

I believe that we can learn a good amount from nature. One way we can learn about teamwork is by looking at bees. On a hot day, about half the bees in a hive stay inside beating their wings while the other half go out to gather pollen and nectar. Because of the beating wings, the temperature inside the hive is about 10 degrees cooler than outside. But what happens next is truly amazing: The bees rotate duties. So, the bees that cool the hive one day are honey gatherers the next!

We, as the body of Christ, can learn a good deal from those bees. First, we can learn that there are different needs for Kingdom service. Some are called to teach, some are called to administer. That's the nature of any organization – not everyone can have the same job! Second, we can learn that not everything we do is going to fulfill us 100% of the time. I can imagine a bee would much rather be buzzing around looking for flowers than stuck flapping his wings to cool down the hive. Above all else, it's crucial we understand that while not all roles in the body of Christ are equally exciting or receive equal praise, they're equally important. Don't despise your gifts. Use them to the fullest for the Kingdom's sake! Pray that God would give you a spirit of humility when it comes to fulfilling your role in the body of Christ.

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on the journey;
we're together on this road,
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

A Page from Jim's Journal

This past weekend I was able to accomplish a task that I had put off for far too long. I had procrastinated in cleaning up the leaves and pine needles that covered the backyard. When I finally got around to doing it, I would be delayed by the rainy weather we have had over the last month. Well this last weekend just so happened to be perfect weather! I hit it hard Friday after work and into the dark. I woke up early Saturday and got back to it. I threw all the leaf and pine needle trash onto a burn pile as I gathered it. Around noon on Saturday, I had thrown the last little bit onto the burn pile and lit it.

I could not help but look around at the freshly cleaned yard. I walked around to all my different flower beds. I spotted the Azalea buds all over. In a week or two they will be in full bloom. I thought about how great it will be to enjoy the coming of Spring now that the yard is cleaned and ready. I thought about the ways we will enjoy the yard and use it. We can have the youth out in the backyard instead of being in the house, our kids can run around outside during our Thursday night small group, and we can start doing outdoor movies again.

I was simultaneously appreciating my yard and dreaming about the ways we would use it when the unexpected happened. God spoke to me. His words came in an instantaneous message and a mental picture all wrapped into one. He used the picture of my yard to teach me. I was no longer thinking of how I cleaned up my yard just in time for Spring to come. I was thinking of what God could do with a life that is cleaned up. A life that is fully confessed before God has no area for the darkness to hide and conceal, but it is clean. The fruit of the Spirit can take root and grow. It can flourish in a life like that.

I had been reading about the Asbury Revival. There's nothing flashy about it. Confession, repentance, prayer, and worship fill that place. But that's in Kentucky. What about here? What about now? There is a harvest that is ripe and ready here. There is a hunger that has stirred for quite some time. Could God awaken our community here in Jasper? I know the answer is an overwhelming yes. Oh God, let it be so!

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