

#### March 29th

Lasagna
Spinach & Strawberry Salad
Garlic Breadsticks
Brownies w/Ice Cream

#### **April 5th**

Grilled Cheeseburgers
Baked Beans
Assorted Chips
Strawberry Shortcake

### **April 12th**

Fried Chicken
Rice & Gravy
Green Beans
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

\$5 per adult.

Ages 0 - 18 eat free.

To go plates are for shut ins only.

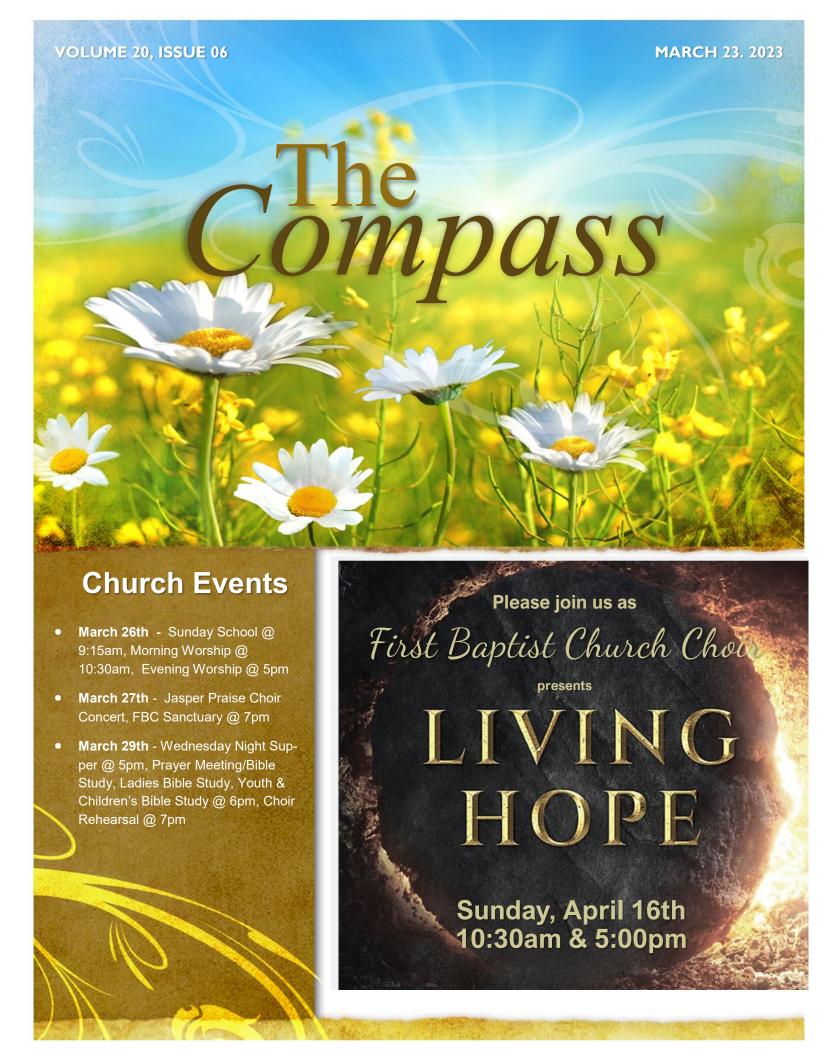
Please sign up by Tuesday at noon by calling the church office 409-384-2527, or <a href="mailto:fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com">fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com</a> or using this QR code





Gary Clary Mar 29 Kim Powers April 12 Debbie Dean Mar 30 **Macy Powers** April 12 Chris Pool Mar 31 Maddie McKnight April 13 Jim Hamilton April 02 **Beth Penney** April 13 Carolyn McDuffie April 02 April 15 Jaylyn Blair Carolyn Knight April 03 April 18 Josie Woods April 06 Kathy McLemore April 21 Ryan McKnight Randy Sayers April 06 April 23 Joe Knight Carol Stark April 06





# I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I am writing this Compass article today from India. Irma and I are here visiting with our daughter and her family. Most of you have met our daughter's family before. They have been to Jasper to visit us in the past and have been in our church. We are so grateful that the church gives us this time. The time you give us allows us to have a role in the lives of our grandchildren.

Next week the team from our church will be joining us. We can hardly wait for the team to get here. When they arrive, they will have a couple days to adjust to India and then our 12 member team will begin our India project. This is what we will do: we will provide a VBS program (for the younger children) and a youth event (for the older youth) for many of the families stationed by our IMB in this part of South Asia. Our team is really excited to be here and to do this mission task. You know what? The families here are excited that their children will get to have a real VBS!

You may be wondering why our church is going to this much effort and expense to send a team to India. It's all in our vision. Our vision is intended to spark our holy imagination to see what it would look like if every life in Jasper was transformed by Christ. But as you know, that is the first clause in our vision. The second clause leads us to see that we have not completed our task until we have extended our ministry to the "ends of the earth."

In so many ways we are seeking to make a difference in Jasper. (There will be many more in the future.) In many other ways we seek to touch the world. Through Lottie Moon and the Cooperative Program, we will support 3500 missionaries around the world. Through 1000 OCC boxes we will share Christ around the world. Through a 12-member India team we will touch the lives of 57 kids and all their families. Thank you all for praying for us.

We can hardly wait to tell you our India stories. . .

**Brother Donnie** 







## A Page from Jim's Journal

I am so appreciative of the individuals that organized FBC's involvement in the Azalea festival last Saturday. It proved to be a wonderful day. My family, along with several others signed up to pass popcorn to the community from 10 AM to Noon. Some were popping popcorn, some were bagging it, and everyone else was passing it out, engaging the community, and letting them know what God is up to at FBC.

Not only was it a great work for the church beyond our walls, it was a lot of fun! We laughed, danced to the band, and had special moments with our church family. We all agreed it was the quickest two hours of serving we have ever done. It made me think about how exciting a life lived on mission for God really is. Even more exciting is that He has called us to a life on mission together! Our church vision is "To see ever life in Jasper transformed by Christ, resulting in an impact in His name, that is felt to the very ends of the Earth."

Ecclesiastes 1:14 says, "I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after the wind." Solomon, who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes is reflecting on all that people hold dear. He say's its all vanity and as meaningless as chasing the wind. John Macarthur says, "Like the wind, much of what is desirable in life cannot be held in one's hands." Oh what time we have wasted in pursuit of meaningless things. This last weekend reminded me of the goodness of serving our great God, and the gift of church family. It's healthy to always evaluate the things we hold dear. If we start to value the temporary over the eternal, we will be left wanting. Our souls were created for fellowship with their Creator, and He invites us into His purpose and design. What a great God we serve!



The Operation Christmas Child Team will be collecting small stuffed animals for the month of April.

There is a drop box in the foyer.





