



March 15th

Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

March 22nd

Italian Spaghetti
w/Meat Sauce
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
(corn dogs & cookies
for kids)

\$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 fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com

or using this QR code



The family of Susann Shamblin would like to thank those friends of Susann for providing the beautiful flowers for the sanctuary in remembrance of her birthday.

Forever in Christ,
Ron



Ky Griffin	Mar 16
Charra Knight	Mar 20
Ed Shirley	Mar 22
Bill Simpson	Mar 22
Debbie Wisniewski	Mar 22
Barbara Calkins	Mar 23
Darby Herrington	Mar 23
Janie Sheffield	Mar 25
Wyatt Webb	Mar 25

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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.



Online Church DIRECTORY

FBC is creating an online church directory. To be able to access it, the church office needs to have a good email address for you. If you would like to be able to access the directory, please email the office at fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com to be sure we have your correct email address on file. You can also call 409-384-2527 or come by the office and we will help you set it up.

Church Events

- **March 11th** - Church Workday @ 8am, Men's Ministry will serve breakfast.
- **March 12th** - Daylight Savings Time Begins, Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, India Team Mtg & Lunch @ 12pm, Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5:00pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 6pm
- **March 15th** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6:00pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
- **March 18th** - Azalea Festival 10am - 4pm
- **March 19th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Choir Rehearsal/Lunch @ 12pm, Budget & Finance Committee Meeting @3pm, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5pm
- **March 22nd** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Business Meeting, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6:00pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I hope many of you have been able to be with us in worship recently as we have tried to come to a biblical understanding of who Baptist people are and where we come from. I have enjoyed sharing with you how we are Christians (part of over 2 billion in the world) but we are also Protestant Christians who agree with Protestants on the centrality of scripture, salvation by faith, and the priesthood of the believer.

But Baptists also have much that is somewhat distinctive to us. We think the church is comprised only of believers and that necessitates abandoning infant baptism. Further on baptism, we believe the scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion. Finally, we believe that the competency of the individual (Soul Competency) manifests itself in a separation of church and state and an autonomous church body making decision as a democracy (under God of course).

Unlike most every other church you know (except for independents) we have no church authority over us. We have no Bishop. We have no Conference. We have no board of elders. We have no magistrate. As a congregation of believers who have individual "soul liberty" we have a church that bows to no one but Jesus.

However, that does not mean we don't cooperate with other believers. We cooperate in every way we can to demonstrate our Christian togetherness. We especially cooperate with like minded evangelicals who share our conviction about conversion and disciple making. When it comes to our particular denomination, Southern Baptists, we cooperate in major ways. We share a denominational history that goes back to 1845. We share mission efforts that go back to that same year.

In 1925 we made two big steps in our cooperation. We adopted a confession of faith that we call, "The Baptist Faith and Message." We also adopted a way to pay for the work we do. That way is called, "The Cooperative Program." Last year we gave \$58,582.50 through the Cooperative Program to fund our cooperative work. I look forward to telling you what all that money did!

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

***Since Israel is stubborn like a stubborn heifer,
Can the LORD now pasture them like
a lamb in a large field?
--Hosea 4: 16 --***

Are we strong enough to face how mistaken many of our most cherished beliefs are? Well, here are a few things you may not know:

- *Marie Antoinette never said, "Let them eat cake." This phrase was attributed to her but had actually been used by other prominent figures long before.*
- *Charles Lindbergh was not the first person to fly nonstop across the Atlantic. He was the 92nd, although he was the first to do it alone.*
- *The centipede doesn't have a hundred legs. It usually has 21 or 30, though some have more than 100. And the millipede certainly doesn't have a thousand legs. In fact, very few have more than 200.*
- *A red flag to a bull is meaningless because bulls are colorblind.*
- *The idea that people never use more than 10% of their brain is false.*
- *An ostrich never buries its head in the sand. It only looks that way when it lowers its head in fear, to feed itself, or to cover its eggs for protection.*

When it comes to our ideas of God and His Word, it's important that we don't have a stubborn heart and are willing to accept when we might be wrong. So instead of assuming we have the Christian life all figured out, we must live our lives with a humble and teachable attitude and let God guide us in His truth each day! Ask God to reveal areas where you have been stubborn and unteachable. Pray that He would soften your heart in these areas so that you can grow in His truth!

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

You are loved,
Woody Wade



A Page from Jim's Journal

Do you ever wake up in the morning and your to-do list simply overwhelms you? That happened to me this morning. I am not easily shaken. I generally have a laid back attitude, even in the midst of pressure. However the morning brought a flood of boxes needing to be checked in a short amount of time and I realized I can't do it.

The deadline that is looming in my thoughts is our mission trip to India. There is much to do in preparation for our trip in just a few short weeks. But there is also much to do in preparation for while I am gone. There is never really a great time to leave for two weeks. Life continues to move and daily responsibilities still have to be met. There are prayers regarding this trip that have yet to be answered (at the time of this writing).

I will tell you the rest of this article will not do an adequate job of praising God. It would take much more space than what is given to even scratch the surface. But He is worthy of every word I could give Him. God is incredibly faithful. I went to Him with all my burdens, all of my concerns, and in all my weakness. I laid it at his feet and He spoke to me in so many ways. Through His Word, I was reminded of so many scriptures. One of those is Matthew 11:28-30. It says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." How could I not accept such an invitation every day of my life?

God was also sending me a message through my Spotify playlist. Though my playlist is random, every song during my reading time was centered around courage. "The Courage" by Tree Giants, and "Courage" by Kevin Winebarger were preaching to me at the same time that God's Word was lifting my burdens. All I could think was "God you are too good! Thank you!" I love how God reminds His children of His faithfulness. I was empty this morning and He filled me. There are still a million things to do in preparation for the coming weeks. But I am not overwhelmed anymore. I am eager and thankful for this life God has given me.

Friends, lean into the person of Jesus Christ for all that you need. He is good!

**First Baptist Church
will have a booth
at the
Azalea Festival
March 18, 2023
10 am -4 pm**

Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to serve in our booth.

Happy Years

All Seniors 55 and older are invited
Tuesday, March 28th
Games begin at 10 am in the Gym
A catered lunch will be served at 11:30 am
followed by a time of devotion.
Call or email church office to sign up
(409) 384-2527 or fbcjaspertx.com

HOW MUCH MORE
DISCOVERING GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT
LOVE IN UNEXPECTED PLACES
LISA HARPER
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 6PM
IN THE COMPUTER LAB
PLEASE JOIN US!

Presented by the
First Baptist Church
Choir
Sunday, April 16th
10:30am and 5:00pm
Please join us!

LIVING HOPE
A MUSICAL FOR EASTER
CREATED BY DENNIS & NAN ALLEN