

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT DINNER

5:00 pm

April 19th

Chicken Spaghetti  
Peas & Carrots  
Salad  
Bread  
Dessert

April 26th

Taco/Fajita Bar  
w/Fixins  
Spanish Rice  
Charro beans  
Tres Leches cake

\$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@fbcjasper.tx.com](mailto:fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com)  
or using this QR code



The Operation Christmas Child Team  
will be collecting small stuffed  
animals for the month of April.  
There is a drop box in the foyer.



Kim Powers	April 12	Joe Knight	April 23
Macy Powers	April 12	Brian Gill	April 26
Maddie McKnight	April 13	Blanton McDonald	April 27
Beth Penney	April 13	Mary Kathryn Woods	April 28
Jaylyn Blair	April 15	Fred McDuffie	April 29
Josie Woods	April 18	Tiffany Peterson	April 29
Ryan McKnight	April 21	Caleb McGovern	April 30

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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.

# The Compass



This is a great picture of the team that went to South Asia to serve our Southern Baptist mission families. We provided a VBS experience for younger children and a retreat type experience for the youth. All together we served 20 mission families who had a total of about 57 kids. The VBS was the same one that we will offer our community this summer, “Twists and Turns, Following Jesus Changes the Game.” We were able to provide a much-needed service to these families freeing them for planning, learning, worshipping, and recharging their “mission batteries.” The families deeply appreciated our work and we fell in love with 57 kids and 20 families. Thank you church for sending us on this spiritual journey.



I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I guess this is just the year that I'm going to be galivanting around the world. I didn't really intend to be doing so many things. It all just seemed to happen. You saw the picture on the front of the Compass. I had the great privilege of serving in South Asia with this great First Baptist Team. We are confident we have made a difference in the lives of many people and we know that our experience is making a difference in us. But for Irma and me, this trip was part one of a two-part drama! Part two is just around the corner.

Early last year we started talking about going to Israel. Several people wanted to go with us. Much to our surprise, Troy Knight's church in Southport, North Carolina, wanted to go with us too. So, on April 19 thirty-five people will be winging their way to Israel for a two week "pilgrimage." We will spend most of our time in Israel but a few days at the end of our trip we will be in Egypt. Can you imagine?

This will be my fifth time to visit Israel. Every time I go, it's new all over again. I never get tired of walking the streets of the 1<sup>st</sup> century Capernaum and gazing down into the house of Peter. Nothing compares to riding a wooden boat out into the middle of the Sea of Galilee and turning off the motor. In that calm moment we look around at the very sites that Jesus would have seen. Floating in the Dead Sea, seeing the caves of Qumran (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found), baptizing in the Jordan River, walking the streets of Jerusalem, crawling through Hezekiah's Tunnel (cut under Jerusalem 700 years before Christ), marveling at the Church of the Nativity (oldest church in Holy Land), singing in St Anne's Church (built during the Crusader period with perfect acoustics), imagining the cross and the tomb in the ancient Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and on this trip, climbing to the top of Mount Sinai will give one a whole new perspective on the life of Jesus.

I wish you could all go with us. It's the trip of a lifetime.

I can hardly wait to come home and tell you what we learned . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

HILLTOP UNIVERSITY

A Spiritual Retreat for Adults 55+

East Texas Baptist University

Marshall, Texas

May 22-24, 2023

featuring

SANDI PATTY



\$189 per person

(call the church office or see Bro. Woody to sign up)

Price includes 7 meals, concert tickets and admittance to all conference events.



A Page from Jim's Journal

The gospel changes everything. How could it not? Bob Thune says, "Somewhere along the line, we have individualized the gospel. We said it was just about 'you and Jesus.' We forgot that the gospel doesn't just change eternal destinies; it changes everything. The gospel transforms societies, renews families, and heals relationships."

In Acts 1:6-11, we see Jesus spending his last earthly moments with the disciples. He had walked with them, died for the sins of the world, rose again, and showed himself to them along with numerous others. The disciples asked in verse 6, "Lord will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Jesus answered them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The disciples had thought Jesus would "complete the job" now that He had risen from the dead. They thought that he would finally finish what he started. In a surprising turn of events, He commanded his disciples to take on that task through the promised Holy Spirit that they were to wait in Jerusalem for. They couldn't just go back to the way things were. Everything had now changed. They were charged with being witnesses to the great things they had seen and heard. Nothing would ever be the same. The book of Acts began with this realization.

Church, I want to thank you for sending our team of 12 to India. You enabled us to be witnesses to the "ends of the earth." Like the disciples who witnessed Jesus ascend, I feel wonder and awe. For once in my life, I find myself lacking words. How am I supposed to share this? I'm still comprehending. One thing I know for sure.....nothing will ever be the same. The gospel changes everything.

Church Events

- **April 16th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Easter Musical "Living Hope" @ 10:30am, Easter Musical "Living Hope" @ 5pm, Youth Discipleship @ 5pm
- **April 19th** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Youth Community Wide Kickball Tournament @ 5:30pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
- **April 23rd** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm, Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5pm
- **April 25th** - Happy Years (55plus), games begin @10am, lunch @ 11:30am
- **April 26th** - Wednesday Night Supper @ 5pm, Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
- **April 30th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Evening Worship, Youth & Children's Discipleship @ 5pm

