



WEDNESDAY DINNER

5pm


May 31st

Baked Ziti
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

No Suppers during the summer.
See you again August 9th.

\$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




NURSERY MINISTRY

First Baptist Church is seeking to hire a Young Children's Ministry Coordinator. The general responsibilities of the position will be overseeing the nursery area during all service times and Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Applications are available in the church office. Please call 409-384-2527 or email fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com if you have any questions.



Rebecca Tatum	May 31
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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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VBS JUNE 12 - 16

TWISTS & TURNS

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 25:4

SIGN UP AT WWW.FBCJASPERTX.COM

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I have been preaching here at FBC Jasper for over three years. First as your interim pastor, and now over two years as your pastor. As Rex Harrison was “accustomed to her face,” (My Fair Lady) you’ve grown accustomed to my pace. By now you know that on Sunday mornings I like to preach series. It might be a series from Genesis or a series speaking to our strategy of worship, shared life in biblical koinonia, and being on mission with Christ; still you have seen the series approach.

I don’t usually do much announcing of series; I probably should. It might encourage people to come to see how the series will develop. But sometimes I do. I am announcing a series now. Last Sunday I started on a summer series that will all be centered around (for lack of a better word) “family.” We live in a culture in which the idea of family is defined in many ways. This has come about for many reasons. It seems to me that the biggest reason is the change in cultural values. In the past the definition of family largely arose out of a religious context. People trusted their religious faith to define the nature and character of family. That is no longer true. Over the summer I plan to bring biblical messages to speak to this matter.

You may think that I started in an odd place last Sunday. I did not start with any “family” issue. I started with the concept of authority. You may wonder why I started there and not with marriage or children or some such subject. The reason is this: we are going to talk about issues of great cultural confusion. We will talk about marriage and singles. We will talk about gender and “sexual orientation.” We will talk about God’s plan as opposed to human plans. We started with authority because the only way we can challenge the missteps of culture is to depend on an authority that is superior to culture. Does God have a plan for all these matters? I think He does. It is the Bible that will lead us into His plan.



A Note from Bro. Woody

HILLTOP UNIVERSITY

A Spiritual Retreat for Adults 55+

ETBU

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



A Page from Jim’s Journal

On Mother’s Day, almost two weeks ago, we came home and realized there were three birds that were stuck in our garage. Jaclyn and the kids went on inside so I could direct the birds back outside. I opened up the additional garage door so that there was plenty of space. All the birds had to do was fly outside to freedom. But to my surprise, every time I walked toward them, they would fly right over my head and perch on the other side. This same pattern played out for at least five minutes. They would fly from side to side, even sitting on top of the garage door that was rolled up to show them the path to freedom.

These birds did not understand that I was trying to help them. They lacked so much understanding that they could not see the open air and daylight that was coming from the south side of the garage. Instead of flying to freedom they chose to remain in the confines of the garage. One of the birds then flew behind our refrigerator that’s in the garage and became stuck. Now he truly would die unless I intervened. I carefully walked over and moved the fridge out. To my surprise, from the ground level where he now was, he could see the opening and fly straight out. The other two birds followed suit.

All I could think of was “God, I know I was no different.” Freedom is available, but we like the darkness. Freedom is available, but we are comfortable in our prisons. Freedom is available, but we are flying too high in our own view of self to be able to see it. It wasn’t until this bird was brought low that he could understand the path to freedom. I am thankful for the Truth of Romans 5:8. “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Just as I had to actively pursue the freedom of these birds, Christ actively pursued our salvation. He opened up both garage doors. Sometimes it takes till we get low that we can truly see. But I am so thankful he continued pursuing me and didn’t give up when I tried to stay in the dark. Jesus, thank you for saving me!

GOODBYE SCHOOL

HELLO POOL

Let's celebrate THE END OF SCHOOL and DIVE INTO SUMMER FUN!

SUNDAY | JUNE 4TH | 3-6PM

TODD & CHARRA KNIGHT'S HOUSE

200 WILLOW DRIVE JASPER, TEXAS

RSVP: ALLISON at knightallison65@yahoo.com OR TEXT 409-594-9104

BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL!

Shoebox Collection Items for the Month of May:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bars of Soap & Washcloths

Senior Piano Recital

Lauren Penney

Sunday, May 28th @ 2 pm

First Baptist Church

314 N. Main Street

Jasper, Texas

Refreshments to follow