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June 12th - 16th 9am - 12pm Sign up at www.fbcjaspertx.com

I've Been Thinking...

A Note from Bro. Woody

Dear Church Family,

I hope you have been able to join us on Sunday mornings for worship. If you have, you know I am preaching a series of sermons this summer around "family" issues. Family is probably not the best word but I've had a hard time finding the "best" word. I am going to the Bible to find what it says to us about many of the issues that face us as Christians in our culture. This will include matters like marriage and divorce, being single, and raising children. But our issues will go well beyond these.

Already I have sought to lay the foundation for all we will talk about. The first stone in that foundation is scripture. As Christians, we go to the Bible for our authority on faith and practice. Probably the main reason our Christian morality runs counter to our cultural morality is because the Bible leads us "counterculture." The second stone in that foundation is God's creation. In the scripture we find that the world is not here by accident, and neither are we. The world is here by God's design. God designed us too and He has given us His purposes to fulfill. When we live by God's design and when we fulfill His purposes we live life at its best. Exploring these kind of topics will bring us into conflict with the views of our culture. We will face these head on but not with anger or fear. When God's word is clear, we will be clear. But God's word not only points away from sin it points to mercy, love, and grace. So will we.

This Sunday we will look at why the world (and the people who inhabit it) has gone so wrong and why we people, even if it is hard, ought to align ourselves with God's will as described by the scripture. I know we are getting into the summer and all of us will be in and out. Would you determine to be "IN" more than "OUT." I believe we will be a better church and of greater help to our community if we are.

See you Sunday.

I can hardly wait . . .

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAMI

Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser,

Teach a righteous man and he

will increase his learning.

--Proverbs 9: 0 --

The famous author and inventor, Arthur C. Clarke once wrote:

For every man, education should be a process which continues all his life. We have to abandon, as swiftly as possible, the idea that schooling is something restricted to youth. How can it be, in a world where half the things a man knows at 20 are no longer true at 40 – and half the things he knows at 40 hadn't been discovered when he was 20?

There's a misconception many people have today that once they're finished with formal schooling, they have nothing left they need to learn. They passed all their tests and have a diploma on the wall, yet in all their time of growing smart, they've never truly discovered what it means to grow wise.

The reality is that finishing school should actually be the beginning of a life-long learning process that never ends. It's a starting point that you've reached by becoming smart, but actual wisdom is attained through life experience. That's exactly why you have young men and women who graduated at the top of their class, yet struggle when they get out into the real world – they have to grow in wisdom.

We must never, ever stop learning. Even in worship we need to do so in spirit (heart) and in truth (mind). We need to immerse ourselves in the wisdom of the Word daily. We need to ask God to give clarity and understanding when it comes to applying it to our lives. When we do, we will find out that there's so much more to be learned than we already know!

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;

They resound with God's own heart,
oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world, where e'er we roam ancient words
will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.

We have come with open hearts,

Oh, let the ancient words impart.

You are loved, Bro. Woody

Bro. W

A Page from Jim's Journal

I am very excited for this summer with our students at First Baptist. We have a full schedule of service opportunities and fun that starts next week with VBS. I want to ask that you would pray for our students as they grow in their ability and desire to serve God by serving others. Pray that they would grow in unity and their love for each other. Summer is the only time in a students life that brings such unique opportunities for discipleship. I want to take this article to list some of the highlights that our students are looking forward to.

June 12th-16th is VBS! Our students are too old to attend, but that means they are the right age to serve. We have teenagers leading in the opening/closing ceremony every day with skits, games, and the motions to music. Others are serving in recreation, missions, crafts, and in age specific Bible study. We are taking a trip to Incredible Pizza in Conroe Friday, the 16th, as a fun way to say thank you and "job well done" for their service this week.

June 18th-24th is two sessions of Alpha Kids Camp at ETBE. We have 13 teenagers that will be serving as rec team staff for this camp. They will lead in camp recreation in the mornings, and be assigned camp activity jobs in the afternoon. This will be our 3rd year being able to give our students this opportunity and it is a wonderful way to develop confidence and leadership.

June 26th-30th is Purpose Week. This is a camp designed for our teenagers! They will spend the week as campers, discovering and exploring God's purpose for their life. Be in prayer for our group as we return to ETBE for worship, Bible study, accountability, rec, team building, and more.

July 8th-14th we have a group of 14 (6 adults,8 teenagers) going to Puerto Rico to serve local churches in San Juan through Send Relief. This is a compassion ministry that is operated by IMB and NAMB. We will take part in different compassion projects that engage the community with the gospel throughout the week. Pray for our group as most of them will be experiencing a different culture for the first time. Pray that each one is bold in their faith and learns to share the good news freely.

Summer is such a wonderful time for our students to take part in activities like these. I am thankful to be part of a church like FBC Jasper that holds a God-sized vision in front of us, always reminding us what we are supposed to be doing. "To see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ, resulting in an impact in His name that is felt to the very ends of the Earth." Thank you Jesus for allowing our students to be part of your Kingdom work.









Brother Donnie