



Church
Photo
Directory

We are going to print an inhouse pictorial directory.

Beginning Sunday, July 9th, Kent McLemore will set up a photo booth in the foyer. Stop by and let him snap a quick photo for us to use. (There is nothing for you to buy.) If you have a photo of yourself and/or your family you would prefer to use, please email it to fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com.

This is separate from the online directory we are asking you to sign up for. If you haven't created an online account for it yet, you can do so here <https://engage.suran.com/fbcjaspertx/s/login>

thank you

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in Senior Sunday! Also, thank you for the beautiful Bible with my name engraved. It is very special to me. It has been a blessing being a member of this church for so long. You are so supportive and truly are like a second family.

Thank you!
Lauren Penney

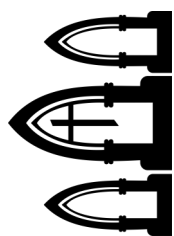
Dear Church,
Thank you so much for all you have done for us! The great meal and all of the yard work. It was sure a blessing.
Marjorie McDonald

Happy Birthday

Wyatt Gibbs	June 26
Colt Moss	June 26
Cherlyn Lundquist	June 28
John McAdams	July 01
Nora Townsend	July 02
Jim Fetterman	July 03
Parson Herrington	July 03
Mathilda Richardson	July 03
Johnny Wood	July 03
Charlotte Neal	July 05
Ira Bean	July 07
Woody Wade	July 07
Tom Webb	July 07
Myra Cammack	July 09

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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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Church Events

- **June 25th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Evening Worship, Children & Youth Discipleship @ 5pm,
- **June 28th** - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Children's Bible Study @ 6pm
- **July 2nd** - Sunday School @ 9:15am., Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Churchwide Lunch @ 12pm, No Evening Activities
- **July 3rd** - Church Office closed
- **July 4th** - Church Office closed
- **July 5th** - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Children's & Youth Bible Study @ 6pm
- **July 6th** - FBC Kids to waterpark
- **July 8th** - Students leave for Puerto Rico Mission Trip @ 4:30am, Second Saturday Men's Breakfast @ 8am
- **July 9th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Budget & Finance Committee meeting @ 4pm, Evening Worship, Children's Discipleship @ 5pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Church Wide Lunch

Church will provide Sliced Brisket, Rolls & Tea

Immediately following Morning Worship

Sunday, July 2nd in the Family Life Center

Last Names beginning with A - H bring a Vegetable,

I - R bring a Dessert, S-Z bring a Salad

RSVP in the foyer or email fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com



**Operation
Christmas Child
Craft Day**
Saturday, July 1st
9am to Noon
FBC Youth Room

Nursery will not be available on Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings beginning July 2nd.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

It must be summer! It's hot and that's a pretty good sign. I am certainly glad that the air conditioners in our church building are working great (overtime but great) so we are comfortable on Sunday mornings (and other times) when we gather for worship.

In a different way, Sunday mornings might really NOT be all that comfortable. We are dealing with some pretty difficult subjects and at times those can make us all uncomfortable. I'm sure you remember when we started down this "family" topic path, we decided we had to go wherever the Bible took us. Even if it took us into uncomfortable places. The Bible is our authority on faith and practice and this summer we are dealing with both those – "faith and practice."

You might have been like me – uncomfortable – when we were reminded that every human who has ever lived followed in the steps of Adam and Eve and turned away from God. That is the clear teaching of Genesis 3. Their act of disobedience seemed so innocuous (it wasn't) but it took them and us into dire circumstances. It took us into all the horrors of the modern world and it too me (and you) into all the brokenness of life.

I believe that is why the scripture in Ephesians 5 is so hard for us. God's word calls us into the kind of life that God intended from the first. It calls us into a life that is redeemed. The redeemed life is countercultural and counter intuitive. When the scripture calls for wives to have a posture of humility toward their husbands (the actual word is "subject" or "submit") that rubs against the grain of modern life. When the scripture calls for husbands to love their wives the way Christ loved the church that too rubs against the grain. I think you know the word for love in this text is "agape" which is unconditional godly love that flows toward the recipient (wives) no matter what is returned. Both these concepts are uncomfortable.

We are a long way from being finished with this text. Still, I hope you will join us on Sunday morning to see what uncomfortable truths may come next.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

*Let your light shine before men in such a way
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

--Matthew 5: 16 --

On Christmas Eve 1875, Ira Sankey was traveling on a steamboat down the Delaware River when he was recognized by some passengers. Sankey, who was the song leader for the famous evangelist D.L. Moody, was asked by the passengers to sing a hymn on the main deck so everyone could hear.

After he was finished, a man stepped from the shadows and asked, "Sir, did you serve in the Union Army?" "Yes," Sankey replied. "Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright moonlit night in 1862?" the man continued. "Yes, I remember that," Sankey replied with a surprised look on his face. "I was doing picket duty that same night, but I was in the Confederate Army. I saw you standing at your post, and I raised my musket and took aim. Just then, I heard you start singing a hymn to yourself. And my arm dropped to my side of its own accord. I just couldn't shoot."

It's impossible to know the extent to which our lives may inspire others. Simply by singing a song, being kind to others, or living a Christ-filled life, we might influence someone else toward Jesus Christ. What we do matters! So, we must pursue Christ in our actions every day and let God use us to bring others to Him! We can ask God to show us how to pursue Him daily and then pray that our actions would inspire others to follow Christ as well.

*Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

FBC Kids (K-6th grade) are going to Splash Kingdom Waterpark in Nacogdoches on Thursday, July 6th from 9am to 4:30pm. Bring \$30 for ticket and food. Let Allison know if you are going or call the church office. 409-384-2527

A Page from Jim's Journal

Students serving at VBS and Alpha Kids Camp



FBC KIDS

