

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liz Simpson	July 10
Josiah Slaton	July 14
Jason Calicott	July 15
Linda Wiltshire	July 16
Joyce Lowery	July 17
Cason Penney	July 17
Belinda McGraw	July 20
Allison Knight	July 22
Ashley Knight	July 22
April Pool	July 23

FBC will be hosting lunch for our local teachers and staff on Tuesday, August 1st.



DESSERTS NEEDED FOR LUNCHEON

We ask that you do not sign up for cookies.
Please sign up at the Visitor Center or call church office.

Ladies of the Bereavement Committee,

I can't express to you how much it meant to my mother & all of us in the family that you provided such a lovely luncheon after my father's funeral. Bill & Tommy Jordan love that church with all their hearts. Thank you for being there to support us.

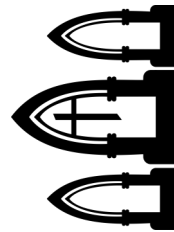
Love,
Sarah and the family of Bill Jordan

Thank you

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We greatly appreciate your kindness. May God Bless!
The Juanell Langham Family

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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

- **July 8th** - Second Saturday Men's Breakfast @ 8am
- **July 9th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Budget & Finance Committee meeting @ 4pm, Evening Worship @ 5pm
- **July 12th** - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study @ 6pm
- **July 13th** - Senior Adults Out to Eat in Lufkin at Pelican Pointe, meet at church @ 10:30am
- **July 16th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm, Evening Worship @ 5pm
- **July 19th** - Committee on Committees Meeting @ 5pm, Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Children's Bible Study @ 6pm
- **July 23rd** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Evening Worship, Children Discipleship @ 5pm
- **July 26th** - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Children & Youth Bible Study @ 6pm
- **July 27th** - FBC Kids to Splash Kingdom, meet at the church @ 9:00am

You are Invited to the
2023 Operation Christmas Child Annual Celebration Banquet



Friday July 28, 2023 at 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Dinner

Ministry Blessings

Guest Speaker- Valerie Hicks

Taking the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth!

Ms. Hicks is a former teacher at the First Baptist Church Christian School and member of First Baptist Church. Upon moving to the Dallas area, Valerie started to volunteer with Operation Christmas Child, first at the Dallas Processing Center then at the Processing Center in Charlotte North Carolina. After seeing the Operation Christmas Child ministry in action, Valerie decided to join the ministry as a Year-Round Volunteer in bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth. Please join us to hear Valerie's journey of faith.

For more information contact Cindy Downs at cmdwns@gmail.com or call 409-384-3485.

Sign-up Sheet is at the Welcome Center.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Sunday afternoon I will be flying to Tampa, Florida to attend the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf (SBCD). This is a conference I have attended every year since 1976. I am very grateful that the church allows me to attend this conference every year.

Those of you who do not know my background might wonder why I would attend a Deaf conference. Well, when I was a 13 year old boy I was attending an RA (Royal Ambassadors) boys camp just outside of Corpus Christi, Texas. Our camp director had a Deaf daughter and one day during the weeklong camp he brought his daughter out to our camp. Our director's wife spoke in chapel about Deaf ministry and then the daughter stood before all of us boys and signed the Lord's Prayer. It was beautiful and it touched my heart in a very deep place. At the end of that summer I started learning Sign Language and two years later I started interpreting in church for the Deaf people of Morgan Ave. Baptist Church in Corpus.

That was the start of my life in the Deaf world. When I graduated from seminary a group of Deaf people in New Orleans were seeking to start a new "Deaf" church. They called me to be their pastor. I pastored in New Orleans for almost 12 years and then went to Memphis where I pastored a Deaf church for almost 10 years. From there Irma and I went to North Carolina where I worked on the denominational level helping Baptist churches reach Deaf people for Christ.

So, you can see that my story is a "Deaf world" story. It might seem strange but almost everything I know about leading a church I learned in a Deaf church setting. I believe that God has used all those experiences to prepare me to be your pastor. He prepared me to love you, to learn from you, and to serve WITH you and not FOR you. I can't see far down the road from here, but I know it will be good and I know we will go there TOGETHER!

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

“Senior Adults Out to Eat”
in Lufkin
Thursday, July 13
We will leave the church at 10:30 am. If the bus is full,
we will take personal vehicles as well.

Thursday, August 10
at 1:00 pm
in the Choir Room

Sr. Adult Game Day and Lunch

Tuesday, August 22
9:00 am to Noon

FBC Adult Choir
Christmas Music Listening Party
Sunday, August 28th
following the
Evening Worship Center in the Family Life Center
If you would be interested in singing with us for Christmas,
we invite you to come and listen with us.

A Page from Jim's Journal



YOUTH LAKE DAY
Saturday, August 5th
Meet @ 1pm at the Church
All Incoming 7th graders – Incoming Seniors are Invited!

At the home of
Hartley & Cindy Downs
2050 Private Road 6065
Jasper, Tx 75951

Tubing, Swimming, Games & Student-led Worship

Starting August 6th

Children's church

will be for 4 and 5 year-olds only

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@fbcjasper.tx.com.