

WED NIGHT SUPPER

5:00 pm

August 23

Chicken Cobbler
Buttered Corn
Salad / Bread
Dessert

August 30

Baked Potato Bar

\$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



Pack a shoebox in memory or in honor of a loved one!

Simply fill out the form on the OCC table.

- Check if it is in 'memory of' or 'in honor of'
- Your name
- How you would like the acknowledgement signed
- How many boxes you would like packed
- Paper clip a check to the form and
- Put it in the shoebox on the table

We will take care of packing online and print out the acknowledgments for you.
Remember shoeboxes packed online primarily go to the hard-to-reach nations!
Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry!



What comes out is ETERNAL!

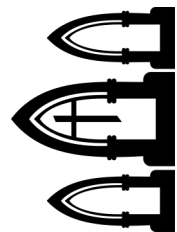


Keith Hilderbrand	Aug 23
Todd Knight	Aug 23
Becky Chamberlain	Aug 27
Lauren Penney	Aug 30
Richard Chamberlain	Sep 01
Matthew Powers	Sep 02
Kamden Coker	Sep 06
Laura McMillon	Sep 11

Our Vision:
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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SATURDAY | 26 | August
10:00AM | 2023

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RSVP to Michelle or the church office
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Church Events

- **August 20th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Widow/Widower's Luncheon @ 12pm, Building & Grounds Meeting @ 4pm, Evening Worship, Youth and Children's @ 5pm
- **August 22nd** - Senior Adult Game Day & Lunch @ 9am in Choir Room
- **August 23rd** - Supper @ 5pm, Business Meeting, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm
- **August 26th** - Women's Ministry Brunch @ 10am in the Family Life Center
- **August 27th** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Youth and Children's @ 5pm, Choir Christmas Listening Party @ 6pm
- **August 30th** - Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies, Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm

PROMOTION
— SUNDAY —



Sunday, September 3rd
Children & Youth move up to the next grade in Sunday School.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Do you remember when you were saved? My memory of the exact day is a bit unclear. I was a fairly young boy, and I made my decision for Christ in my home. My mother and father were devout believers, so we learned about Jesus at church, and we learned about Jesus even more at home. I heard Bible stories at home, and I saw my family pray frequently. In families like ours it is not unusual to see children making decisions for Christ at a young age. What I do remember quite clearly is making my public decision to follow Christ. I remember holding tightly to the pew in front of me and not having the courage to respond to the invitation on Sunday morning. But on Sunday night God gave me the courage that I lacked, and I walked the aisle professing Christ as my savior and Lord. A few weeks later I was baptized in the Highland Avenue Baptist Church in National City, California. That was in 1959; about 64 years ago.

I have never regretted that decision to follow Christ. In fact, I will confess to you today that everything good that has ever come into my life has come to me as a result of that decision. I think about the kind of life I lived as a boy. I was not perfect, but I was surrounded by Christian friends who encouraged my faith walk. My education and my career path were all blessings from God. My best friend and partner in life, Irma, came into my life by God's hand. The places I have lived and the churches I have served have been because of Jesus. I have lived a life of adventure traveling to dozens of countries and serving on a great many mission teams. I would count my retirement from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and my serving the First Baptist Church of Jasper, Texas as pastor as an "extra scoop" of God's gracious provision.

Let me tell you straight out – trusting Jesus and following Jesus has been glorious. If you don't quite understand the "epic journey" nature of the "Christ life" that I have described, would you join us in worship this Sunday and let me (and us) tell you about it.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

*Therefore humble yourselves under
the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you at the proper time,
casting all your anxiety on Him,
because He cares for you.
--1 Peter 5:6-7--*

In the 17th century, German pastor Paul Gerhardt and his family were forced to flee their home during the Thirty Years War. One night as they stayed in a small village inn, homeless and afraid, his wife broke down crying. Then, Gerhardt too went out in the garden and wept himself. At that time, he felt the Lord's presence anew. Taking his pen, he wrote the famous hymn, "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" that has since given comfort to many. The hymn begins,

*Give to the winds thy fears, hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.
Through waves and clouds and storms,
He gently clears thy way;
Wait thou His time; so shall this night soon
end in joyous day.*

That night, Gerhardt was impressed with a real and living truth: God often makes His presence known most clearly in our darkest hours. He uses our pain and our sorrow to show us that He is our only source of strength.

Maybe today, you are facing a trial of loneliness or pain—a trial that maybe you think is hopeless. But put yourself in God's hands. Wait for His timing, and trust that at the end of your night will come a joyous day! So, today, pray and tell God your worries, fears, and cares. Entrust them to Him and wait for His perfect plan to unfold.

*I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
There's been times I didn't know right from wrong.
But in every situation God gave me blessed consolation
That my trials come to only make me strong.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.*

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

Sr. Adult Game Day and Lunch



*Tuesday, August 22
9:00 am to Noon*

A Page from Jim's Journal

1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." I truly love our students. They are witty, smart, funny, and they certainly keep me on my toes. They demonstrate this verse over and over again. They demonstrate it without calling attention to themselves. It's just who they are. I am sometimes drawn into the worship of Jesus because of them. That sounds kind of backwards due to the role that I play in our church. But it's true. Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." I give God glory for the work that I have seen Him do in these teenagers.

Be on the lookout over the course of the next few weeks. These teenagers are wanting to jump into the life of the church. They have a desire to serve. They want to be on cooking teams, fill in the gaps with nursery volunteers/children's church, and help greet for worship. I am excited for their desire to serve.

I have a favor to ask of our Church. Encourage these teenagers as you see them perform various functions around our church. If you end up serving alongside them, please make a point to get to know them. If you see something that needs correcting, please feel free to gently come alongside and show them the correct way to do a task. Come alongside them and show them how to do the jobs that you normally do. It is a gift to have eager hearts for service. I know that we will take this gift and nurture it so that they may continue to grow in their desire to serve. It is my prayer and desire that the church gets to know our teenagers like I have been able to, and with that, being able to see the work God is doing in their life and worship Him as a result.

- Jim



Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for opening your hearts to me and my family! Seventeen years ago, I came to work in the office with no idea of the family I would gain! So many of you took me under your wing and loved me and taught me so much more than how to be a church secretary! You became our church! You have been such a Christlike example to me. I have made typos, forgotten birthdays and made more mistakes than I care to remember but you graciously forgave me time after time. It has been my privilege to serve as your church secretary all these years, but the time has come for me to serve the Kingdom in some other way. I am leaving this position, not my church. You are my family and I love you!

Kim

JEN WILKIN

Women of the Word

How to STUDY the BIBLE with
Both OUR HEARTS and OUR MINDS

Ladies Bible Study
beginning August 30th at 6pm in the Computer Lab



FBC Adult Choir
Christmas Music Listening Party
Sunday, August 27th
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.



We will be collecting different items for shoeboxes each month. Stop by the table in foyer and pick up a list of suggested items.

**For the month of August,
we will collect school supplies.**



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