

### **August 9**

Fried Chicken Ricé & Gravy Green Beans Salad

Dessert

### August 16

Sliders Potato Salad Veggie Tray Brownies

#### \$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 <a href="mailto:fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com">fbcj@fbcjaspertx.com</a> or using this QR code







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

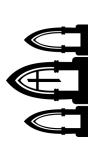
For the month of August, we will collect school supplies.



Colleen Garcia	Aug 06
Shirley Dimmock	Aug 07
Peggy Willoughby	Aug 07
Beverly Herrin	Aug 08
Bill Gee	Aug 10
Jay Powers	Aug 10
Jana Tatum	Aug 13
Klayton Thompson	Aug 15
Graham Bennett	Aug 18
Conner Selph	Aug 18
Pam Hamilton	Aug 20



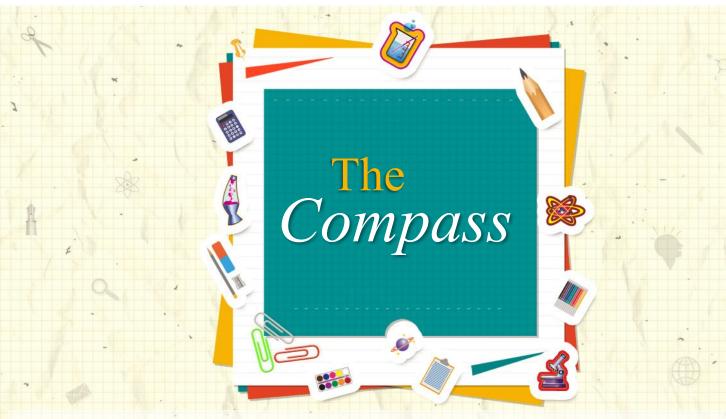
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Our Vision:

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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join us for a

Baby Shower

honoring

## Jochebed Marx

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00pm

The Home of Ryan & Katie McKnight 287 County Road 174 Jasper, Texas

Registered at: Amazon

# I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for giving us some time away to be with our kids and grandchildren. We spent a few days in New Orleans (my first pastorate was in New Orleans) visiting the places there that we loved and a few days at a friend's lake house in Alabama. We had a terrific time, and our kids did a great job planning and leading our 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Most marriages don't make it to 50 years. A great many couples experience the death of their spouse before they reach the 50-year mark. Living 50 years past your wedding date is a gift. But also, a great many couples don't reach 50 because their marriage ends before they get that far. As we have seen, 50% (or more) of all marriages in America end in divorce. This is a sad statistic, and it is true of all marriages (even though practicing Christians have a slightly lower divorce rate).

Most people don't enter marriage planning to divorce. Usually, it comes rather unexpectedly, and it is a painful experience for all involved. If statistics hold true 50% or more of those reading this article have gone through a divorce, most likely, a divorce you didn't want.

We could all wish that our lives had taken a different path but here we are, wounded people who passionately love Jesus. There are those who believe that divorce is a sin that disqualifies a Christian from serving in the Kingdom. But what did Jesus think about divorce? What did He say on the topic? How did he treat people who had experienced divorce? These are great questions and I hope to answer some of them this Sunday. I will not be able to answer every question you may have on this topic but as we look at God's word together, we will find answers and hope.

I trust you will join us this Sunday as we continue to look at "family" issues. This is a topic of great interest and importance. So come!

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie











### A Page from Jim's Journal

I cannot adequately express just how amazing this summer was with our FBC students. I won't be able to explain just how tight Gods grip is on their hearts. But I want to try and give a brief testimony to how I saw God work in our teenager's hearts.

There's a story in 2 Chronicles 20 about King Jehoshaphat receiving the bleak news of foreign nations marching towards his home. The people panicked. Jehoshaphat led them in a nation wide time of prayer and fasting, and in that time they received word that they were to meet the enemy in battle. As they assembled, the most unlikely of people were on the front lines, the place that was usually reserved for the fiercest of warriors. It was the singers and dancers. They were waving their banners and proclaiming the greatness of the Lord. As they marched they came to the place of battle. They discovered that their enemy had already been defeated. The Lord had gone before them and completely cleared the camp!

Summer time in our youth ministry is packed! I had more than one stressful moment in the months leading up to VBS, camps, and mission trip. The junior high and high school students were having three weeks back to back. Serving at VBS, serving at kids camp, and then attending their own youth camp occurred in June. Then we had a week at home and we left for Puerto Rico. Do you know what I found at each leg of the summer? The Lord had gone before us. He had prepared the way.

These students worked hard at everything they did, were godly examples, and grew in their love for serving others. At their own camp they played hard, opened up to one another and built trust. In Puerto Rico we accomplished more than what was expected, God allowed us to be a blessing to our host church, and we had the unexpected blessed of intergenerational fellowship between our students and adults. In all of this, the name of Jesus was lifted higher and higher in our lives. I worship and am more in awe today than I was at the beginning of the summer.

Our teenagers are hungry to live this gospel life. They are a joy and I thank God for them and for the work He is doing in their lives. What a great time to be a member of FBC and to continue pursuing this great vision that God has set before us.

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Dear Church Family,

I am excited to announce that I have recently taken the position of Young Children's Ministry Coordinator at FBCJ. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity and look forward to working with each of you.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your support and encouragement. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such a wonderful church family. In order to provide a great children's church ministry, we need committed volunteers every week. It is a great opportunity to come alongside young families who are members as well as those who are visiting and minister to them. Please let me know if you are willing to commit to one service every month.

I am committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where our children can grow in their faith and knowledge of God. I believe that together we can make a difference in the lives of our children and families.

Thank you for all that you do. Praying that God will continue to bless our church and this ministry.

Sincerely, Jochebed Marx

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Volunteers



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