



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

## Church Dinner

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

**5:00 pm**

### September 6

Chicken Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

### September 13

Cheeseburgers  
Baked Beans  
Chips & Dips  
Apple Cobbler  
Ice Cream

### September 20

Fried Chicken  
Green Beans  
Rice and Gravy  
Rolls & Salad  
Chocolate Cake

**\$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@fbcjasper.tx.com](mailto:fbcj@fbcjasper.tx.com)  
or using this QR code

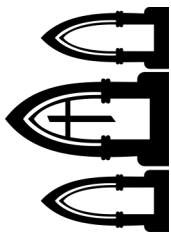


Kamden Coker	Sep 06
Laura McMillon	Sep 11
Celinda Sparrow	Sep 13
Randy Dean	Sep 14
Billie Ener	Sep 16
Grant Calicott	Sep 17
Ella Powell	Sep 17
Betty Anthony	Sep 19
Jeff Hicks	Sep 19
Ron Shamblin	Sep 19
Maria White	Sep 20
Trudie Fetterman	Sep 21
Evelyn Walker	Sep 21

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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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**OUR  
GOAL  
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**GOING  
ABOVE  
AND  
BEYOND**

**Reach Texas Week of Prayer  
September 17- 23, 2023**



I've Been Thinking...

A Note from Bro. Woody

Dear Church Family,

By now most of you have heard that Kim Gill and Beth Penney will be stepping down from their positions in our church office. Kim has served FBC for 17 years. Beth has not been employed for that long, but she has been with us for five years. Both of these women have served you faithfully and sacrificially.

When I came to work as your pastor, I saw quickly how valuable Kim and Beth were to our church life. They were both capable ministry assistants. But over and above that they were both committed Christians who sought to live for Christ. Because of their commitment to Christ, we could trust Beth completely with all the finances of the church and we could trust Kim to keep the office running smoothly and efficiently. I knew that these women would help me learn the membership and the rhythms and the systems of our church life. I will always be grateful for the way they guided me in my early days here and the way they both have supported the vision of our church “to see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ. . .”

All of you know how vital the work of our church office is. It is, in many ways, the nerve center of the church. The office gathers information of all kinds, and the office distributes that information to the staff and to the church. Hundreds of records are collected in the office. All the finances of the church flow through the office. Almost all the publicity and coordination of events flows through the office. I cannot imagine us functioning smoothly as a church without capable and efficient office staff. In light of that, we have a plan to keep the office functioning. Various people in our congregation will be serving in the office to answer phones, take messages, operate the machines, and generate communications. Be patient with all of us during this time. We have already started looking for new hires. It might take a while, but we are confident God will lead us to capable people. Kim and Beth will still be serving the Lord with us as members of the church. Love on them well. But pray for us as we seek new ministry assistants and help us in all the ways you can. You know, of course, that in His way and time, God will open new doors!

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY  
THE GREAT EAST TEXAS  
*Hymn Sing*  
“O COME,  
LET US SING FOR JOY TO THE LORD.”  
- PSALM 95:1

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023  
1:30 P.M.  
BAKER CHAPEL  
ORNELAS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER  
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY  
FREE ADMISSION

-Two hours of singing the great hymns of our faith  
-Accompanied by organ, piano, and brass  
-Reception immediately following

CHURCH GROUPS AND  
CHOIRS WELCOME!

For more information,  
call 903.923.2071  
or email advancement@etbu.edu

We will leave the church at 8am and have lunch in Marshall prior to the Hymn Sing.



A Page from Jim’s Journal

“Parents of teens: Picture your future grandchildren in love with Jesus and making a difference for His glory. Next, picture them (and their parents) sleeping in on Sunday, never hearing the gospel, and never joining you in heaven. How you spiritually lead your teenager today is a major variable in the future of your grandchildren.”

That statement hits hard, doesn’t it? I woke up this morning and read that on Dr. Richard Ross social media feed. It might even feel a little offensive at first read. It is natural for it to feel offensive because a lot of us have this slight bent that it is the church’s job to instill Christianity into our children. We might not realize it, and even reject that notion when it’s openly said. But that idea, that the church has the major responsibility in spiritually raising our children, is always lurking and creeps in when we don’t realize it.

Ross continues his thoughts on this subject by saying, “Biblically-sound student ministry makes a wonderful contribution to life-time faith. So do spiritual rhythms in the home. But nothing matters more than the depth of parents’ life in Christ.” These statements are a biblical reflection of Deuteronomy 6:1-9

It says, “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.”

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Mom and Dad, how are you currently shepherding your teens? If you need a place to start, begin by deepening your own walk with Christ. Through prayer, accountability, scripture reading, and fellowship. Do not neglect your own walk with Christ. As you lean more and more into a trusting relationship with Him, it will naturally spill over into your relationship with your teens.

*Thank you*

*My sincere gratitude to everyone who planned for such an amazing farewell party. I would like to express my thanks and deep appreciation for the kindness of everyone who attended, and especially those who made every detail of the evening so perfect. I have learned so much in my five years working at First Baptist Church, and I think the most important lesson is how well **our church loves**. Thank you for taking me in and teaching me how to be the best I can be! I will miss you all dearly.*

*Love,  
Beth*

*Dear Church Family and Personnel Committee,*

*Thank you for the lovely reception you gave to honor my time as church secretary. Your kind words and generosity truly touched my heart. It has been a joy to serve in this position for the last 17 years. I will always cherish the memories and friendships made! I look forward to continuing to serve with you as a member of this body of Christ!*

*Love,  
Kim*

Church Events

- **September 3 - Promotion Sunday**  
Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, No Evening Activities
- **September 6 - Supper @ 5pm**, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children’s Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm
- **September 9 - Men’s Ministry Second Saturday Breakfast @ 8am**
- **September 10 - Sunday School @ 9:15am**, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Budget & Finance Committee Meeting @ 4pm, Evening Worship, Youth and Children’s @ 5pm
- **September 13 - Supper @ 5pm**, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children’s Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm
- **September 16 - Youth Lake Day**
- **September 17 - Sunday School @ 9:15am**, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm, Youth and Children’s @ 5pm
- **September 20- Supper @ 5pm**, Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children’s Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm