



5:00 pm

October 25

Fall Fest
Please Join Us
For Hotdogs
And Popcorn!

November 1

Fried Chicken
Rice & Gravy
Green Beans
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@fbcjaspertx.com
or using this QR code



If you have any extra
church keys, please
return them to the
church office.

Happy Birthday

Hartley Downs	Oct 21
Becky Ellis	Oct 21
Reese Sparrow	Oct 21
Sue Gee	Oct 23
Angela Garcia	Oct 24
Catherine Golden	Oct 24
Naida Martingdale	Oct 24
Katie McKnight	Oct 24
Andrea Stricklan	Oct 25
Reese Hines	Oct 27
Carlton Penney	Oct 27

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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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**FALL
fest**

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER, 25TH

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

BOUNCE HOUSE - CAKE WALK -
CARNIVAL GAMES - POPCORN -
COTTON CANDY - HOT DOGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 409-384-2527
OR VISIT WWW.FBCJASPERTX.COM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
314 N MAIN STREET
JASPER, TEXAS

Church Events

- **October 21** - FBC Kids Trip to Ellen Trout Zoo @ 12:20 pm - 6:30 pm
- **October 22** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, SNBA Annual Meeting @ 3 pm
- **October 24** - Happy Years @ 10 am
- **October 25** - Fall Fest @ 5 pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
- **October 29** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship & LORD's Supper @ 10:30am, Youth and Children's @ 5pm, OCC Packing Party @ 5 pm, Alto Choir Practice @ 6pm
- **November 1** - Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, General Business Meeting, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

On more than one occasion I have mentioned the epic journey that mom, dad, a friend, and I took in 1971. The four of us made a two-month trip driving from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Fairbanks, Alaska. It was a long-distance trip covering an average of about 350 miles each day. What made it "epic" for us was its distance. I've never made a road trip since that came close to that two-month mileage. But it was also epic because of the wide range of experiences we had along the way. Along the way when we could we stopped to see old friends. Also, along the way we made many new friends. We saw the glories of the Rocky Mountains, the Tetons, the amazing Yellowstone National Park and the towering Denali, tallest mountain in North America. One night in Yellowstone I rode my motorcycle from the Mammoth Hot Springs camping area to the Fishing Bridge RV park. It took a couple hours in the frozen darkness. Almost the coldest I've ever been in my life. Soaking in the Liard Hot Springs on the Alaskan Highway (water temp 126+ degrees) was about the hottest I've been in my life. We had unimaginable thrills and hours of pure boredom. A couple times I feared for my life but much of the time I felt more alive than I ever had before. That is the nature of an "epic" journey.

On Sunday mornings we are following the journey of Abram (who will soon become Abraham). His geographic journey went from Ur at the mouth of the Tigris/Euphrates River all the way to Egypt. 4000 years ago, that was an unimaginable distance. But the bigger journey was his spiritual journey. Spiritually he moved from paganism to total fidelity to Yahweh, the God who called him. He had every imaginable experience along the way. He fought battles. He witnessed disaster. He made terrible mistakes. He entered into a saving relationship with the One True God by faith and became the father of all who would believe. But here's the point of this whole article – are you on your own "epic" journey of life IN CHRIST?

So many people live their Christian life as though it were a "side gig," something they do when they are not otherwise occupied. Oh, what they miss. God wants to take your life, our lives, and form them into the "image of His son" (Romans 8:29). That is what God was doing to Abram. That is what He wants to do to you!

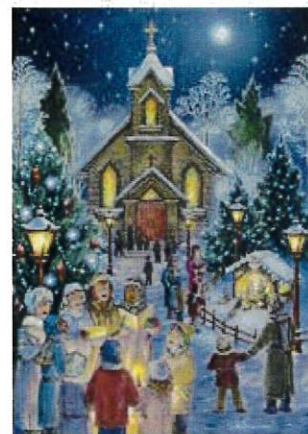
I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY **LIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS**



Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16
6:00 – 8:00 pm each evening
in the
First Baptist Church
Back Parking Lot

First Baptist volunteers are needed to:

- Serve hot chocolate
- Serve as greeters
- Direct traffic

Staff each of four Living Christmas Cards:

- *Family reading the Christmas story in the living room
- *Shepherds on the hillside
- *Mary and Joseph in the stable
- *Wise Men on the journey to the baby
(costumes will be provided)

HAPPY YEARS

A Ministry for those 55 and better

Tuesday, October 24

Games at 10:00

Catered Lunch at 11:30

Following lunch, we will move to the Computer Lab to learn how to pack an Operation Christmas Child box online!

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. Your prayers, kindness, and love have been a comfort and blessing and we can not express how much we appreciate each and every one of you.

Love,
The Family of CD Penny

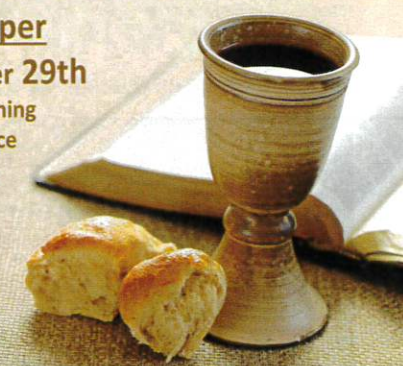
A Page from Jim's Journal

"It was a busy week for the student ministry when we had Tri-Hard night October 4th and then 5th quarter on October 6th. Our amazing parents and adult leaders stepped up the whole week and served well. I am so appreciative of all our leaders. I am so appreciative of our church. Thank you for loving the teenagers in our community so well."



LORD's Supper **Sunday, October 29th**

During the morning
worship service
10:30 a.m.



OCC National Collection Week **November 13 - 20**

- FBC Youth Packing Party October 29th.
- FBC Kids Packing Party November 5th

We are in need of a few more items to make these Packing Parties a success:

Hairbrushes, Erasers, Scissors, Composition books or spirals and boy's sox.



But what comes out is ETERNAL!



Operation Christmas Child Collection Times

Monday November 13, 2023	12 pm – 3 pm
Tuesday November 14, 2023	10 am – 1 pm
Wednesday November 15, 2023	2 pm – 5 pm
Thursday November 16, 2023	4 pm – 7 pm
Friday November 17, 2023	10 am – 12 pm
Saturday November 18, 2023	12 pm – 2 pm
Sunday November 19, 2023	2 pm – 5 pm
Monday November 20, 2023	8 am – 10 am