



Wednesday night *Dinner*

5:00 pm

October 11

Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Queso & Pico de Gallo
Chips & Dessert
Hotdogs for Children

October 18

Pulled Pork
on a Bun
Tatar Tot Casserole
Cole Slaw
Goopy Spice 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
or using this QR code



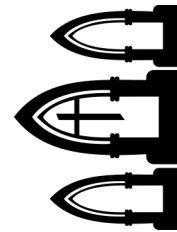
If you have any extra
church keys, please
return them to the
church office.

Happy Birthday

Allison Pool	Oct 09
Henry Casey	Oct 10
Steve Garcia	Oct 12
Dennis Inman	Oct 13
John Slaton	Oct 14
Bill Walker	Oct 14
Sandra Shirley	Oct 15
Janice Lewis	Oct 16
Loucille Martindale	Oct 16
Deborah Pickle	Oct 16
Mark Tanner	Oct 17

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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.



OCC National Collection Week November 13 - 20

- Pack your shoeboxes and get ready to send them off!
- FBC Youth Packing Party October 15th.
- 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!

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

By now most of you know that my disc injury is going to be treated surgically. My surgery date is set for October 9. That's right on top of us isn't it. When we finally got the wheels rolling, they rolled quickly. I'm glad. I'm ready to get this behind me and move on with my life (assuming that all goes well which I thoroughly anticipate).

In an earlier Compass, I mentioned an article by John Piper entitled, "Don't Waste Your Cancer." I know my "affliction" is not cancer (I have had cancer in the past) but the article by Piper has clear application to sickness, pain, and many of our trials. Here is a link to Piper's 10 points with some slight additions by David Powlinson (Piper and Powlinson had Prostate cancer at the same time). <https://www.ccef.org/dont-waste-your-cancer>. I think you would greatly benefit from reading this short article and thinking deeply about Piper's 10 points.

Point #7 for Piper was: **"You will waste your cancer if you let it drive you into solitude instead of deepen your relationships with manifest affection."** (what is "manifest affection?") To Piper's point, Powlinson added this remark that I find worth quoting: "Our culture is terrified of facing death. It is obsessed with medicine. It idolizes youth, health, and energy. It tries to hide any signs of weakness or imperfection. You will bring huge blessing to others by living openly, believingly, and lovingly within your weaknesses. Paradoxically, moving out into relationship when you are hurting and weak will actually strengthen others. 'One anothering' is a two-way street of generous giving and grateful receiving. Your need gives others an opportunity to love. And since love is always God's highest purpose in you, too, you will learn his finest and most joyous lessons as you find small ways to express concern for others even when you are most weak. A great, life-threatening weakness can prove amazingly freeing. Nothing is left for you to do except to be loved by God and others, and to love God and others."

I thoroughly believe that this is true. I pray that we can live this kind of affection among us.

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 Christmas Cards

(costumes will be provided)

SENIOR ADULT AFTERNOON MOVIE

featuring



Tuesday, October 10

1:00 pm

in the Choir Room

A Page from Jim's Journal

A week ago Wednesday was Fields of Faith at Jaspers Bulldog Stadium. This was an evening that God had laid on Steve Garcia's heart for quite some time. Community leaders, pastors, and volunteers from local churches started to gather towards the end of the summer and decisions were made as the event started to take shape. As the day finally came, I was eager to take part and see how God would move in our community. The end result was a mix of gratitude and awe as I saw hundreds of teenagers express for their need for something different than the way they were living.

I was so thankful for our FBC family. Many of you showed up to be a part and I even caught a few of you out there counseling teenagers who came down. I truly am appreciative of your presence. The fact is not lost on me that there was a major gap in the style of worship music you appreciate and what was sung that night. I know the rap concert might as well have been a foreign language. But you were there. That demonstrates to me and the everyone else there that you desire to see everyone in Jasper know the Truth. Even if its not by preferred styles and methods.

Not everyone left with a full understanding of the gospel, or why they were feeling destitute. But those without the gospel all felt that their lives were lacking when they came to the counselors. For the first time that I can remember, I saw the entire community of Jasper, regardless of age, race, and preferences, unify around a greater need. A need for God. God has given FBC a huge vision. "That every life in Jasper be transformed by Christ....." This was one of many steps taken in that direction, and I am proud to be a part of a Church that is taking these steps.



Come Sing With Us!

Greater Jasper Praise Choir
Fall Concert

Saturday, October 14th - 7 pm
At First Baptist Church

FBC Kids

Fall Fest 2023 is quickly approaching and will be on October 25th. We're looking forward to having a great time serving our community! Our church is in need of 3 things to make this event successful:

- ♦ Candy - There will be a collection box in the foyer .
- ♦ Cake - See Maureen Coleman for more information.
- ♦ Committed church members who are willing to serve on this night.

If you have a specific spot where you want to serve or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 409-594-9104 or Knightallison65@yahoo.com.

See you there!
Allison Knight



Church Events

- **October 8** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Baptism & Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Budget Committee Workshop/Meeting @ 2pm, Youth and Children's @ 5pm, Soprano/Alto Choir Practice @ 6pm
- **October 10** - Senior Adult Afternoon Movie @ 1 pm
- **October 11** - Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Special Called Business Meeting, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm
- **October 14** - Men's Ministry Breakfast @ 8 am
- **October 15** - Sunday School @ 9:15am, Morning Worship @ 10:30am, Deacons Meeting @ 4pm, Youth and Children's @ 5pm, Tenor/Bass Choir Practice @ 6pm
- **October 18** - Supper @ 5pm, Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, General Business Meeting, Ladies Bible Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6pm, Choir Practice @ 7pm