

Wednesday Night DINNER

5:00 pm

November 8th

Sausage & Pepper Hoagies
Potato Salad
Dessert

November 15th

Homemade Chicken Noodle
Soup
Sliders
Dessert

\$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



Cameron Cammack	Nov 03
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Wayne Wiltshire	Nov 04
Jennifer Herrington	Nov 05
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Rebecca Tanner	Nov 08
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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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Thanksfeast

Join us for lunch on Sunday,
November 19th following the
Morning Worship service.

*Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Rolls and
Tea will be provided.*

We are asking everyone with last
name beginning with A-R please
Salad or Vegetable bring a salad
and S-Z please bring a *Dessert*.

November 4 -Launch Association Youth
Conference @ 9 am, Women's Ministry
Shopping Trip @ 9 am

November 5 - Sunday School @ 9:15 am,
Morning Worship @ 10:30 am, Children's
OCC Packing Party @ 4:30 pm, Youth
Discipleship @ 5 pm, Tenor Choir Practice
@ 6pm

November 8 - Supper @ 5 pm, Prayer
Meeting, Adult Bible Study, Ladies Bible
Study, Youth & Children's Bible Study @ 6
pm, Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

November 9 - Senior Adults "Out to Eat"
at The Cafe in Trout Creek @ 4 pm

November 12 - Sunday School @ 9:15 am,
Morning Worship @ 10:30 am, Budget &
Finance Committee Mtg @ 4 pm, Youth &
Children's Discipleship @ 5 pm, Bass Choir
Practice @ 6 pm

November 15 - OCC Collection @ 2 pm,
Supper @ 5 pm, Prayer Meeting, Adult
Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Youth &
Children's Bible Study @ 6 pm, Choir
Rehearsal @ 7 pm

I've Been Thinking...



Dear Church Family,

I hope you have not grown tired of the “epic journey” metaphor yet. I have mentioned it for years (off and on) and it has become the driving theme in our survey of the life of Abraham. Every time I think of it, I get a little catch in my breath or a bit of an “uptick” in my heartbeat. To think about my life in Christ as the GREAT ADVENTURE OF LIFE seems to make life clear for me. It seems to be what Jesus meant when He said to the disciples, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men,” or what Paul meant when he said, “Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God . . . And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. . .” We who are “in Christ” are living the GREAT ADVENTURE. We are being remade into those who “follow,” or by divine transformation, we are losing the shape of the world and taking on the “new mind.”

I’ve always been intrigued by “The Chronicles of Narnia.” The final book of the seven “Chronicles” is called, “The Last Battle.” In a short scene in the 14th chapter, the book described how Narnia came to its conclusion - all the stars fell from the sky as Father Time blew his horn bringing everything to its end. Even though it was the end for the Narnian world, it was not the end for the Narnian (and some earth) people. They had passed through the stable door from Narnia into Aslan’s World. The title of chapter 15 is quite telling. It is called, “Further Up and Further in.” And here is the great truth learned in that chapter – the epic journey, the GREAT ADVENTURE, is just begun in this life. Passing from our present life to the heavenly life is not the end. We are now at the beginning, on the cusp, just now scratching the surface, so to speak. This “journey” is only preparatory for the greatest of all adventures. So, by all means, don’t slow down now! Let’s go further up and further in! Life, and heaven await! I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

This year, in addition to celebrating four Sundays of Advent, a First Baptist Christian School Christmas program, a Christmas Cantata on Sunday morning, a combined choir Christmas Cantata on two consecutive Sunday evenings, a Candlelight Christmas Eve service...and a partridge in a pear tree...we are going to gift our community with “Living Christmas Cards.”

You have seen some publicity about “Living Christmas Cards” around the church, and I’m sure you have wondered, “What is that all about?” Let me see if I can explain it to you in a few words! There will be six stations with large Christmas Card backdrops. They will include a family setting where the Dad is reading the Christmas story to his family; a hillside setting where the shepherds encounter the angels announcing the birth of the Savior; the manger setting with Mary and Joseph and the baby; an eastern setting with the kings following the star; a current day setting with carolers singing to their neighbors; and what the Christmas story leads us to...an empty cross! You ask, “What makes it LIVING Christmas Cards?” The answer...YOU! We need individuals from our church to portray the characters who lead us to the true meaning of Christmas.

In addition, we need our church members to serve as greeters, traffic directors, hot chocolate servers, and in general, Merry Christmas wishers to our community. If you cannot fulfill any of these opportunities, you can pray that this project leads our community to Christ. The dates are Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16, from 6:00 – 8:00 each evening. The cards will be set up on our back parking lot, and we have secured permission for people to park in the Southside Bank parking lot. They will get out of their cars, walk across the street, be greeted with a cup of hot chocolate and information about our church and our Savior, and be led through the “Living Christmas Cards,” each with a Christmas carol playing in the background. In the next few days and weeks there will be opportunities for you to sign up for specific responsibilities, and there will be those who will specifically ask you to participate as one of the Christmas Card Characters. Please say “YES” as we continue to fulfill the vision that the Lord has given our church. It will take all of us!

You are loved,

Bro. Woody

A Page from Jim’s Journal

“FBC Students packed 110 boxes tonight for Operation Christmas Child. They shopped for some “wow” items with their own money, then came back and combined with the many items our church has collected through the year. It’s exciting to think of how God will use these boxes to reveal Himself to others across the world.”

- **Jim Slaton**, FBC Minister of Education & Youth



Dear Church,

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped make the 2023 Fall Fest a success!

If you brought candy, helped, set-up, worked a game or tables, prepared and/or prepared the food, or helped clean up...THANK YOU!

You truly lived out our Church’s vision that evening!

- Allison Knight, FBC Children’s Ministry



Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Drop Off
@ FBC Jasper

Monday 11/13	12 pm - 3 pm
Tuesday 11/14	10 am - 1 pm
Wednesday 11/15	2 pm - 5 pm
Thursday 11/16	4 pm - 7 pm
Friday 11/17	10 am - 12 pm
Saturday 11/18	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday 11/19	2 pm - 5 pm
Monday 11/20	9 am - 11 am

thank you