

# Wednesday Night Supper

5:00 p.m.

January 17th

Pasta e' Fagioli Soup  
OR  
Chicken Gnocchi Soup  
Garlic Bread  
Olive Garden Salad  
Dessert

January 24<sup>th</sup>

Chicken-n-Dumplings  
Fried Okra  
Winter Salad  
Peach Cobbler

\$5/person over 18 yrs.

(18 yrs & younger 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:



## Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people  
understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive  
valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**Contact Us Today:**

Sundays 5-7 pm  
February 4-April 5  
First Baptist Church (409-384-2527)  
314 North Main Street, Jasper TX

**More Info & Register Online:**

[www.griefshare.org/groups/181550](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/181550)

Beginning February 4th, 2023 in the FBC-Jasper Computer Lab.  
*\*No meeting on Easter Sunday\**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LAURA WESTMORELAND	JAN 4
ROSS GILL	JAN 6
AMY GREENE	JAN 6
MICHELLE WEBB	JAN 8
BETTY JO MCLEMORE	JAN 9
RODNEY HARRINGTON	JAN 10
BECKY INMAN	JAN 13
JAMES KINMAN	JAN 14
JOAN TOWNSEND	JAN 14
LAUREN BEAN	JAN 15
SARAH CRONE	JAN 18



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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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# The Compass

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## New Members in 2023

Abigail Gamache  
James Knapp  
Reese Hines  
Elijah Michler  
Carol Stark  
Gary Stark  
Lori Champagne  
Larissa Knapp

Barbara Kinman  
James Kinman  
Joyce Vanshoubrouek  
Preston Vanshoubrouek  
Mark Boudreaux  
Dennis Bellar  
Sarah Bellar  
Brandon McBride

## Those Lost in 2023

Coletti Barnett  
Blanton McDonald  
C.D. Penney  
Sharron Lane  
Juanell Lanngham  
Cherilyn Lundquist

*In  
Loving  
Memory*

*Welcome*

## Upcoming Events

- ◇ Men's Ministry Breakfast - Saturday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8 am
- ◇ Budget & Finance Meeting - Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm
- ◇ Wednesday Night Supper - Jan 17<sup>th</sup> @5 pm  
(Prayer Meeting & Choir Rehearsal to follow @ 6 & 7 pm)
- ◇ Parent & Youth Leadership Meeting - Wednesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm
- ◇ Youth "Hot Hearts" Trip - Buses leave Friday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm
- ◇ LifeShare Blood Drive - Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm
- ◇ Deacon's Meeting - Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4 pm
- ◇ Easter Choir Rehearsal - Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm
- ◇ Happy Years - Tuesday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10 am
- ◇ General Business Meeting - Wednesday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm
- ◇ Wednesday Night Supper - Jan 24<sup>th</sup> @5 pm  
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I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Here we are -- it is 2024. How quickly it has come; and as most of you know, how quickly it will go. Before we know it, the year will have slipped past us. The question we have to ask ourselves is, “how will we live these days as they pass so quickly by?” Great question. How are you going to answer it?

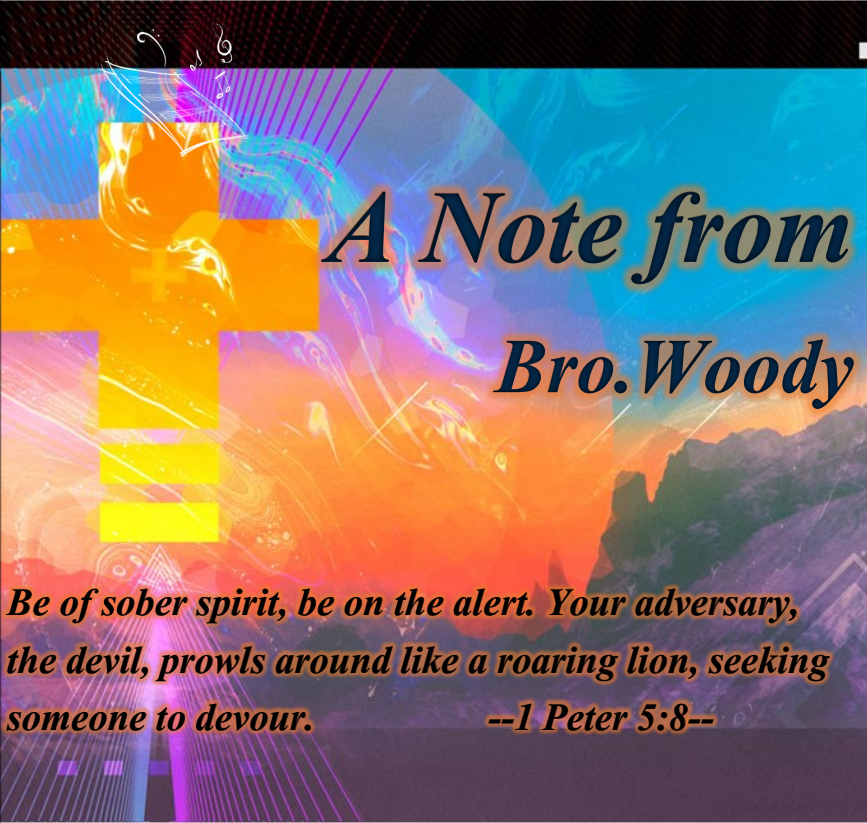
I hope part of your answer to that question is demonstrated when you join us on Sunday morning. I know of nothing more important that we do as a church family than meeting for worship on Sunday morning. We are called by the living God to worship Him. If you are joining us on Sunday mornings you are hearing from the Bible messages from the early days of the church. We started last Sunday looking at the early chapters of Acts and I plan to stay on this subject and in this book for at least a couple months.

Here is what I hope we learn from our Acts study. I hope we see the task that the Lord has given His people. I hope we see the power He has given us to accomplish the task. I hope we see the message the early church preached. I hope we see how the church grew and how it lived its life. I hope we learn the urgency of carrying the message to all people of the world. I hope we learn how all of us who would be followers of Jesus must be open to His calling. I hope we find perfect clarity in the gospel story. These things I hope . . . and more.

And here is why I hope these matters. Our time is short. My time is short. Our community has great need. We cannot afford to miss the opportunity that Christ gives us now to: “see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ . . .” Christ has chosen to work through His people – His church. We, under God, can make a difference in our community and the world. Acts will show us how.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie



A Note from Bro. Woody

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. --1 Peter 5:8--

Many years ago, a young Frenchman captured the world’s attention by walking a tightrope between the twin towers of New York City’s World Trade Center. At 1,350 feet above the ground, the man walked effortlessly from one tower to the next as spectators below looked on. A few months later, while practicing on a relatively low wire in St. Petersburg, Florida, the same man fell 30 feet and was injured. As he lay on the ground waiting for help, he beat his fist on the ground saying, “I can’t believe it! I never fall!”

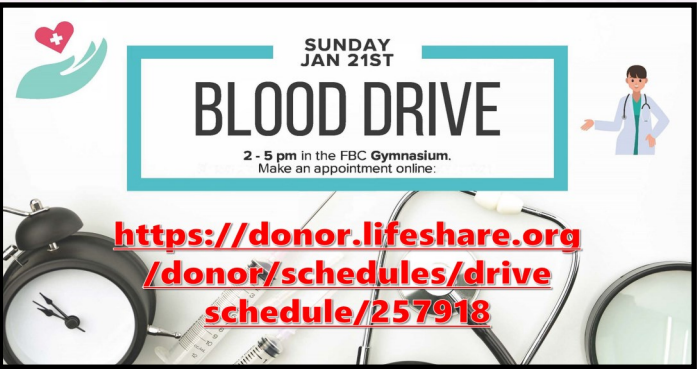
Many times, our biggest mistakes come not when we’re outside our comfort zone, but when we’re most comfortable. We become accustomed to doing things a certain way, and we then become complacent, letting our guard down and allowing carelessness to cause us to stumble. That is why it’s so important to always be attentive in our Christian walk. When we’re comfortable and complacent, the enemy knows that’s where we’re most vulnerable. And if our guard is down, we’re much more likely to yield when he attacks. Peter depicted Satan as a lion, and when lions attack, they don’t attack the animals that are ready to run or fight. They attack the weak ones who never see them coming. We mustn’t let Satan catch us off guard by being careless. We must stay on guard in the Christian life and be ready when challenges come our way! So, in this new year, let’s ask God to help us avoid complacency in our lives by staying on our guard against the attacks of the enemy.

Happy 2024!  
You are loved,  
Bro. Woody



FBC Women’s Ministry

The FBC Women’s Ministry hosted a “Holly Bolly” Christmas Dinner with Wendy McGuire on December 29th, 2023. Wendy shared about Lottie Moon and her own background, stories, and knowledge of what different culture she has seen and experienced. The ladies had a great time as shown here!



A Page from Jim’s Journal

Christmas is over and my family and I are entering a time of transition. I would like to take this article to explain to the church where we are in this process and how we are taking steps to ensure a smooth transition in the student ministry.

January 10th, the board of trustees met and gave final approval to our assignment. We will then be appointed on February 14th. What does that mean for my role here at FBC Jasper? I plan to continue my role as Student and Education Pastor through the end of February. At that time, I will step down and begin focusing on the move. My family reports to Richmond, VA on April 8th and will be there for 7 weeks. At the end of that time we will hug our loved ones and step into our new roles.

We had a leadership meeting with all of our parents and volunteers this last Sunday to talk about the roles that will need to be filled in the interim period. There is the weekly programming side of things and then there is the summer activities such as camp and service projects. I am confident in our parents and leaders desire to give of themselves to continue pointing teenagers to Jesus. There will be a survey sent out soon and volunteer roles will be assigned to those who were interested in serving with our teenagers. We will meet again after the morning service on Sunday, February 4th to ensure everyone is on the same page. I am praying this will not just be a time to maintain the status quo, but that each of these volunteers and the students will experience life change.

My family has been blessed to be able to serve locally alongside you at FBC. We feel incredibly grateful to be an extension of FBC as we continue to lean in this vision God has given us. “To see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ resulting in an impact in His name felt to the very ends of the Earth.”

Please continue to pray for us. One immediate prayer need is that we can sell our house. The market in Jasper is very slow right now. We don’t believe God would bring us this far and let the house stand in our way. But it is one of our current needs. We covet your prayers.

– Jim Slaton