

Wednesday Night Supper

5 p.m.
STAFF COOKING NIGHT!

Come join us as our FBC Staff serves Wednesday Night Supper January 31st @ 6 pm!

MENU:

- King Ranch Chicken casserole
- Chicken Enchilada soup
- Garlic & Garlic cheese bread
- Banana pudding
- King Cake

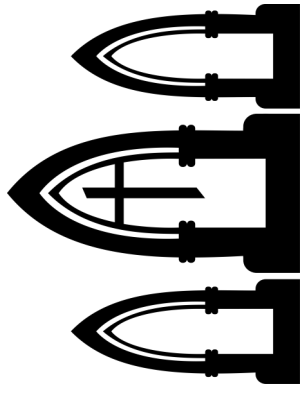
\$5/person over 18 yrs.

(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@fbcjaspertx.com or using this QR code:



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Lost in 2023 *In Loving Memory*

Juanell Langham
February 10, 1933 - June 20, 2023
Juanell was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jasper, Texas who worked as a talented homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

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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RACHEL HICKS	JAN 21	MARINDA TAYLOR	FEB 2
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JOHN MCMILLON	JAN 27	MARY MCGRAW	FEB 5
LESLIE RANDALL	JAN 28		
GEORGIA SAYERS	JAN 29		
GARY STARK	JAN 29		
BRANDON PETERSON	JAN 30		
TONY RANDALL	JAN 31		





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN 28 - BAPTISM (SHYLA ARMSTRONG) DURING MORNING SERVICE
- JAN 28 - FBC KIDS MOVIE NIGHT @ 4 PM
- JAN 28 - CHOIR REHEARSAL (TENOR/BASS) @ 6 PM
- ALLELUIA! REHEARSAL @ 6:30 PM
- JAN 31 - LADIES BIBLE STUDY @ 6 PM
- FEB 4 - BEGINNING OF GRIEF SHARE @ 5 PM
- FEB 4 - CHOIR REHEARSAL (SOPRANO) @ 6 PM
- FEB 5 - ALLELUIA! REHEARSAL @ 6:30 PM

A support group to help you move through the grief process

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Supportive discussions

After the video, you and the other group members will spend time discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in your lives. Talking with other people who understand what you're experiencing brings great comfort, normalizes the grief experience, and offers a supportive environment to work through your grief.



Videos that encourage

Each weekly GriefShare group begins with a 30-minute video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. Their insights will help you manage your emotions, gain clarity, and find answers to your questions as you walk through the grief process.

Helpful book to guide you

Your participant guide serves as a road map on your grief journey. This book helps you process your emotions and experiences and cope with the loss. You'll apply what you've heard in the group and gain tools to deal with complicated grief.

Join us as we begin our 13 week program for those dealing with grief in their lives. Anyone experiencing grief is welcome to join, regardless of the kind of grief they are struggling with. The group will meet for 13 consecutive Sundays (skipping Easter Sunday 3/31/2024). The final session will be on Sunday May 5, 2024. GriefShare workbooks will be provided to participants for \$25. There are also additional resources (free and for purchase items, books, videos, etc.) that are available once registered online (*highly encouraged*). The physical workbooks will be ordered & distributed by FBC Jasper. Please register here (www.griefshare.org/groups/181550) OR by filling out a registration form, at the Welcome Center, and turning it into the church office. Payment can be made to the Church Office or to Kelly Barnett (Group Leader) upon arrival. Thank you.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I shared with you in the last issue of the “Compass” that I will be preaching on Sunday mornings for some time from the Book of Acts. The early chapters of Acts trace the birth and development of the church, and we have much to learn from following that story. We have seen the commission of Jesus, the beginning of a Spirit empowered people (the church), and the results of spending time with Jesus. That will bring us to the end of chapter 4 and the beginning of chapter 5 which we will look at this Sunday as we think about “Transformation and Deception.”

I hope you have noticed the message that the followers of Jesus proclaimed. As we move through the Book of Acts the message becomes more and more uniform. It actually has five or six quite distinguishable pieces. Here they are: The Old Testament announced the life of Jesus; Jesus lived and taught publicly so His life was no surprise; He was killed on a Roman cross; God raised Him from the dead; the followers of Jesus are witnesses of these matters. You will find this message in (what we have seen so far): Acts 2:14-36, 3:12-26, and 4:8-12. You will also find the same message throughout most of the Book of Acts.

A study like this gives us an opportunity to lay our lives and the life of our church beside the lives of the early believers and the life of the early church and see how we are doing. I am convinced that we have a pretty decent understanding of the commission we have from Christ. I think theologically we believe that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. What concerns me though is we do not seem to exercise that power in our daily lives and in the ongoing life of our church. Consequently, our lives tend to “miss the mark” when it comes to demonstrating the effect of Christ in us. Would you determine to join us on Sunday mornings as we discover what we can do to change this reality? I can just imagine what might happen if you did.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

A Note from Bro. Woody

And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

--2 Corinthians 12: 9-10--

A man lay seasick in his bunk one stormy night, during a long trip across the Atlantic. He could hardly move from the severe discomfort. All of a sudden, he heard a cry of “Man overboard!” from the deck above. His first thought was, God help that poor fellow. There’s nothing I can do in the state I am in. Then the thought struck him. There is something I can do. So he took his lantern and held it up to the porthole next to his bunk. The drowning man was rescued, and the next day he reported, “I was going down in the darkness when someone put a light in a porthole. It shone on my hand and a sailor in a lifeboat grabbed my hand and pulled me in.”

“I’m too sick...” “I’m too weak...” “I’m too old ...” “There is nothing I can do to help...” Often, we use excuses like these and fail to make a difference in the kingdom of God. We only see our weaknesses and never take initiative to do what we can. But weakness is no excuse for not putting forth all of the strength we have for God’s purposes. And the truth is it’s in our weakness that God’s power is often shown the strongest. So whatever situation you may be in today, put forth the effort to share Christ and watch how God will use your weakness for His glory! And pray that God would open your eyes to the ministry opportunities He’s placed around you – even when you face tough challenges.

You are loved,

Bro. Woody

WE ARE SO BLESSED...



Thank you so much for the moving living Christmas cards. The walking tour was transforming. The scenes presented the true meaning of Christmas. The Church Family offered such a warm outreach to the community. The whole experience left a genuine gratitude for our church and the love of Jesus. I hope the experience can be a tradition for our church.

Thank you for all the preparation for us to see the drama in the birth and life of Christ.

Jane Edwards



Thank you so much to the Youth Department for the caroling, the poinsettia, the cookies, and the small gift from the church. You have blessed me in your extension of love for the widows and senior members.

*Sincerely,
Frances Williams*



Dear Church Family,

I would like to express my sincere Thank You for the prayers, thoughts, phone calls and cards during the past several weeks of my recovery. All have been received with a grateful heart. God Bless each of you.

*Sincerely,
Carol McKay*

A Page from Jim's Journal

FBC Students had a wonderful weekend at Hot Hearts at the Ford Arena in Beaumont, Texas! They got to join thousands of other teenagers in lifting their voices to God in worship. Our speaker, Ryan Fontenot did a great job of preaching the Word and one of our students made a first time decision to follow Jesus. I am so thankful for the time I got to spend with this group of teenagers. God has blessed this Church with some wonderful students.

- Jim Slaton

