

Wednesday
Night Supper

5 pm
FBC Family
Life Center

February 14

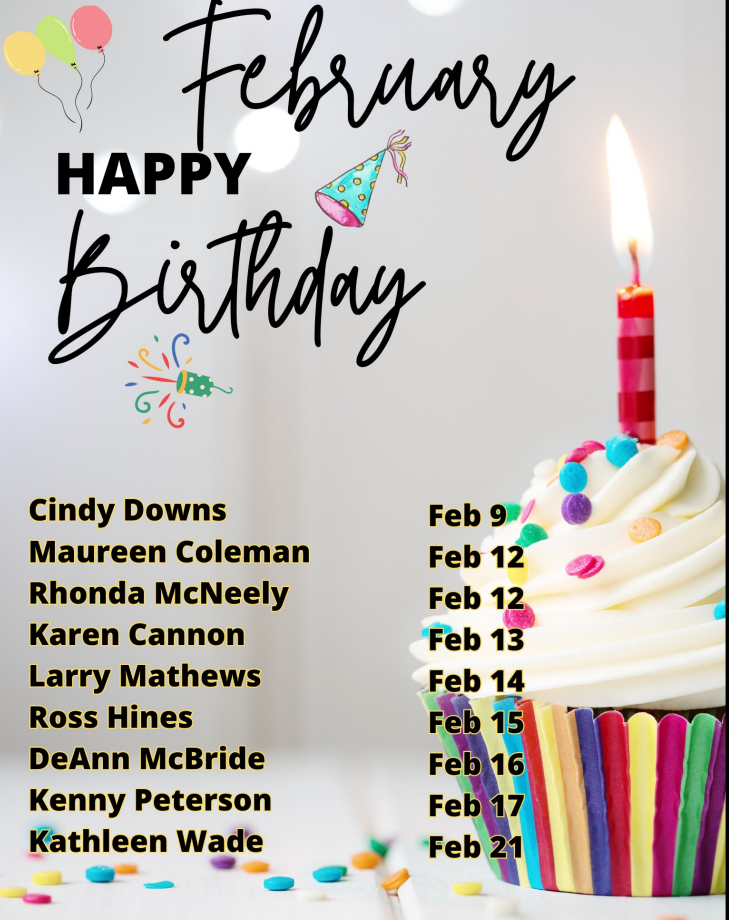
Parmesan Ranch Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Cookies



\$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 or using this QR code



February
HAPPY
Birthday



Cindy Downs
Maureen Coleman
Rhonda McNeely
Karen Cannon
Larry Mathews
Ross Hines
DeAnn McBride
Kenny Peterson
Kathleen Wade

Feb 9
Feb 12
Feb 12
Feb 13
Feb 14
Feb 15
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Feb 17
Feb 21

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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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Sunday
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FBC Jasper
Family Life Center
(Following Morning Worship)

HONORING:
THE SLATON
FAMILY

Join us as we gather for one last lunch with the Slatons!
Jim has been the Youth Minister at FBC Jasper for almost 12
years serving the youth of Jasper. He and his family are
moving into an exciting new chapter of their lives. The church
has been blessed and is appreciative of all the time and
tremendous efforts that Jim and his wife, Jaelyn, have
brought to Jasper while raising their 4 beautiful children.
Come help us wish Jim and family a fond farewell!

Upcoming Events

- Feb 10 - Men's Ministry Second Saturday
Breakfast and Discipleship @ 8 am.
- Feb 10 - Parents' Night Out @ 5 pm.
- Feb 10 - Ordination Council Meeting @
6:30 pm.
- Feb 11 - Ordination of Scott McGuire during
morning worship.
- Feb 11 - Budget & Finance Meeting @ 4 pm.
- Feb 11 - FBC Youth SuperBowl Party @
5 pm.
- Feb 11 - Choir Rehearsal @ 6 pm.
- Feb 12 - Alleluia! Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm.
- Feb 14 - Special Business Meeting @ 6 pm.
- Feb 18 - Deacons' Meeting @ 4 pm.
- Feb 18 - Choir Rehearsal @ 6 pm.
- Feb 21 - General Business Meeting @ 6 pm.
- Feb 23 - Women's Ministry Trivia Night @
6:30 pm.

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

I know we talk about it often but the truth is the only way the words move from our heads to our hearts is to hear it over and over again. Our vision is, “to see every life in Jasper transformed by Christ resulting in an impact in His name felt to the very ends of the earth.” This is a challenging vision and it will never happen if the vision is words on the wall. The words must become our passion.

Most of the time when we talk about the vision we talk about the first half of it. I believe there is fair logic in this fact. Jasper is where we live (city and county). This geographical area is our first mission field (like Jesus told the disciple their first field was Jerusalem). We rightly invest our lives and resources on our home area.

However, we are in a most exciting moment in the life of our church. We are at a time when we will make a worthy foray into the back half of our vision - “an impact felt to the very ends of the earth.” We are sending one of our own families to South Asia to plant churches and make disciples. To me, this is amazing! Sending Jim and Jaclyn and the kids to a “far country” will present challenges for us. (It will challenge them too.) But it will bless us more than challenge us. Here are some of the ways it will bless us: (1) it will show us that God is fulfilling our vision, (2) it will give us greater eagerness to pray, give, and go ourselves, (3) it will give us a deep peace to know we are (like the church in Antioch Acts 13) sending our own to fulfill the great commission of Jesus. Yes, this is an exciting moment.

In a few weeks Jim and Jaclyn will be taking the first steps of their new journey. Our hearts go with them.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

A Note from Bro. Woody

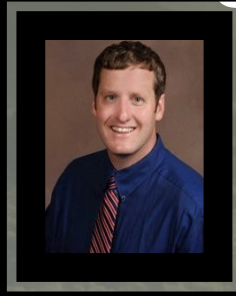
**Let us not lose heart in doing good,
for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.
--Galatians 6: 9--**

A young boy was invited to Vacation Bible School by some kids in his neighborhood. He loved it! And for 400 Sundays after that, he went back to the very same church for Sunday School class, faithfully picked up each week by a neighbor. Week after week, he attended church without making a commitment to Christ. Finally, during his senior year in high school, after being picked up more than 400 times by the neighbor, the boy committed his life to Christ. That boy, Norman Geisler, grew up to be one of the most influential Christian thinkers of our day. What if the neighbor had given up on Geisler after 395 rides to church? What if he thought, “This kid is going nowhere spiritually. Why waste any more time on him?”

Stories like this one illustrate a very powerful truth. As believers, we can't give up hope that someone may turn their hearts to Christ, even if it seems hopeless. That's because we never know when and how God may reach a person and grant him or her the gift of faith. Perhaps today, there are people in your life who seem like they may never turn to Christ. Don't give up! Pray for them. Continually share Christ, and show them God's love. Stay persistent in ministering to others because God may just call the most unlikely heart to Himself! Pray and ask God to give you persistence in praying for, sharing Christ with, and loving those who seem least likely to turn to Him. Then, than Him when He answers your prayer!

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

A Page from Jim's Journal



It's hard to believe I am ending my time at First Baptist as Student Pastor. Nothing but the great and glorious plans of Jesus could have pulled me away from what I was a part of here. I will be gone this next week to Phoenix, AZ, where I will be appointed with the company. Jaclyn and I have been going through this process since May of 2023. It's hard to believe it is finally being realized.

Lately, I have felt a little like the Israelites after they left the Egyptians. Deadlines approach, and as much as God has already worked and shown his strength in this process, I wonder if He is going to come through again. In Exodus 14, the Israelites saw Pharaoh and his army approaching. They said in verse 11, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?” Little did they know, the sea would be parted, allowing them to walk through on dry ground.

Then in Exodus 16, the Israelites were hungry. They grumbled in verse 3, “If only we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by pots of meat and ate all the bread we wanted!” Little did they know that God was going to provide manna in the morning and quail in the evening. In Exodus 17, the Israelites were thirsty. They complained in verse 3, “Why did you ever bring us up from Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” Little did they know God would command Moses to strike a rock and water would flow.

You know what I have realized? I know very little. Jesus has asked us to give our “yes” in this situation and He has been in control of the details every step of the way. Despite my groaning, complaining, and lack of faith, He is good! Oh how weak I really am. What a gracious, compassionate God we serve. I am learning to sit still and to simply enjoy the ride. Who am I? Who is my family that God would call us to these great tasks? I am truly humbled. Thank you Church for allowing us to serve you these past 12 years. We look forward to partnering with you in this next great adventure.

- Jim Slaton

