



# wednesday night fellowship supper

**February 12th**      **February 19th**

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|---------------|--------------------|
| Fried Chicken | Meatloaf           |
| Rice & Gravy  | Potatoes Au Gratin |
| Salad & Bread | Bread              |
| Dessert       | Dessert            |

\$5 a person for adults  
Children under 18 eat free



## FEBRUARY OCC COLLECTION ITEMS

Drop off in Foyer



Hat



Scarves



Gloves



## HAPPY Birthday TO YOU

CINDY DOWNS	FEBRUARY 9
MAUREEN COLEMAN	FEBRUARY 12
RHONDA MCNEELY	FEBRUARY 12
KAREN CANNON	FEBRUARY 13
ROSS HINES	FEBRUARY 13
DEANN MCBRIDE	FEBRUARY 16
KENNY PETERSON	FEBRUARY 17
KATHLEEN WADE	FEBRUARY 21



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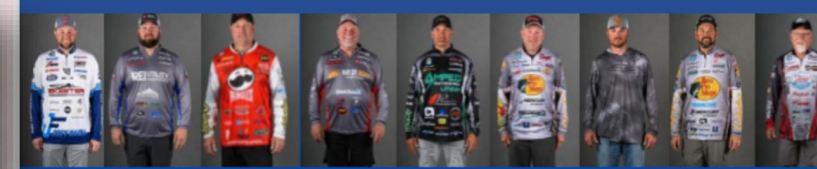
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# THE COMPASS

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JASPER

Inspire Women's Retreat  
HOSTED BY ETBE  
FEBRUARY 28-  
MARCH 1, 2025

BEE ready for VBS fun  
June 9th-13th  
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD  
MAGNIFIED!  
PSALM 54:3  
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS



# BASSMASTER

## LEGACY

»»»» Night

FEBRUARY  
**12**  
WEDNESDAY

- 5 PM DINNER
- FRIED CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED
- 6 PM GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BEGIN

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# I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

The last week or so has been very interesting (interesting is the word we use when any other word might be taken wrong). It has been interesting to have really cold weather and somewhere around three inches of snow. It has been interesting (and blessed) to have Aubrey onboard with our ministerial staff. He is learning about our church and about his job and he is jumping into the task with both feet. I guess the most bizarrely interesting thing has been the bat incursion. I'm sure you have heard about the bats. Wednesday a week ago, right after our fellowship dinner in the Family Life Center, we had a large number of visitors – we had a small cloud of bats buzzing around in the gym. Some quick work by members of the building and grounds committee got the bats out of the gym and now professionals are attacking the residual bats who seem to be attracted to “Baptist” life. We are assured by our pest control team that we are safe and our “friends” are leaving.

I know in the last issue of the “Compass” I asked you to INVITE, WELCOME, AND ASSIMILATE visitors to our church. It looks to me like some of you are working to do just this. For the past few Sundays, we have had quite a few visitors among us. I don't know if they just wandered in or if they were here as a result of an invitation from one of our members. Perhaps it's a bit of both. One visitor has come to us from the Grief Share ministry. That's terrific. Other visitors have come because they knew some of you and they came with you to visit us. Others are new to our community and are looking for a church home.

I cannot say this too strongly or too loud or too often – when visitors come among us, make them welcome. We will fail our Lord if we do not. If the visitor is a bat – shoo it out. If the visitor is a person (or a family) make them feel at home.

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

## A note from Bro. Woody

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?*

--Psalm 27:1--

Byron Janis was a world-class concert pianist at the peak of his career. He had spent years studying and practicing and developing his art. Then one day, he felt a stiffness that wasn't there before. So, he went to a doctor for tests and the diagnosis came back: arthritis. Within a short time, Janis' arthritis quickly spread to all his fingers. The joints of nine of them fused. Some people would never have recovered from such a blow, but Janis decided to fight back. He kept his ailment a secret from all but his wife and two close friends and worked long hours to treat his condition and change his playing technique. Through hard work and sheer determination, Janis was able to continue his career. Finally, he told the world at a White House concert in 1985. To this day, he still plays the piano. He credits faith, hope, and will for his success and says, “I have arthritis, “I have arthritis, but it doesn't have me.”

As we get older, the challenges that come our way are inevitably going to increase. But if we'll face those challenges head-on, trusting fully in God to work all things out for our best, we can say with Janis, “We have challenges, but they don't have us!” Today, let's ask God to help us maintain a right attitude toward challenges in our lives.

*Been a hard season, been a broken road;  
All the dreams I was dreaming, they went up in smoke.  
But I keep on believing*

*There is a reason for this hard season.*

*I've been brought down to my knees, but I'm too weak to pray.  
God I know You can hear the words I can't say.  
You know what I'm needing.*

*And You're still holding me in this hard season.*

Matthew West



Dear FBC Family,

Bryanna and I have been incredibly blessed to serve alongside you for almost a month now. This past weekend, the youth room underwent a major renovation! A special shoutout to Keith Hilderbrand and Gary Clary for building the stage—our students absolutely love the upgrade and haven't stopped talking about it. Our Students also spent all day Saturday and Sunday painting the room, putting in a ton of effort to make it something special. If you haven't seen it yet, I encourage you to stop by and check out all the hard work that has gone into it. While building the stage, I couldn't help but reflect on the purpose behind it. It's not about putting a spotlight on me or anyone who stands there—it's about giving all the glory and honor to Christ Jesus. This space is meant to be more than just a fun gathering place; we want it to be a home for family, repentance, and life change. The Lord has been so good to us, and we desire to give it all back to Him. Our First Students have been growing numerically each and every week, and we're seeing God move in incredible ways. As Acts 2:47 says, “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” We believe this is the beginning of a new era—a continuation of the book of Acts, like Acts 29—for our First Students. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. We are excited for all that God has in store!

Aubrey



**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
AFTER SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE  
FOOD/SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED  
Sunday, Feb 9th at 5:30pm in FLC

APRIL 25-27 - PINEYWOODS CAMP  
**THE Gathering**  
*“then He said to them,  
GO into all the WORLD  
and SHARE the Gospel  
to ALL CREATION  
MARK 16:15*



**\$100**