

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

March 12
 No Wednesday Night
 Meal
 (Spring Break)

March 19th
 Sausage n Pepper
 Hoagies
 Slaw/Salad
 Dessert

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



Jasper Community Choir Presents

In Christ ALONE

First Baptist Church Jasper
 March 31st @ 7 p.m.

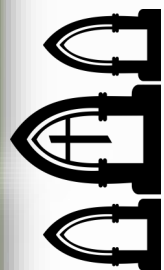
LifeGroups

sharing life through circles, not rows

more details coming soon

Happy Birthday
 To You

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| Joe Harris | March 9 |
| Linda Smith | March 10 |
| Kent McLemore | March 12 |
| Jimmy Powers | March 12 |
| Billy Richardson | March 15 |
| Ky Griffin | March 16 |
| Larisa Knapp | March 16 |
| Charra Knight | March 20 |
| Ed Shirley | March 22 |
| Bill Simpson | March 22 |
| Debbie Wisniewski | March 22 |



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THE COMPASS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JASPER

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Church Work Day

March 22nd 8 a.m.

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement with the recent "Bassmaster Legacy" event! We were honored and humbled by your willingness to participate in this opportunity. We continue to seek out ways to share the Gospel and are grateful for those that share that passion!

In Christ,
 Kelly & Karen Barnett

AZALEA FESTIVAL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE
 AZALEA FESTIVAL
MARCH 15, 2025
 10 AM - 4 PM

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

There is always “stuff” I need to promote. It seems no matter how much we announce events people still don't seem to know about them. Therefore (as you know) I often use the Compass as a way of reminding you about worthy church activities. For example, we need you men in Men's Ministry on the second Saturday of each month (bring a friend). We need several of you to help us share our church with our community at the Azalea Festival on March 15 (sign up). We need strong backs and gifted hands to help us work around our building on March 22 (show up). We would love to share Communion with all of you Sunday the 30th and it would bless us to gather for the Community Choir presentation on the 31st. See . . . much to promote.

As important as these things are, there are matters of greater urgency. We touched on one of these this past Sunday while dealing with Mark 3:20-35. While preparing to share these verses with you I was struck by a Bible teacher I read who said something like this: before you rush on to verse 29 make sure you digest verse 28. In verse 28 Jesus said, “truly I say to you, **all sins** shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter . . .” When we turn to Jesus, the crucified and risen One, He gives us the deepest need of our lives – a new and clean life. No matter what you might have done: adultery, abuse, theft, fraud, dishonesty, dishonor, blasphemy, vulgarity, cruelty, abandonment, gluttony, hypocrisy, polygamy, homosexuality, drunkenness, neglect, bigotry, cowardice, corruption or murder, God, according to His word, is prepared to forgive you!

In that reality, we find a truth buried in the heart of being church. That truth is this – no church is a gathering of perfects; of people who have it all together. Our church, like every other, is a gathering of hurt, broken, fallen, sinful humans who have found grace in God and who extend grace to each other. Won't you join this community of the redeemed this Sunday as we worship the Majestic God?

I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

A note from Bro. Woody...

But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak,

--2 Corinthians 4: 13--

There is a story told of a great English stage actor, William Macready. One day, an famous preacher asked him, “What is the difference between you and me? You appear before crowds night after night with fiction, and the crowds come wherever you go. Yet I am preaching the essential and unchangeable truth of God, and I am not getting any crowd at all.”

Macready answered, “That's quite simple. I present my fiction as though it were truth; you present your truth as though it were fiction.”

When it comes to presenting the Gospel, many Christians lack the confidence in their own message to effectively communicate it to others. They don't truly see it as the life-transforming message it is, only a good idea to live by. But the reality is that the Gospel has earth-shaking implications, and must be shared with a dying world! If you want to get better at sharing your faith, start by really believing it first. Ask God to make His word real in your heart. Spend time reading the Bible daily. Then, you'll have the confidence and clarity you need to share the Gospel with the world! Ask God to confirm the truth of the Gospel in your heart so you can effectively share it with others.

*Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us*

Keith & Kristyn Getty

**You are loved,
Bro. Woody**



Hi Church Family!

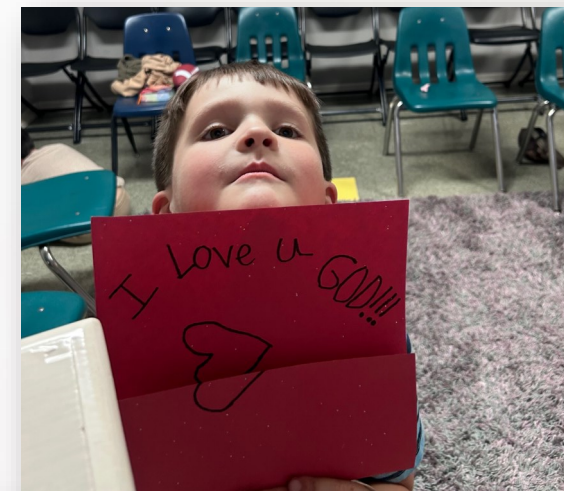
Here is a glimpse of what FBC Kids have been learning about this past month. We have been exploring the books of Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, discovering how God reveals His character and works through different people to accomplish His plans.

Recently, we read the story of Hannah and how she prayed for a child. Her faithfulness reminded us that we should never stop

praying—no matter the circumstances! The kids had a special moment as they each wrote a heartfelt prayer to God. It was a sweet moment.

Please continue praying that these children will come to know Jesus personally and have a firm foundation in Him alone.

Allison Knight



First Students...

Dear FBC Family,

I want to ask you a simple but important question: Are you a laborer?

In Matthew 9, we read:

“Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.’” (Matthew 9:35-38)

Jesus makes it clear—the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. The problem isn't that people aren't ready to hear the Gospel; it's that there aren't enough people willing to go and share it. As GenSend puts it, “The problem is not with the harvest. The harvest is plentiful. The problem is the lack of laborers.” First Family, our hearts should break for those who don't know Christ. It should stir something deep inside us when we encounter people who are lost. George Whitefield once prayed, “Oh God, give me souls or I die.”

So here's my challenge for you over the next couple of weeks: Identify one person you do life with—maybe a friend, a family member, a coworker, or someone you see regularly. Commit to praying for them. Ask God to give you boldness and an opportunity to share Jesus with them.

The harvest is ready. The question is—are we willing to go? Let's be the light of the world and share the Gospel with that one person.

Aubrey Bond

Minister of Students and Discipleship