



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

April 30th

May 7th

Chicken & Dumplings

Chicken & Rice Casserole

Salad & Bread

Zucchini

**Blueberry
Cake**

Salad & Dessert



\$5 a person for adults

Children under 18 eat free

Happy Birthday

Brian Gill April 26

Mary Kathryn Woods April 28

Fred McDuffie April 29

Tiffany Peterson April 29

Tommy Thompson May 1

Hayze Stephenson May 3

Amelia Thompson May 3

Shyla Armstrong May 4

Clifford Neal May 4

Jimmy Broomfield May 11

Kathryn Penney May 12



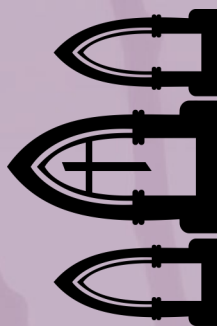
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BABY SHOWER

IN HONOR OF

Myra Cammack

4/27 SUNDAY THE CHEELEY HOME
321 WINSOR COURT
JASPER, TX 75951 2-4 P.M.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 5:00 PM FBCS Art & Music Show	5	6	7 4:00 PM Budget & Finance	8 7:00 PM FCA Banquet	9	10 8:00 AM 2 nd Saturday Men's Breakfast
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> No evening services	12	13	14	15	16 seniors decorate tables	17 Senior 2025 Night Out
18 Senior Sunday 4 PM Deacons Meeting	19	20 7:00 AM Senior Adult One Day Retreat to ETBU	21 10:00 AM Pre-K Graduation 6:00 Business Meeting	22 10:00 AM K-3 rd Award Show 10-12 SNBA Meeting	23	24
25 No evening services	26 Office Closed	27 10:00 AM Happy Years	28	29	30	31

I've Been Thinking...

Dear Church Family,

Last Sunday was "Resurrection Sunday." On that day, Christians all over the world celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. Our service of worship touched me deeply. The large number of Easter Lilies on the stage were a beautiful symbol of His resurrection. The short video clip on the resurrection, the trio of singers, the moment of sharing our greetings, the congregational singing, the choir special ("My Savior, My God), the text from Luke, the sermon on the "Death, Burial, Resurrection," and our call to commitment all helped me experience the living Lord Jesus. I hope you experienced Him as well.

But some people may ask, "How do we know that Jesus rose from the dead?" Great question and one that cannot be fully answered here. Nevertheless, certain items jump out at us. Many people claimed to have seen Jesus after His crucifixion. Those same people experienced tremendous life change as a result of what they saw. A great many of those people died bearing witness to His resurrection. Within a few decades the message of the death and resurrection of Jesus swept through the Roman empire (and beyond) like fire through a forest. Literally, tens of thousands, and soon, millions of people claimed to have experienced Jesus. Up to this very day people around the world of every ethnic background and language have believed the story and have claimed to have a new life through faith in Jesus believing that He is Lord and that He is risen from the dead.

No doubt a great many people would see all this as religious superstition. They would say the evidence of life is that it ends in death. But I cannot come to that conclusion. The reason I cannot is this – I have experienced Jesus myself. I grew up in a faith environment. At a certain point in my life though, I took a step by faith into the unknown and found Jesus there. I walk now with a deep sense of His presence and His love and leading. To deny His resurrection would be to deny the deepest reality of my life. He is alive! He lives in me.

Comes, let's walk with Him TOGETHER – I can hardly wait . . .

Brother Donnie

A note from Bro. Woody...

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

--Romans 6: 4--

A little girl named Patty was enjoying the church service one Easter Sunday, when the time came for the boys and girls to come to the front to hear the children's sermon from the pastor. Heather confidently strolled to the front of the sanctuary, just as she did every Sunday. Once the children were seated and quiet, the pastor asked them, "Do you notice anything different about our church today?" Without skipping beat, Patty spoke up loudly and exclaimed, "Yes... it's full!"

Patty's words highlight an interesting phenomenon among many Christians today—performing their "religious duties" during special holidays, while neglecting their spiritual lives throughout the rest of the year. But God never intended for worship to be confined to certain times of year. While Easter is a wonderful time to remember Christ's death and resurrection, we must let that truth become our life. We must celebrate the resurrection of Christ—and the fullness of new life He's given us—every day!

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes,
let me see*

Beauty that made this heart adore You; hope of a life spent with You.

*And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.*

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

*So, here I am to worship. here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.*

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

First Students...

Dear FBC Family,

This weekend, our students are heading to Pineywoods Camp for *The Gathering*—a retreat where our First Students gather together for a weekend to grow in their faith! We're bringing about 40 students and adults, and we couldn't be more excited for what God has in store. We would love for you to partner with us in prayer.

How to Pray for The Gathering This Weekend:

- **Safe Travels** – Pray for protection over every vehicle, every route, and everyone arriving. That all would come and go safely.
- **Holy Spirit, Be Present** – Ask the Spirit to move powerfully through worship, teaching, small groups, and every moment in between.
- **God Be Glorified** – Pray that everything that happens would point to Jesus and bring glory to God.
- **Souls Saved** – Pray that students who don't know Jesus would encounter Him, and that lives would be changed.

Leaders & Volunteers – Ask for strength, energy, and SLEEP for every adult pouring into our students this weekend.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.

He lets me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake.

Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me."

Psalm 23:1-4 (CSB)

Aubrey

