



# Under the Dome...

## Proclaiming the Kingdom of God

### throughout Jasper and Walker County

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### *The Power of a Passport*

I noticed recently my passport is about to expire. The end of this month in fact. Now that's no problem because I have no international trips planned and if I plan one I will have enough time to get it renewed.

Have you ever considered the power of a passport? As a U.S. citizen holding a passport you are entitled to enter 158 countries around the world without a visa. Pretty powerful. However, Germany offers a better deal, 161 countries, the most of any country in the world. As powerful as a passport is, there are limits. You cannot visit China without a visa, or Russia. As much as you plan and prepare, without a visa you cannot board a plane to certain countries.

Raise your hand if you are glad entry into the Kingdom of God requires only a passport of grace. There are no theological, political, ethnic, or behavioral visas required before entry or full acceptance into God's kingdom is granted.

When a passport is used to enter a country it is stamped with a unique stamp for that country after all the paperwork is checked and the stars are aligned correctly. It is then stamped when you leave and again when you enter the U.S. Entry into the Kingdom of God requires a stamp of grace upon our heart. That's the most powerful passport in the world!

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### Love Can Build a Bridge

“God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.”  
(1 John 4:16 NLT)

In 1990 Naomi and Wynonna Judd recorded the song “Love Can Build a Bridge.” Naomi wrote the following words that I wanted to share with you.

*“I was strolling through a small park in Oregon one beautiful fall afternoon with my dog, Banjo, when I happened upon a man in ragged clothing sleeping on a park bench. As Banjo and I hunkered down to watch him, I thought of the winter snows that lay ahead. Did he have warm clothes and enough to eat? Did he have any shelter? Did he have anyone to love him or anything to look forward to?*

*Later that night I lay in my bed wondering about him, and my prayer turned into this song as drifted off to sleep. I dreamed of how all people need shelter, clothing, and food and also how they need love and hope. Love can always build a bridge to connect you to someone. Reaching out across the distance to lend a hand, to offer help and hope and understanding builds a bridge to healing. These bridges are made of kindness, respect fairness, and caring. And when we stand together, we can do anything—after all, love is the only true power.*

*The last words my daughter Wynonna and I ever sang on stage together were: “Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine. Love can build a bridge. Don't you think it's time? And now I ask you. Don't you think it's time?”*

Well I think it's time. The first bridge needs to be between me and God or you and God. Then we need to let the love of God build bridges between our hearts and the hearts of those around us. Our world desperately needs bridges of love between the people of our world.

Tex Ergle

# Methodist Happenings



## EXTENDED HOURS

\*\* For parents planning to attend the JHS play-off game on Friday, we will extend PNO until after the game. For an additional \$5 per child, you may leave your children with us and pick them up after the football game. Please let Tamara know if your children will be attending PNO AND if you want to take advantage of the additional hours (205.544.0328).\*\*

### Building Faithful Christians

#### Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 16  
6:00-9:00 p.m.  
3 year olds-6<sup>th</sup> grade

\$15 for the first child  
\$5 per additional child per family

Please let Tamara know  
if you are coming  
205.544.0328



### PARENT REMINDER

Rehearsals for our 2018 Christmas program have started. The program will be Wednesday night, December 19. Please contact Tamara for details and try to have your children here on Wednesdays for rehearsal. We want all interested children to be involved with the program.



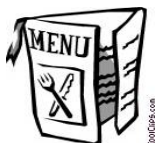
### Angel's in the Street Ministry

We are wrapping up Operation Christmas Child as our first Christmas outreach and time for the next. Sam and Crystal Furman operate a street ministry to the homeless in Birmingham at

Christmas called *Angel's in the Street*. They provide warming bags and Bibles for as many as possible. Last year they gave out over 100 bags. They are in need of the following items to go in the bags: gloves, scarves, hats/toboggans, socks, blankets, bags/backpacks, and Bibles. If you would like to participate in this ministry just bring the items to the church. Financial donations are also welcome.



Our UMW ladies are selling Son's Smokehouse Boston Butt tickets. They are only \$35 and purchasers have 3 months to use the ticket for a Boston Butt from Son's Smokehouse. This fundraiser supports UMW mission work in our community. **Tickets will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 18, or you can contact any UMW member to get yours.**

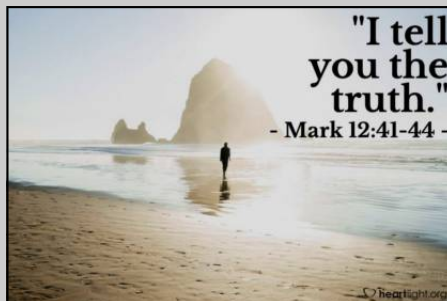


Wednesday, November 14  
Salad Bar

Wednesday, November 21  
No Wednesday night dinner.

## Worship Information for Sunday, November 18, 2018

**Prayer of Invitation**—Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come as the wind and blow. Come as the fire and burn. Convict, convert, and consecrate, until we are all fully thine. Amen.



**Sermon:** “Outkicking the Coverage” - Rev. Alan Beasley  
**Scripture:** Mark 12:41-44

8:30 a.m. **Celebration Service**

**Praise and Worship**—Chain Breaker; This is Amazing Grace; Good, Good Father; Great are you Lord

10:55 a.m. **Traditional Service**  
**Hymns**

**Greeters:** Linda Clark and Pat Ferrell

**Acolytes:** Julianna Fender and Lily Trice

**Liturgist:** Barbara Wilson    **Children’s Church:** Tamara Matthews

**Ushers:** Jim Clark (head), George Ellis, Matt Franklin, Guy Robbins and Shane Weber.

The Thanksgiving arrangement is placed on the altar in loving memory of  
 Orval Hester and Billy Oates by the family.



**VOLUNTEER  
 BELL RINGERS  
 NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

# RED KETTLE DRIVE

The Salvation Army Red Kettles have been an American tradition since 1891, helping raise financial support for critical Salvation Army programs and services year round. You become a vital part of Christmas efforts when you help those in need by volunteering.

**Bell Ringers Needed!**

Bell Ringers come in all shapes and sizes and from a variety of venues, local churches, schools, service clubs, and companies.

Bell Ringing begins on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues until December 24<sup>th</sup>. Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm.

**We welcome anyone to make a joyful noise this holiday season!**

**Locations:**

Jasper Walmart  
 Grocery

Jasper Walmart  
 Pharmacy

Son’s Supermarket

Winn Dixie

Hobby Lobby

Jasper Mall

Downtown Jasper

**CONTACT:**

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 COORDINATOR  
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**Worship Attendance—Week of November 11, 2018**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Celebration Service     | 208        |
| Traditional Service     | 127        |
| Online Viewers          | 72         |
| Youth Wednesday Evening | 20         |
| Hope Kitchen            | <u>82</u>  |
| <b>Total in Worship</b> | <b>509</b> |

**Tithes and Offerings -Week of November 11, 2018**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Received-to-Date | \$ 680,879.25 |
| Expenses-to-Date | \$ 690,015.53 |

**November 11, 2018**

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|----------------|--------------|
| General Budget | \$ 12,427.10 |
| Designated     | \$ 1,118.44  |

**MEMORIALS**

Paul Beason  
 by  
 Al & Brenda McAdams



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**Church Calendar of Activities**

**Sunday, November 18**

\*8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service

\*10:00 a.m. Sunday School

\*10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**Monday, November 19**

**Tuesday, November 20**

**Wednesday, November 21**

Thanksgiving Holiday-Office closing at 12:00

**Thursday, November 22**

Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed

**Friday, November 23**

Thanksgiving Holiday-Office Closed

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