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Itasca Welcomes 2017

READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Churches of Itasca

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist W. Spurgeon 687-2800
Central Baptist Church 401 E. Monroe 687-2343
Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
Community Church of Itasca
First Baptist Church 107 S. Lamar
First Presbyterian Church 106 N. Lamar 687-2243
First United Methodist Main & King St. 687-2475
House of Faith of Itasca 129 W. Main Street
Loveview Baptist Church FM 2959 East of I-35
Second Baptist Church 120 W. Marrion 687-9134
St. John Missionary Baptist 506 S. Weaver 687-2821
3rd Day Worship Center 107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
Itasca Nursing Home Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

401 E. Monroe St. website - itascabc.org
 Pastor: Jonathan Bowman 254-687-2343

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Awana & Youth 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday Adult Bible Study @ Diaz 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475
 E-mail: itascaumc@att.net
 Re-Think Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)
 Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Tom Wood Snacks 10:40 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ

303 E. Monroe 254-687-2774 254-687-2858
 God's plan for saving man

Hear the word of God ... Romans 10:17
 Believe ... Hebrews 11:6
 Repent ... Acts 17:30
 Confess Matt. 10:32
 Baptism ... Acts 2:38
 Remain Faithful ... Rev. 2:10

Sunday 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday evening 6:00 p.m.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca TX 76055
 Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar - 254-687-2243
 itascafpc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org
 Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall
 10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service
 Bible Study - Sunday at 4 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday - 10 a.m. Exercise Class

First Baptist Church of Itasca

James McCarty, Pastor
 107 South Lamar
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM
 Wednesday Adults & Youth 6:30 PM

Community Church of Itasca

Community Church of Itasca invites you to join our service and fellowship Sunday mornings. Services are held at 109 N. Wall St., Itasca. We invite you to join our family and grow in Christ with us.
 Community Church Service 10:00 a.m.
 Potluck Lunch 11:00 a.m.

House of Faith of Itasca

Pastor Philip Burch
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome!

Ministerial Alliance of Itasca

The Ministerial Alliance is a group of local pastors and leaders that desire to share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ in our community. We would be excited to have you join us! Please prayerfully consider being a part at our next meeting. Details to come!

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting
 2nd Monday of Month 6:00p.m.

Itasca City Council Meeting
 3rd Monday of Month 6:00p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting
 2nd Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.

If your Church is not listed above and you would like to have it advertised please contact the Paw Print Press at smay@itascaisd.org



Paw Print Press Staff **Wishing you a Happy New Year!**

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Permits

Do You Need a Building Permit? Most people continue to be unaware of the City of Itasca Code of Ordinances and/or the Itasca Zoning Ordinance which requires that a person obtain a building permit for the following: any new building/structures as well as addition to existing structures, putting up a fence, putting in a car port, storage building, swimming pool, etc.

In January of 2004, the Itasca City Council adopted the Itasca Zoning Ordinance, which has changed how the City handles certain tasks. The need for specific permits, i.e. building permits, is one of those changes. If you have questions regarding any of the City Code of Ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance call City Hall at 254-687-2201 during normal business hours.

Hay For Sale

5x5 round bales, fertilized and weed sprayed.
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Itasca Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

**Denotes District Games (SN) Senior Night*

December

16	Cayuga*	Home	JV/V	5:00pm
20	La Poyner*	Away	JV/V	5:00pm
27/28/29	Itasca Christmas Classic	Home	V	TBA

January

3	Italy*	Home	JV/V	4:00pm
6	Frost*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
10	BYE			
13	Kerens*	Home	JV/V	4:00pm
17	Malakoff Crossroads*	Home	JV/V	4:00pm
20	Cayuga*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
21 (Sat)	Italy JV Tour.	Away	JV	TBA
24	La Poyner*	Home	JV/V	4:00pm
27	Italy*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
31	Frost* (SN)	Home	JV/V	4:00pm

February

3	BYE			
7	Kerens*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm



Itasca Wampus Cats High School Boys Basketball Schedule

December

16	Palmer	Home	JV/V	3/4:00pm
20	La Poyner *	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
27-29	Itasca Christmas Classic	Home	V	TBA
30	Ft. Worth Country Day	Away	Fr	12:00 pm

January

3	Italy *	Home	JV/V	5/7:30pm
6	Frost *	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
10	Bosqueville *	Home	JV/V	5/6:30pm
13	Kerens *	Home	JV/V	5/7:30 pm
17	Cross Roads *	Home	JV/V	5/7:30pm
20	Cayuga *	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
21	Italy JV Tournament	Away	JV	TBA
24	La Poyner *	Home	JV/V	5/7:30pm
27	Italy *	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
31	Frost * (SN)	Home	JV/V	5/7:30pm

February

3	BYE			
7	Kerens *	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
10	Cross Roads *	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
14	Cayuga *	Home	JV/V	5/6:30pm

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Date Set For Hill County Day In Austin

Hill County Day in Austin has been set for Wednesday, February 22. It will be part of next year's Texas Legislative session.

Two charter buses will transport Hill County residents for a day of activities at the capitol visiting with state leaders and attending sessions for both the House of Representatives and Senate.

A catered meal will be served at noon in the capitol's underground extension.

In the afternoon, State Representative Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, and Senator Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, are expected to speak to the group, in addition representatives from key state agencies will be on hand to update citizens on legislation being considered. More information on the cost of the trip and other details will be announced after the first of the year.

The trip is hosted each legislative session by chambers of commerce from Hillsboro, Whitney, Itasca and Hubbard. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Hillsboro chamber at 254-582-2481 or 1-800-HILLSBORO.

Drivers Ed for Itasca



Itasca High School students will have the opportunity to take a drivers education course through the ACE program this year. The course will begin during the spring but students must attend ACE for 45 days prior to qualify.

City Teen Curfew Ordinance

Itasca has a curfew in effect that includes all minors under the age of 17 years. Curfew hours are Sunday through Thursday night from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. On Friday and Saturday nights the times are 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m.

Both the child and the parent can be held responsible for violating the curfew and they can both be assessed a fine up to \$500.

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We do not charge for ads, but we do accept donations for our scholarship fund. Letters to the Editor are also printed. Due to the limited amount of space we must ask that you limit your letters to 125 words and that they are not slanderous and malicious. All letters must be signed.



2016 in Review



Itasca Chamber of Commerce recognized Dean Bennett as “Citizen of the Year.” Lone Star Plumbing was awarded “Business of the Year.” Habitat for Humanity builds new home for Romero family. Itasca Volunteer Fire Department received a thousand dollar donation from Atmos Energy. Texas A&M Forest Service awarded a \$41,355 grant to the Itasca VFD for a new brush truck through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. City Council member sworn into office: Patty Miller, Kathryn Guy, Doug White and Dora Hernandez. 2014 Itasca graduate, Kaleigh Lightsey, was inducted into the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Texas Psi Chapter. Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center in Itasca received a five thousand dollar grant, from the George G. Alva Hudson Smith Foundation of Hillsboro. Itasca school board sworn in incumbents Susan Bason and Kevin Cordell and new member Cassandra May. Glenn Pittman stepped down as Itasca Independent School District’s superintendent. Mr. Jimmie Malone took over as an interm superintendent. Brandi Fehnel was awarded “Youth of the Year.” Rodney Gaut was nominated to play in the FCA Victory Bowl. Luigi Ortiz advanced to state in Tennis. Thirteen students were inducted into Itasca High School National Honor Society and twenty one students were inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society. Haley Rodriguez and Lydon Lain were chosen as Rotary boy and girl.

2016 in Review



Jose Delgado, Ricky Sanders and Breck Holmes were awarded first place at the Hill County Fair for building a shop lamp. Crisol Zavala was awarded Grand Champion for her artwork of a pencil portrait at the Hill County Fair; and also won six more blue ribbons. Mariah Migura won first place for her painting of a horse. Darius Lara won first place with his water color rose. Zach Church won first place with an ink still life. Itasca High School won first place overall at U.I.L district. Alan Freeman placed 6th place at U.I.L regionals in spelling. The graduating class of 2016, Valedictorian Faith Strawn and Salutatorian Claire Eaddy. Itasca High School Band traveled to Florida to perform at Disney World. Itasca High School student, Jennifer Murry, attended the Four Star Conference at Oklahoma Christian University. High School student, Katie-Lynn Younger, attended the National Academy of Future Scientists. Itasca's One Act Play advanced to bi-district and received "Outstanding Crew." Jennifer Murray won "All Star Cast" and Hunter Whitley won "Best Tech Crew." Itasca welcomed volleyball back on the athletic curriculum. 2016 Homecoming Court: Princesses Miranda Valeriano, Christian Runyon and Queen Lindsay Miles. The Itasca Wampus Cat Band received their 22nd consecutive #1 rating at U.I.L competition. 2016 Band Beau and Sweetheart Fen Tao Chen and Callie Pittman. 2016 Cheerleader Beau, Jacob Lacy, and Football Sweetheart, Lindsay Miles. U.I.L congressional debate students advanced to state competition. Itasca finished 8th out of 16 teams in the Cross Country State Championships. Itasca Middle School student, Jessie Harris, advanced to the 2016 Jr. High Rodeo State Finals.

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Recipe for a Happy New Year

-Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing—don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoon of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

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