



Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

April 17, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

On Wednesday nights we are beginning to look at the lives of the Patriarchs in Genesis. These sections of Scripture are some of my favorites. The study of the historical background and culture is truly fascinating. We often stand in awe of the strong faith displayed by these early biblical characters. They did not have the advantages that we have today of written Scripture and millennia of tradition. In looking through these stories, we often overlook an important detail. That detail is just how radically different they were from the cultures around them.

In our Christian walk, it is always a balancing act in how to relate to the wider culture around us, and yet be markedly different. If we go to the extreme, then we alienate people and lose the opportunity to interact with them. If we are not different enough, then we blend into the culture and no one can tell the difference. We can learn from the lives of the Patriarchs, particularly Joseph, how to live in a culture that is growing less religious and still be different enough to be recognized. Our character, morals, values, and love of Christ must always shine through and point people to the gospel.

In His Service,

Matt

SPOTLIGHT:

Committee Chairs: Please remember to reserve rooms for meetings with Karen in the church office.

Church Office hours:

- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Mondays through Thursday
- 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Friday

Finance Committee Quarterly Report: Financial Report through 3/31/2024:

Offering budgeted YTD	\$169,550
Offering received YTD	\$164,577
Expenses YTD	\$157,754

Preschool Hours: Please remember that our preschool is in session from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year. Please do not enter the preschool facility (upstairs or downstairs) during their operating hours. If you have an urgent need, please ring the doorbell under the portico and ask for Katie Fulcher (director). She will meet you at the door and will gladly escort you to your destination. Katie's presence with you will indicate to the staff and students that it is ok for you to be in the building for a short time. Thank you so much for helping keep our preschool safe and honoring our preschool protocol.



WE NEED PICTURES: We are looking for photos of the AWESOME things happening at FBC Jefferson to include on the front of each week's bulletin. We'd love to have enough to change the photos weekly! Almost everyone carries a cellphone with a camera these days – pull out that phone and take pics at your gatherings! Then send them to Karen at admin@fbcjefferson.org – or you can text them to her. THANKS!

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (April 17, 2024):
Chicken salad/Croissants/Chips/Dessert.

Welcome New Members: Join us in welcoming our newest members, Patrick and Caroline Fox. Welcome to the FBC Jefferson family!



Patrick & Caroline Fox

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, April 17th:

- 10:15 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); Choir (Choir Room); Youth (Student Center); Children in Action (CIA) (Educational Building)
- 6:30 pm – Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

Thursday, April 18th:

- 6:30 pm – Cabinet Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 20th:

- 4:00 pm – Men's Ministry Baseball Game @ Cool Ray Field

Sunday, April 21st:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 5:00 pm – Deacon's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Youth (Student Center)

Monday, April 22nd:

- 10:00 am – Sewing Circle (3rd floor of Student Center)

Wednesday, April 24th:

- 5:30 pm – Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); Choir (Choir Room); Youth (Student Center); Children in Action (CIA) (Educational Building); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

PRAYER CONCERNS: The ongoing prayer concerns of the church may be found [here](#).

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir rehearses each Wednesday in the choir room across from the Children's Suite at 6:00 pm to prepare for each Sunday's anthem. If you enjoy singing, please join us.

Children's Ministries: Children In Action (CIA): Wednesdays at 6:00 pm –

April 2024 • Kevin and Victoria Singerman • Uganda



Kevin and Victoria serve as International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries in Uganda among Sudanese refugees. Their primary work is doing food distribution, trauma healing, and evangelism alongside discipleship. As a result of the food distributions and sharing the gospel, Kevin explained, "We have a small church plant whose leaders are Muslim-background believers [who] passionately seek to evangelize their lost Sudanese brothers and sisters." Kevin's team members also seek to provide long-term help for refugees through a ministry of training people in small business management.

April Badge: "I Met a Missionary!" More Details to come.....

Connect Run/Walk Group: NOTE: Connect Run/Walk Group now meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Connect is for anyone interested in running/walking with others to grow and improve spiritually and physically, and to follow the teachings of the Lord. Join us and bring a friend for our Christian fellowship. Water, Gatorade, & fruit will be provided after our run/walk. We will support you physically, mentally, and most of all spiritually while walking, running, or sometimes trotting. Everyone in our church and community is invited. We will have a small devotion, prayer concerns, and praises. We are open to suggestions of different routes or changes needed. Just let us know.

Upcoming events:

April 17th: 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 24th: 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

May 1st: 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

May 8th: 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

May 15th: 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

Faithful Followers Bible Study: The Faithful Followers Summer Bible Study dates are: April 17th, May 8th, July 10th, and August 14th, at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Our regular weekly study will resume on September 4th, as we begin a new study in Psalms. Anyone who would like to join us, please see either Mary Ann Brooks or Susie Thurmond so we have you signed up and a book ordered for you. There are 2 workbooks, and they are \$16.00 each + shipping, which will be calculated and added when we know how many books we are ordering. This study will conclude before Thanksgiving and another will not begin until after the first of the new year. This is a new study with Psalms 1 going through Chapter 22 and Psalms 2 picking up with Chapter 23 - 41. Hopefully, the next segment will be completed and released soon. We are excited to unpack the truth revealed in this study.

Men's Ministry: This men's trip will be a blast!!! Call or email Karen in the church office to reserve your spot on the bus! But hurry, seats on the bus are filling up FAST!!



\$25

**JOIN OUR MEN'S MINISTRY
ON APRIL 20th AT 4:30PM ON
OUR TRIP TO COOLRAY FIELD
FOR AN EVENING OF
*BROTHERHOOD
AND BASEBALL.***

Relay for Life Yard Sale: The Church Yard Sale benefitting Relay for Life will be on Saturday, May 18th, beginning at 7:00 am in the paved parking lot. Donated items may be brought to the carport at the church office. Start gathering items around your house now, and plan to join us! It is a great time of fellowship with each other and our community.

Sewing Circle: The Sewing Circle will meet on Monday, April 22nd at 10:00 am on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.

VBS:

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

APRIL 28TH 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall

*Please email Teresa Wood if you have any questions at
children@fbcjefferson.org*



FBC JEFFERSON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17-20, 2024 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (April 17, 2024): Chicken salad/Croissants/Chips/Dessert.

The church gathers each Wednesday to share fellowship over a meal, address the church's prayer concerns, and study the Bible. If you are interested in participating in the meal, please note the following:

- The cost for each meal is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (11 years old and younger). The cost for families is capped at \$25.00.
- If you are not on the permanent list and plan to eat, please call Karen in the church office each Monday by noon.
- If you are on the permanent list and can't make it this Wednesday, please call Karen in the church office for your name to be struck for the week and the church does not incur unnecessary costs.

WMU Meetings: If you are not a member of a WMU (Women's Mission Union) group and would like to join us, please contact DeMaris Gurley at 706-540-0866. She will direct you to the WMU group that best fits your schedule.

Youth Ministries:



BEACH WEEK BEST WEEK.

Time spent at Beach Week can be life changing, and that's always the goal. This year we'll explore what a life lived for Christ looks like, and reflect on our own lives. The week will be full of fun - from games like volleyball, basketball, gaga ball, nine square - to time on the beach and in the pool. We've made it our goal to ensure that every student will make memories that last a lifetime, and grow closer in their walk with Christ.

**JUNE 24-28 • \$250
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STUDENTS

GARDEN CITY CHAPEL

"The Chapel" as many refer to it as, has been operating for over 70 years as host to groups of all different varieties, and provides a unique charm along with amenities like: the pool, basketball and volleyball courts, the sea shack, and easy beach access, as well as a summer staff dedicated to safety.



Check our social media pages for more information on how you can win a free trip to Beach Week!

Deacons of the Week:

Week of April 14, 2024: Brian Ferguson and Christopher Howard

Week of April 21, 2024: Brian Maxwell and Kevin Charles

Opening and Closing: David Rees

Greeters and Ushers: Ronnie and Judy Hopkins

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

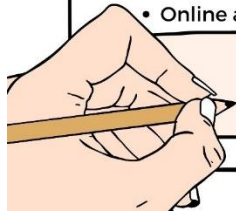
- Sunday School Attendance: 133
- Worship Attendance: 146
- Nursery Attendance: 14
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 160
- Offering: \$5,492.50

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

- Previous services can be viewed [here](#).
- You can live stream Sunday Combined Service here: [11:00 am](#)

**SIX EASY WAYS TO
GIVE TITHES &
OFFERINGS:**

- Mail a check to FBCJ
- Drop a check by the FBCJ Office
- Drop your tithe in the offering plate on Sunday morning.
- Drop your tithe/offering into the offering box in the vestibule.
- Online at www.pushpay.com
- Online at fbcjefferson.org



Malachi 3:10 NIV

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.



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It's all about relationships