



Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

April 10, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

This week we got to witness one of nature's more rare events. Although we were not in the path of totality, I still stood amazed at the creative hand of God. The perfect precision of the size, distance, angle, and position of three celestial bodies to produce a total solar eclipse is astonishing. Psalm 19:1 states, "The heavens tell of the glory of God; And their expanse declares the work of His hands."

Any time that we doubt how much we matter to God we only have to look to something like a solar eclipse. God finetuned such an event just to show His glory. If He worked such detail into creating what amounts to a show in the sky then just think of how much attention He pays to the trials, needs, and joy of His most precious creation.

In His Service,

Matt

SPOTLIGHT:

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

Welcome: Please join us in welcoming our newest members the Peacock's! Tim, Jill, and Lizzie joined the FBCJ family on Sunday, April 6th.



Church Office hours:

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

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!

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, April 10th:

- 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 (Jefferson Track)

Sunday, April 14th:

- 8:30 am – Administrative Board Meeting (Church Office)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 12:15 pm – Guatemala Mission Trip Information Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM – Youth (Student Center)

Tuesday, April 16th:

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

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 (Jefferson Track)

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: 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 10th: 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 17th: 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 24th: 6:30 pm – TBA

Guatemala Mission Trip: There will be a Guatemala Mission Trip Information meeting on Sunday, April 14th at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are planning to go on the mission trip in 2025, please make plans to attend this important meeting.



**JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY
TO THE LAND OF THE ETERNAL SPRING
GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP
APRIL 6th-12th 2025**

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 to benefit 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 16th 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 10, 2024): Hamburgers/Hot dogs/Chips/Baked beans/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
REGISTER ONLINE NOW**

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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 7, 2024: Philip Thompson and Phil Thurmond

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

Opening and Closing: David Rees

Greeters and Ushers: Ronnie and Judy Hopkins

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

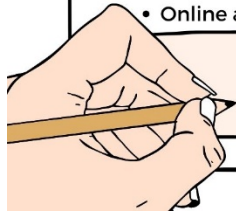
- Sunday School Attendance: 138
- Worship Attendance: 134
- Nursery Attendance: 13
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 147
- Offering: \$6501.03

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