



PATHFINDER

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

April 3, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

What a wonderful day we had celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making it such a special day, including the wonderful singing by all during our worship time. Let us continue to celebrate the resurrection each day as we spread the love of Jesus.

This week, we will begin a series on the book of Ruth. Ruth is a timeless reminder of God's providence and enduring love for us. We will explore topics related to hope, faith, commitment, love, and restoration. There is much to learn and apply to our modern life from this beautiful story.

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



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.

WELCOME: Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Teresa Wood! She is our Director of Children and Missions here at FBCJ. We are glad you are a part of the FBCJ family, Teresa!

Teresa Wood

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!

Vacation: Karen in the Church Office will be on vacation April 8-12, 2024.

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, April 3rd:

- 6:00 pm - Choir (Choir Room);
- 6:30 pm – Connect Run/Walk (Jefferson Track)

Sunday, April 7th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 5:30 pm – Youth (Student Center)

Monday, April 8th:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

Tuesday, April 9th:

- 10:00 am – Sewing Circle (3rd floor of Student Center)
- 10:45 am – M&M's going to 211 Main Restaurant in Lavonia for lunch

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 (Admin II SS Classroom)

PRAYER CONCERNS:

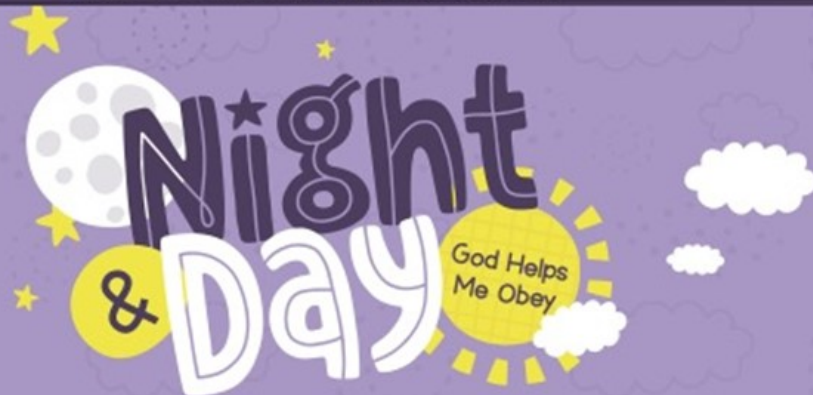
The ongoing prayer concerns of the church may be found [here](#).

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: Preschool: This month's Hyfi Preschool brings a new theme and Simple Truth. This month our theme is Night and Day, and our Simple Truth is, "God Helps Me Obey."

PRESCHOOL MONTH AT A GLANCE



This Month's Simple Truth

GOD HELPS ME OBEY

This Month's Verse

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT.
LUKE 11:28b

This Month's Theme

NIGHT AND DAY

This Month's Breakdown

WEEK 1: GOD HELPS ME KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT
DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS OBEYED GOD (*Daniel 1*)

WEEK 2: GOD HELPS ME BE BRAVE
ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS (*1 Kings 18*)

WEEK 3: GOD HELPS ME FOLLOW HIS PLAN
JOHN PREPARED THE WAY (*Luke 1; 3:1-18*)

WEEK 4: GOD HELPS ME LISTEN
SAUL LEARNED ABOUT JESUS (*Acts 9*)

Children's Ministries: Kids: This month with Hyfi Kids we will be sharing the truth, "I Am Set Apart" through our new theme Stand Out.

KIDS MONTH AT A GLANCE

I AM SET APART
STAND OUT

THIS MONTH'S TRUTH
I AM SET APART

THIS MONTH'S VERSE
FOR YOU ARE A HOLY PEOPLE BELONGING TO THE LORD YOUR GOD.
DEUTERONOMY 7:6a

THIS MONTH'S THEME
STAND OUT

THIS MONTH'S BREAKDOWN

WEEK 1: I CAN STAND APART
DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS OBEYED GOD (*Daniel 1*)

WEEK 2: I CAN STAND STRONG
ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS (*1 Kings 18*)

WEEK 3: I CAN STAND PATIENTLY
JOHN PREPARED THE WAY (*Luke 1; 3:1-18*)

WEEK 4: I CAN STAND UP
SAUL LEARNED ABOUT JESUS (*Acts 9*)

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 3rd: 6:30 pm – Jefferson Track - It’s Spring Break and we are still going to get our walk/run done, meet inside on visitor's side.

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

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

April 24th: 6:30 pm - TBA

M&M’s: M&M’s (Mature and Maturing) are hitting the road in April for a road trip!! Join us as we go to one of the best restaurants in North Georgia, 211 Main Street in Lavonia, on Tuesday, April 9th! This restaurant features yummy sandwiches, wonderfully fresh salads, a scrumptious special of the day - and their desserts are THE BEST!!!! The bus will leave FBCJ at 10:30 am so we can try to beat the lunch rush, so please be at the church no later than 10:15 am. We will order off of the menu and pay at the restaurant; bring a donation for gas for the bus. Call Karen in the church office to reserve your spot – but hurry, we will stop taking reservations on Thursday, April 4th! Check out their website at <http://211mainstreet.com/>.

Guatemala Mission Trip: There will be a Guatemala Mission Trip Informational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 pm on Sunday, April 14th. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are planning to join us on this trip in April 2025!

APRIL 6-12



2025

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
12PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**



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 beginning on Monday, April 8th. 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 Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00 am on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (April 3, 2024): No meal tonight!

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.



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

FBC STUDENTS
JEFFERSON

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.



Youth Ministries:

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 March 31, 2024: Kristy Eubanks and Charles Oliver

Week of April 7, 2024: Phil Thurmond and Philip Thompson

Opening and Closing: David Rees

Greeters and Ushers: Ronnie and Judy Hopkins

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

- Sunday School Attendance: 108
- Sunrise Service: 87
- 9:00 am Worship Attendance: 134
- 9:00 am Nursery Attendance: 5
- 9:00 am WORSHIP TOTAL: 139
- 11:00 am Worship Attendance: 124
- 11:00 am Nursery Attendance: 9
- 11:00 am WORSHIP TOTAL: 133
- Offering: \$21,980.00

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.



Georgia Baptist Women's
SPRING EVENT

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Featuring

Chrystal Evans Hurst

AUTHOR & SPEAKER

Most of us want to hear clearly from God but how do we prepare and position our hearts to hear from Him? How do we discern his leading and appropriately respond to what he is calling us to do? Chrystal Evans Hurst will help us take an inward look at the heart and explore how to do our part in preparing to hear from God.



AN EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES!

You will experience community with other Christ-followers as we are inspired to grow closer to Him and to each other. Through powerful teaching you will be challenged to position your heart to hear from God, discern his leading and respond to His call. Don't miss this opportunity to retreat with women from your church and make new friends at the Spring Event!



Powerful Worship with
Chrystal Evans Hurst



Panel Discussions on Mental
Health & Responding to
God's Call



Missionary
Connections



Personalized experiences
with activities that meet
your interests

REGISTRATION

Includes all worship sessions, activities, lunch and T-shirt.

\$69 by March 15 | **\$79** by April 8



Make it an overnight experience! Arrive on Friday, April 26 for missions activities, dinner and Missions Celebration. | **\$25** by April 8

georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent

