



# PATHFINDER

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

**February 28, 2024**

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**PASTOR'S MOMENT:**

*I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Luke 15:7*

In Luke 15, Jesus teaches three parables that focus on seeking that which is lost. At the end of each parable, there is great rejoicing that what was lost has been found. Great value had been placed upon that which was lost, and a diligent effort had been made to search for it. Even though others might not have thought that one sheep or one coin was significant, it did not diminish the importance of finding it for the seeker.

It is vital for Christians today not to lose sight of the significance of searching diligently for those who are lost. We often direct our efforts to other ventures and forget the commission that Jesus gave to all of us. There is often little rejoicing when the lost are saved because we have not been diligently searching. When a sinner comes to repentance after much prayer, much seeking, and many shed tears, the joy is overwhelming. I pray that we rejoice greatly when one is saved because we have searched diligently. In His Service,

Matt

**SPOTLIGHT:**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:** The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the North American Mission Board and the people they serve.

We invite you to join us this season of prayer, March 3–10, 2024.

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering makes an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100 percent of your gifts support missionaries in North America.

The FBCJ 2024 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$3000.

**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

**Discover FBCJ Luncheon:** A Discover FBCJ Luncheon will be held on March 10th after the morning service for new/prospective church members. Staff and ministry leaders will explain the church structure, ministries, and service opportunities. Childcare will be provided. Please email or call the church office (706-367-8332; [admin@fbcjefferson.org](mailto:admin@fbcjefferson.org)) if you plan to attend.

**Pastoral Installation:** The members of St. Paul First Baptist Church in Jefferson, Ga invite you to share with us in the joy of welcoming Reverend Darius Morse as the senior pastor of our church. This installation service will be held on March 9th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson Civic Center. We are excited about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor. We hope that you join us as we welcome him to our church and to the community.

**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.

**Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (February 28, 2024):** Pizza, Salad, Dessert.

**WELCOME:** Please help us welcome our newest member, Jane Denson, who joined the FBCJ family on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Welcome, Jane!

**WMU Women's Loving Well Retreat: THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY the FBCJ WMU** presents the Women's Loving Well Retreat: Are you loving well? Please join us this weekend as we hear from Beth Moore through video to learn how to love well, fellowship, play games and support each other through this time of growth and reflection! Come see old friends and make new friends too. Friday's session will be from 6:00-9:00 pm with dinner provided. Saturday's session will be from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm with both breakfast and lunch provided. The cost is only \$25, and we have a few spots remaining, so email the Church Office as soon as possible!

For those who are not able to attend, the FBCJ WMU asks that you keep us in your prayers this week through this weekend. Pray that this weekend brings the attendees closer to God. That the message replenishes those who need it and gives guidance as well. Pray for no distractions, and that those attending can solely focus on being present. And finally, pray for the leaders this weekend. That they can communicate and lead in a way that is pleasing to Him. Pray for the strength of these women leaders as they shepherd the attendees through this retreat.



**WE NEED PICTURES:** We are looking for photos of the AWESOME things happening at FBC Jefferson to include on the front of bulletins. 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](mailto:admin@fbcjefferson.org) – or you can text them to her. THANKS!

## **THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:**

### **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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)

### **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- 6:00 pm – WMU Women's Retreat

### **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- 6:00 pm – WMU Women's Retreat

### **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

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

### **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 am – Morning Glories Circle
- 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am – Sewing Circle (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center)

### **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- 10:00 am – Sewing Circle (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center)

### **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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)

## 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: March Children in Action:

This month during Children in Action the children will learn about Aimee Stucke, Geneva Initiative Coordinator for the Send Relief Boston. They will discover how Aimee recruits, trains, and helps churches and volunteers care for and support refugees resettling in the Greater Boston Area. Children will learn about the resurrection of Jesus and how Easter celebrates God's faithfulness. They will learn about the Annie Armstrong Easter offering and be challenged to pray and give. We will learn the Bible verse Luke 24:6. Our March

"Egg-Cellent" Mission Project will be to encourage our church members to give to the Annie Armstrong offering. Children will pass out plastic eggs filled with the name of a missionary in it. They will ask that you pray and return it with an offering inside to the Easter Basket in the vestibule.



We need donations of candy filled Easter Eggs for our upcoming egg hunt on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>! Please bring candy to the church office, or you can pick up eggs and fill them, then return them! For questions, please call Teresa Wood in the church office.

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features a wooden crate filled with grass, daisies, butterflies, and several colorful Easter eggs. The text 'EASTER Egg Hunt' is written in large, stylized letters on the crate. The background is a bright blue sky with a sunburst effect.

First Baptist Church Jefferson  
Invites you

**SUNDAY MARCH 24TH**  
**12:15PM**

Join us for Lunch and Easter Treats  
Photos with the Easter Bunny

*Teresa Wood*  
*children@fbcjefferson.org*  
*706-424-6957*

Made with PosterMyWall.com

**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:***

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Different route due to daylight savings time

**Fellowship Committee Meeting:** There will be a Fellowship Committee meeting on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Flowers:** The Decorations Committee is seeking volunteers to place fresh flowers in our sanctuary on March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, as well as other dates later this year. If you have interest in placing flowers in memory or honor of loved ones – you can do it once or on a yearly basis - please contact Vickie Rees at (706) 654-6698.

**Meals on Wheels:** We need volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels on February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you or your Sunday School Class, women’s circle, or civic organization would like to help deliver on Wednesdays in February, please contact Barbara Gooch at 706-654-7731, or email her at [bgooch02@yahoo.com](mailto:bgooch02@yahoo.com). The Jackson County Senior Center depends on our help to deliver to the seniors in our community who are in need on Wednesdays, so please, if you can deliver one of these dates, please let Barbara know!

**Sewing Circle:** The Sewing Circle will meet next Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Center.

**Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (February 28, 2024):** Pizza, Salad, 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 by 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.



**Winter Coat Drive:** Over the next couple of months, the Mary Martha Circle is asking for new or gently used and clean coats, sweaters, scarves, hats, and gloves to be distributed to those in need in our community. Look for collection receptacles around the campus or bring them to the church office.





**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:** STUDENTS: Join us for Fields of Faith on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Jefferson Memorial Stadium. We will all meet there, and dinner is provided! Hope to see you there!



# FIELDS OF FAITH

MARCH 10, 2024  
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL STADIUM



## Deacons of the Week:

**Week of February 25, 2024:** Phil Thurmond and Philip Thompson

**Week of March 3, 2024:** Christopher Howard & Brian Ferguson

**Opening and Closing:** Steve Kinney

**Greeters and Ushers:** Joe and Jennifer Blackstock

## NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

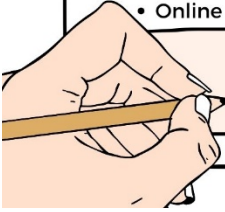
- Sunday School Attendance: 133
- Worship Attendance: 144
- Nursery Attendance: 29
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 173
- Offering: \$7,031.00

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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

### 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](http://www.pushpay.com)
- Online at [fbcjefferson.org](http://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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PEACE PLACE PRESENTS

# FOLIAGE FEST



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

REGISTER  
ONLINE  
BY  
MARCH 13TH

127 MEMORIAL DRIVE,  
JEFFERSON, GA 30549

LAST DAY TO REGISTER ONLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH. \$35 (NOT GUARANTEED A 5K T-SHIRT). WALK UPS WELCOME THE DAY OF! CHECK IN STARTS AT 8:00 AM. RACE STARTS AT 9:00 AM.

**RUNNERS & WALKERS WELCOME!!**

Register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com).


Peace Place Foliage Fest 5K ([runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)).

Pre-registration participants are guaranteed a t-shirt.

Follow our social media for information and updates.



 [www.facebook.com/PeacePlaceInc](https://www.facebook.com/PeacePlaceInc)

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Please contact Traci with any questions  
at 770-307-3633 or  
[tbledsoe@peaceplaceinc.org](mailto:tbledsoe@peaceplaceinc.org).

**HELP US END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**





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The Mary Martha WMU Circle

# WINTER COAT DRIVE

Help families in need  
with new or gently used  
coats, hats, gloves,  
scarves, and more



**Donation Deadline:**  
March 31, 2024



**Drop Off Location:**  
FBC Jefferson Church  
Office  
81 Institute Avenue  
Jefferson, Georgia

Call 706-367-8332 for  
more information



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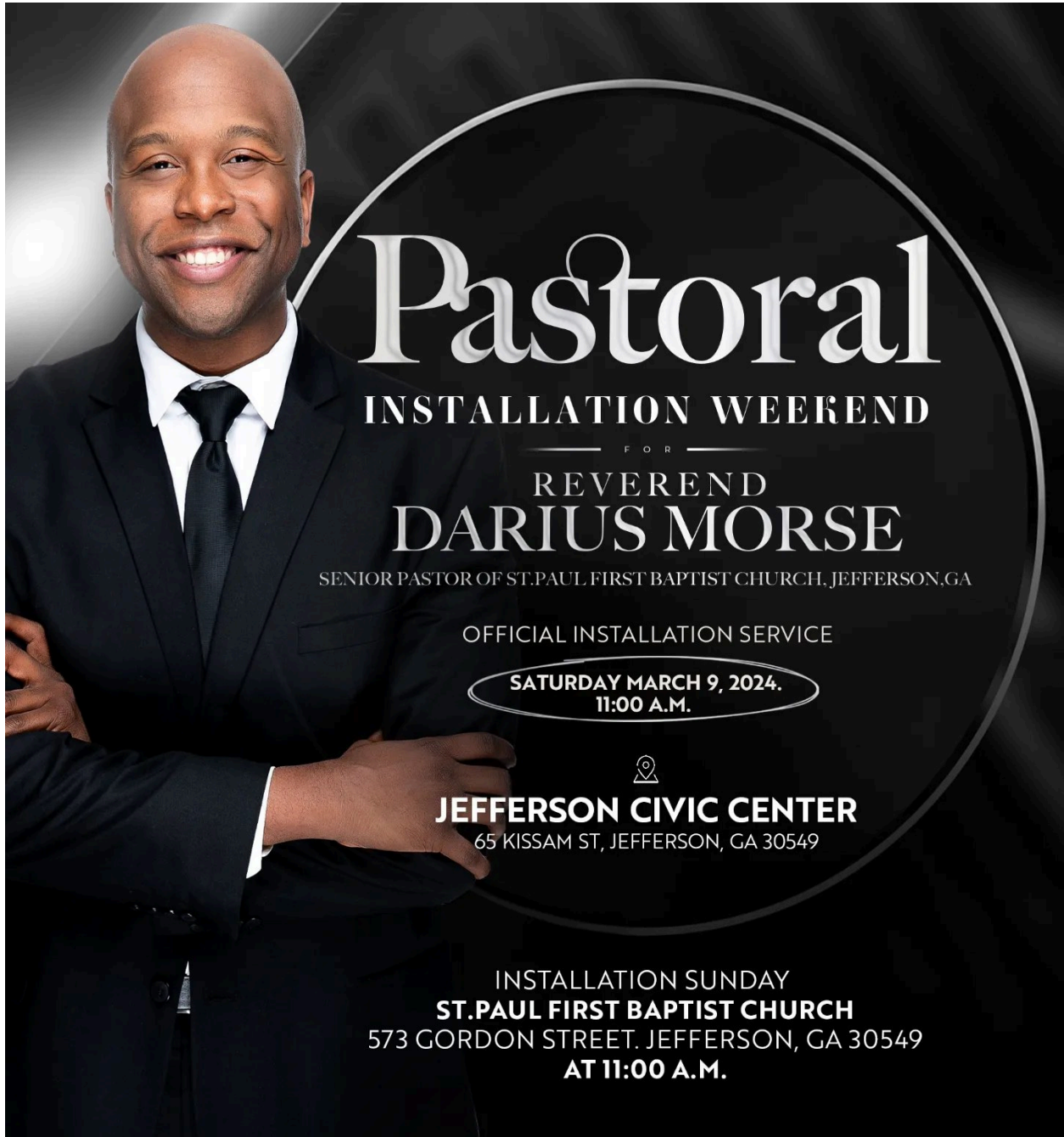
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# Pastoral

INSTALLATION WEEKEND

FOR

REVEREND  
**DARIUS MORSE**

SENIOR PASTOR OF ST. PAUL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON, GA

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION SERVICE

**SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024.**  
**11:00 A.M.**



**JEFFERSON CIVIC CENTER**

65 KISSAM ST, JEFFERSON, GA 30549

INSTALLATION SUNDAY

**ST. PAUL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

573 GORDON STREET, JEFFERSON, GA 30549

**AT 11:00 A.M.**