



PATHFINDER

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

February 7, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Love is a multi-faceted word that gets much attention this time of year. Just as we use the word love in many different contexts with different meanings, the Greek New Testament does as well. When the Bible speaks of Christlike love, it uses the word agape. This is the type of love that Christ has for us and the type of love that we should have for each other.

There is an acrostic that describes this type of love well: S.C.A.R. A scar is a noticeable mark that usually comes from a memorable or life-changing event. It makes a difference and doesn't go away. When someone has experienced the agape love of Christ, it leaves a mark on them that doesn't go away.

Christlike love is:

Sacrificial

Committed

Accepting

Redemptive

It is important for us as believers who have experienced this type of love to show it to others. We exhibit this type of love so others can see and experience Christlike love and hopefully choose to have a saving relationship with Him.

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.

Town Hall Meeting for Missions: There will be a short Missions Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (February 7, 2024): Spaghetti casserole, salad, bread, dessert.

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 – or you can text them to her. THANKS!

WELCOME: Please help us welcome our newest member, Judy Oshinski, who joined the FBCJ family on Sunday, February 4, 2024. Welcome, Judy!



Judy Oshinski

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, February 7th:

- 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, February 8th:

- 8:00 am – Preschool Registration

Sunday, February 11th:

- 8:30 am – Administrative Board (Church Office)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 5:30 PM – Youth (Student Center)

Wednesday, February 14th: Ash Wednesday

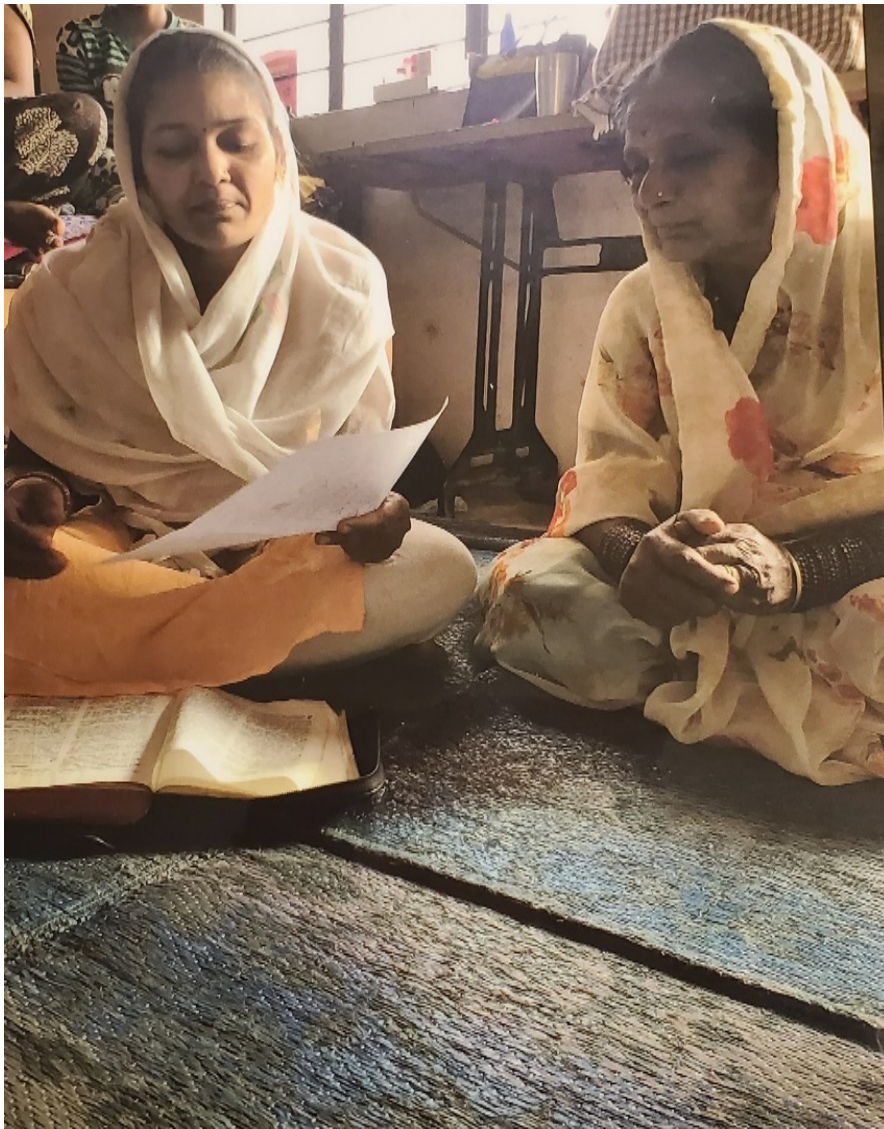
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- 6:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

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.



Catherine Knowles helps new believers in South Asia learn more about Jesus through Bible study and discipleship.

Children's Ministries: We are looking for volunteers!

We will have a Children's Ministry Volunteer meeting on Sunday, February 18th immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you are a current volunteer, or you'd like to become one, please attend this important meeting. Lunch will be provided! Please contact Teresa Wood by **Wednesday, February 14th** (by text at 706-424-6957, or email by email, children@fbcjefferson.org) if you plan to attend so there will be plenty of food for everyone!

February Children in

Action: This month during **Children in Action** the children will be introduced to the sights and sounds that Missionary Catherine Knowles experiences while serving in South Asia. They will consider ways they can tell people they meet about Jesus. We will learn the Bible verse **Acts 1:8**, that reminds us Jesus has told us to go tell other people

about Him. Our **February Mission Project** will be to make Valentines for the **Jefferson Police and Fire Department** thanking them for keeping our community safe. We will pray for God to watch over them as they do their jobs.

Please contact Teresa Wood if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on Wednesdays – by email at children@fbcjefferson.org; by cell- 706-424-6957; or directly to my office - 706-387-8605.

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. We will meet Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm the Adult II SS Classroom.

Upcoming events:

February 14th: NO Connect Run/Walk – Please join us for the FBCJ Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

February 21st: 6:30 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

February 28th: 6:30 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

Flowers: The Decorations Committee is seeking volunteers to place fresh flowers in our sanctuary on March 10th and 17th, as well as April 21st. 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.

M&M's: The M&M's (Mature and Maturing) Senior Adults will not meet in January, but please join us for lunch and entertainment by The Bridgeman Duo! We will meet on **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for lunch is \$8.00. Call Karen in the church office to put your name on the list for our February gathering no later than Friday, February 16th.

Meals on Wheels: We need volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels on February 14th, 21st, and 28th. 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. 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!

Men's Ministry:



**MEN'S
MINISTRY
BONFIRE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
6PM**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP
BY THE FIRE. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP VIA EMAIL TO
admin@fbcjefferson.org

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Preschool Registration: Registration for 2024-2025 is tomorrow (February 8th)! See the flyer below for more details. Prices are per month. Additional information can be found at <https://www.fbcjefferson.org/preschool-registration/>. For more information, email preschool@fbcjefferson.org with questions.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal: Menu for tonight (February 7, 2024): Spaghetti casserole, salad, bread, 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.

WMU Women's Loving Well Retreat: Are you loving well? Please join the FBCJ WMU for their "Loving Well Retreat", Friday and Saturday, March 1 & 2, 2024! We will be hearing from Beth Moore through video to learn how to love well during a fun-filled weekend! Come see old friends, make new friends, and enjoy fellowship, laughter, and tears with other participants. Sessions will be on Friday evening from 6:00-9:00 pm with dinner provided, and Saturday from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm with both breakfast and lunch provided. Cost is \$25 per person, and there is a limit of 60 participants, so sign up soon to reserve your spot! Registration forms are available in the Church Office, in Sunday School Classrooms, and in the church vestibule.

With the Women's Retreat coming up, the retreat committee is asking our church family to pray that this retreat reaches those who need it most and replenishes the spirit of those who attend. We will be making specific prayer requests as the event gets closer. It would be especially meaningful if, as a Sunday School class or WMU group, you could all choose a day of the week to lift up the Women's Retreat. For the next few weeks, we ask specifically that you pray for guidance from the Lord in the planning that is currently going on. We want this to be His retreat, not our retreat.

Youth Ministries: FBC Jefferson students will be leaving to go to Winter Jam at 4:00 pm on Friday, February 23, 2024, at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville, SC! Please go to our website (fbcjefferson.org) to sign up or call the church office to reserve your student's place to go with us! HURRY – Registration ends on Friday, February 16, 2024!



Deacons of the Week:

Week of February 4, 2024: Melvin Porter and Jim Smith

Week of February 11, 2024: Phillip Ferguson and John White

Opening and Closing: Sandra Beeco

Greeters and Ushers: Jim and Barbara Gooch

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

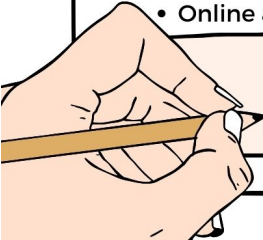
- Sunday School Attendance: 131
- Worship Attendance: 121
- Nursery Attendance: 32
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 153
- Offering: \$ 14,265.58

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
- 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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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.


Peace Place Foliage Fest 5K (runsignup.com).

Pre-registration participants are guaranteed a t-shirt.

Follow our social media for information and updates.



 www.facebook.com/PeacePlaceInc

 [@peaceplaceinc](https://www.instagram.com/peaceplaceinc)

Please contact Traci with any questions
at 770-307-3633 or
tbledsoe@peaceplaceinc.org.

HELP US END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

FBCJ PRESCHOOL 2024-2025 REGISTRATION



Dates:

February 6th - Current students, siblings & church members

February 8th - Open to the community for new students

Time:

8:00 am

Location:

Fellowship Hall

Registration Fee: \$200 (non refundable)

Tuition Rates:

2 day classes: \$225

3 day classes: \$250

4 day classes: \$275

5 day classes: \$295

Scan the QR code
for more details



Sibling discounts:

\$50 off registration fee for younger siblings

\$10 off monthly tuition for younger siblings

First come, first served. Spaces are limited.



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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





Are you
loving well?

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
JEFFERSON
WOMEN



Please join us for a fun-filled weekend as we learn how to love well!

“Loving Well Retreat”

with Beth Moore

We will hear from Beth Moore through video, enjoy fun and fellowship with other women, laugh a lot, shed a few tears, eat, make new friends and enjoy old friends.

Friday, March 1st & Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

Friday: 6:00 - 9:00 pm (Registration 4:30 - 5:30 pm)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Jefferson Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$25 / Limited to 60 Participants

Meals provided: Friday - dinner | Saturday - breakfast & lunch

*Please Register to Attend - Registration forms are available
in the Church Office, Sunday School Classrooms and Church Vestibule*