



PATHFINDER

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

January 17, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. **10** For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

We live in a fast-paced, cut-throat, winner-take-all society. Often throughout life, we experience people who are willing to do whatever it takes to succeed with little regard for the well-being of others. This breeds a lack of sympathy and compassion where people become accustomed to being stepped on or stepped over when life knocks them down.

The writer of Ecclesiastes offers a better outlook on life. It is good to have help and companionship. We will all make mistakes along the way, both in life and in the church. It is important for fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to be available to pick one another up. Life is hard, and people are often looking for compassion and a kind helping hand; let's not forget to offer them one.

In His service,

Matt

SPOTLIGHT:



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Baby Bottle Campaign

Join us in bringing real help and real hope
by taking home a bottle to return filled
with change for our local mission partner,
Hope Pregnancy Resource Center
on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday,
January 21, 2024.



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

Connect Run/Walk Group: Our Connect Run/Walk group is cancelled tomorrow evening due to the upcoming weather. Please stay warm and safe. See you next Wednesday, January 24th at the Jefferson Track at 6:30pm.

Church Office hours:

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

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!

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, January 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 Classroom)

Thursday, January 18th:

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

Sunday, January 21st: Sanctity of Life Sunday

- 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)

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- 6:30 pm – Connect Run/Walk (Adult II 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: All children ages 3yrs to 5th grade are welcome to join us each Wednesday evening at 6pm for our Children in Action program. There will be volunteers to care for Nursery and Toddler aged children. If you plan to join us for dinner at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall, please let Karen in the church office know by Monday at **noon**. 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: Our Connect Run/Walk group is cancelled tomorrow evening due to the upcoming weather. Please stay warm and safe. See you next Wednesday, January 24th at the Jefferson Track at 6:30pm.

Upcoming events:

January 31st: Adult II SS Classroom

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 in February! If you or your Sunday School Class, women's circle, or civic organization would like to help deliver on Wednesdays in February (February 7th, 14th, 21st, or 28th), 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!

Preschool Registration: Registration for 2024-2025 is almost here! 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: 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 January 14, 2024: Phil Thurmond and Philip Thompson

Week of January 21, 2024: Christopher Howard and Brian Ferguson

Opening and Closing: Dennis Elrod

Greeters and Ushers: Keith and Diane Ariail

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

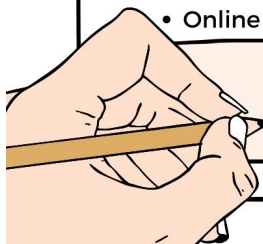
- Sunday School Attendance: 140
- Worship Attendance: 143
- Nursery Attendance: 7
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 150
- Offering: \$ 5,780.00

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
- 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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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

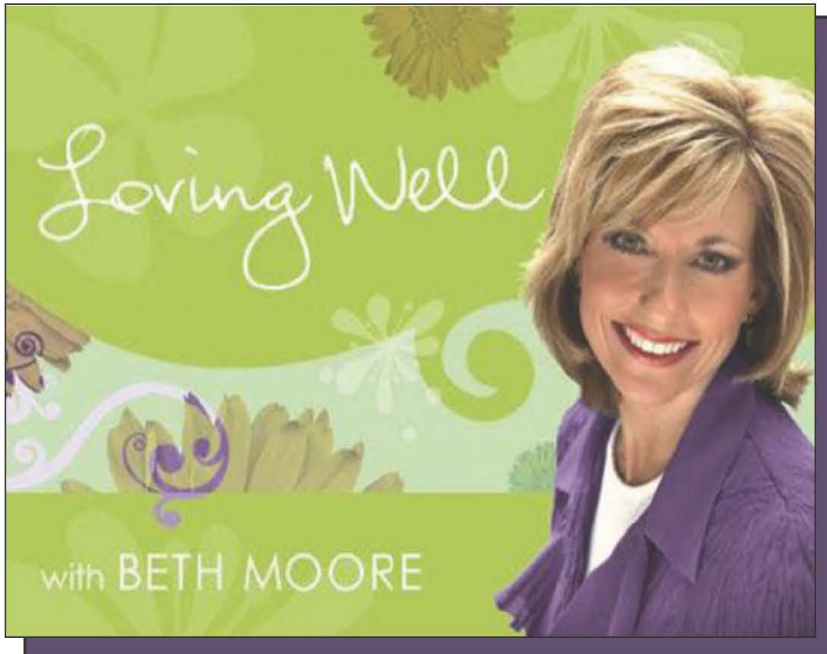


Sibling discounts:

\$50 off registration fee for younger siblings

\$10 off monthly tuition for younger siblings

First come, first served. Spaces are limited.



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***



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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

