



# PATHFINDER

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

**January 10, 2024**

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## **PASTOR'S MOMENT:**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Just as there are seasons of the year, there are seasons in the flow of life. Each person passes through different seasons of life as they age, move into adulthood, and start a life on their own. Throughout each of these seasons, there are differing ways to serve God, serve His church, and serve people.

Finding our individual calling to serve God during these different seasons of life can sometimes be a challenge. There are times when we have the freedom to serve in more active ways and times when we must step back. The key is not the exact job or title that we may have but the willingness to plant ourselves exactly where God has placed us. May our focus always be on seeking how God can best utilize us during our present season of life for the sake of the gospel.

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

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

### **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- 5:30 pm – Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 pm - Choir (Choir Room); Children in Action (CIA) (Educational Building); Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

### **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 am – Morning Glories
- 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- 10:15 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study
- 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)

**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](mailto: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.

***Upcoming events:***

**Connect Run/Walk Group** will NOT meet on January 3, 2024; we will meet again on January 10th. Happy New Year!

**January 10th: 6:30 pm** - FBCJ Adult II SS Classroom

**January 17th: 6:30 pm** - FBCJ 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal: The first Wednesday Night Meal of 2024 will be Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm.** 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.

**Youth Ministries:** FBC Jefferson students are going to Winter Jam on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville, SC! Please go to our website ([fbcjefferson.org](http://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 December 31, 2023:** Phillip Ferguson and John White

**Week of January 7, 2024:** Kristy Eubanks and Charles Oliver

**Opening and Closing:** Dennis Elrod

**Greeters and Ushers:** Keith and Diane Ariail

## NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

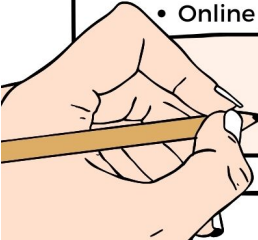
- Sunday School Attendance: 100
- Worship Attendance: 113
- Nursery Attendance: 9
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 122
- Offering: \$14,327.00
- Offering on December 24, 2023: \$21,628.00

## 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)

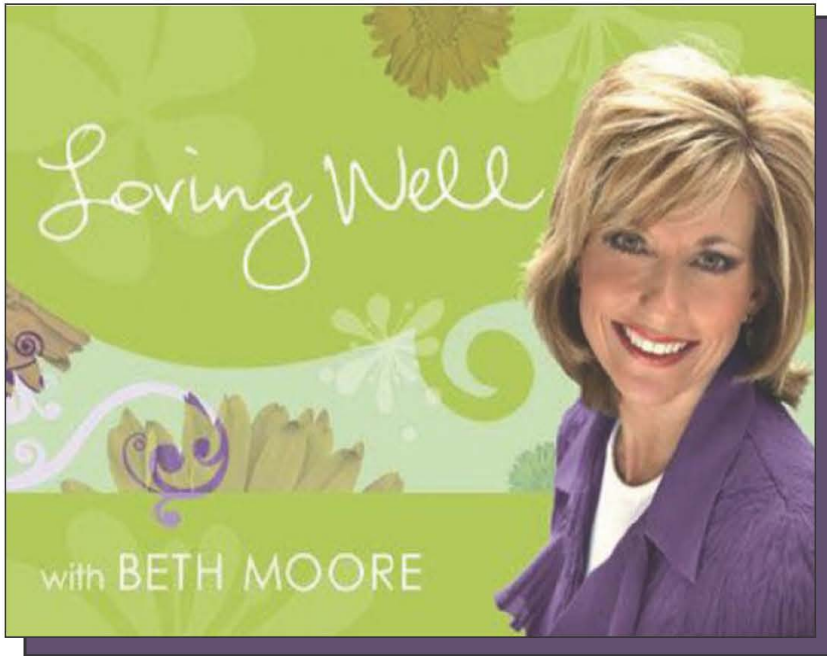


Malachi 3:10 NIV

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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loving well?

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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

