



Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

March 13, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

According to Thom Rainer's book "The Unchurched Next Door," an astounding 82% of people who are invited by a friend to an Easter service will attend. Easter affords Christians an opportunity to invite people to church services and church events with little resistance. During the Easter season, people are generally more open and receptive.

I encourage you over the next few weeks to look for opportunities to invite friends, family, and coworkers to attend an Easter service. Easter gives us a great chance to invite people when they are the most receptive and to also invite them to one of the most gospel-heavy services on the church calendar. Join me in praying for who God would have you invite.

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

Easter Worship Schedule: The schedule for Easter Sunday will be as follows:

Sunrise Service - 7:30 am - To be held at the crosses

Breakfast - 8:00 am - Fellowship Hall (Fruit, Biscuits, Pastries, Juice, and Coffee)

Early Worship Service - 9:00 am - Sanctuary

Sunday School - 10:00 am

Late Worship Service - 11:00 am – Sanctuary

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 (March 13, 2024): Lasagna, 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!

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, March 13th:

- 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, March 14th:

- 9:00 am – Preschool Easter Egg Filling (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm – Cabinet Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 17th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 12:15 pm – Fellowship Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 pm – Deacon's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM – Youth (Student Center)

Monday, March 18th:

- 10:00 am – Sewing Circle (3rd Floor Student Center)

Wednesday, March 20th:

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- 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); Salt & Light (Adult I)
- 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 still need about 600 candy filled Easter Eggs for our upcoming egg hunt on Sunday March 24th! Please bring eggs and candy to the church office, or, if you'd like, you can fill the eggs with candy and

deliver to the church office! All donations are much appreciated. Deadline to bring eggs to the church office is Wednesday, March 20th. For questions, please call Teresa Wood in the church office.

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:

March 13th: 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom - Different route due to daylight savings time

March 20th: 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

March 27th: 6:30 pm – TBA

April 3rd: 6:30 pm - TBA

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

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

Salt & Light WMU Circle: Salt & Light will meet on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 pm in the Adult I Sunday School Classroom.

Sewing Circle: The Sewing Circle will meet next Monday, March 18th, at 10:00 am on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (March 13, 2024): Lasagna, 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.

Youth Ministries:



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.

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STUDENTS

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.



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 10, 2024: Kevin Charles and Brian Maxwell

Week of March 17, 2024: Melvin Porter and Jim Smith

Opening and Closing: Steve Kinney

Greeters and Ushers: Joe and Jennifer Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024


- Sunday School Attendance: 114
- Worship Attendance: 140
- Nursery Attendance: 11
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 151
- Offering: \$23,687.50

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.



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.

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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

