



Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

March 20, 2024

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

39 Some of the Pharisees [r]in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

Imagine the scene as Jesus enters the gate of Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people would recognize this act as fulfilling the Messianic prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, eliciting great joy among his followers. But there were naysayers. The Pharisees demanded that Jesus have them be quiet.

Just as the people following Jesus were excited and worshipful about the coming of the Messiah, so should we be worshipful because of what He has done for us. Just like in Jesus's time, there will be naysayers today. There will be people who think your worshipping is too loud or unwelcome. But know that we worship Jesus for His sake and not for others. He will be praised even if the stones must do it.

In His Service,

Matt

SPOTLIGHT:

A Note of Thanks: The McMullan family would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the thoughts, prayers, food, and visits during the time of Cindy's mother's (Brenda Shumake) illness and homecoming to be with the Lord. We are so thankful for our FBC family! - The McMullans

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.

WELCOME: Please help us welcome our newest member, Louise Koontz, who the FBCJ family on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Welcome to the church family, Louise!



Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (March 20, 2024): Breakfast casseroles.



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 20th:

- 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)

Sunday, March 24th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 12:15 pm – Easter Egg Hunt
- 5:30 PM – Youth (Student Center)

Tuesday, March 26th:

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

Wednesday, March 27th:

- 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); Salt & Light (Adult I)
- 6:30 pm – Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

Thursday, March 28th:

- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday 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.



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.

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

March 27th: 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 3rd: 6:30 pm – TBA

M&M's: M&M's (Mature and Maturing) are hitting the road in April for a road trip!! Join us as we go to one of the best restaurants in North Georgia, 211 Main Street in Lavonia, on Tuesday, April 9th! This restaurant features yummy sandwiches, wonderfully fresh salads, a scrumptious special of the day - and their desserts are THE BEST!!!! The bus will leave FBCJ at 10:30 am so we can try to beat the lunch rush. Call Karen in the church office to reserve your spot – but hurry, we will stop taking reservation on Thursday, April 4th! Check out their website at <http://211mainstreet.com/>.

Salt & Light WMU Circle: Salt & Light will meet on **Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm** in the Adult I Sunday School Classroom.

Sewing Circle: The Sewing Circle will meet next Tuesday, March 26th, at 10:00 am on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (March 20, 2024): Breakfast casseroles.

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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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 17, 2024: Melvin Porter and Jim Smith

Week of March 24, 2024: Phillip Ferguson and John White

Opening and Closing: Steve Kinney

Greeters and Ushers: Joe and Jennifer Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024


- Sunday School Attendance: 117
- Worship Attendance: 140
- Nursery Attendance: 16
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 156
- Offering: \$9,166.50

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.





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The Mary Martha WMU Circle

WINTER COAT DRIVE

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with new or gently used
coats, hats, gloves,
scarves, and more



Donation Deadline:
March 31, 2024



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Call 706-367-8332 for
more information

