



# PATHFINDER

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

**March 27, 2024**

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## **PASTOR'S MOMENT:**

Often, as we read and study Bible stories, we lose sight of the fact that these were real people who experienced the same emotions of excitement, confusion, wonder, and fear that we do. I like to think about the disciples during this Holy Week and the emotions that they must have felt. They had spent three years with Jesus and witnessed all the miracles that He had performed. They had heard all His teachings but still didn't understand exactly the mission He was on earth to accomplish.

When Jesus is arrested, tried, and crucified all the disciples flee, save John. It is incredible to think about the thoughts and emotions flooding their minds. Have we been fooled? Is Jesus really gone? What do we do now? Is it all over? Studying Scripture, we have the advantage of knowing the end of the story, but the disciples did not.

It is hard to imagine the joy, wonder, and awe that filled the women and the disciples when they entered an empty tomb. This could only be topped by seeing the risen Jesus in person. This Sunday, we celebrate this exact event: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus for our sins. Throughout the coming days, stop and take time to reflect on what it must have felt like for the disciples. Reflect on how you felt before coming to faith in Jesus. Aligning our hearts and minds with the spirit of the season will help us to celebrate Easter Sunday in a more meaningful way.

In His Service,

Matt

## **SPOTLIGHT:**

**A Note of Thanks:** The Sanderson Family would like to thank the church for the outpouring of love and support during the loss of Danny's father.

**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

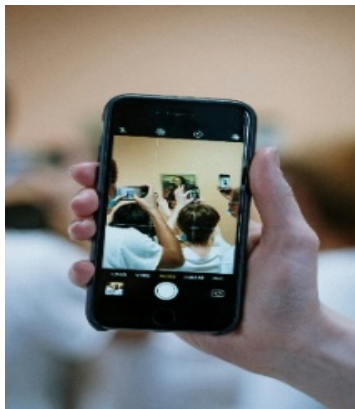
**Late Worship Service** - 11:00 am – Sanctuary

**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 27, 2024):**

Poppyseed Chicken/Green Beans/Dessert.

**WELCOME:** Please help us welcome our newest members, Brad and Iris George, and their children Ivy, Jade, and Olivia, who joined the FBCJ family on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Welcome, George family!



**WE NEED PICTURES:** We are looking for photos of the AWESOME things happening at FBC Jefferson to include on the front of each week's bulletin. 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](mailto:admin@fbcjefferson.org) – or you can text them to her. THANKS!



*The George Family*

**Vacation:** Karen in the Church Office will be on vacation April 8-12, 2024. Please have any announcements for the Pathfinder newsletter for April 10, 2024 to her **no later than Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. Thanks!**



**THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:**

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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)

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

- Good Friday – Church office closed

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Easter**

- 7:30 am – Sunrise Service (at the crosses)
- 8:00 am – Breakfast Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am – Early Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Late Worship Service

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:**

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

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- 10:15 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm - Choir (Choir Room);
- 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 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. 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 27<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Jefferson Track - It's Spring Break and we are still going to get our walk/run done, meet inside on visitor's side.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** 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 9<sup>th</sup>! 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 reservations on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>! Check out their website at <http://211mainstreet.com/>.

**Relay for Life Yard Sale:** The Church Yard Sale to benefit Relay for Life will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 am in the paved parking lot. Donated items may be brought to the carport at the church office beginning on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Start gathering items around your house now, and plan to join us! It is a great time of fellowship with each other and our community.

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

**Sewing Circle:** The Sewing Circle will meet on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Center.

**Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (March 27, 2024):** Poppyseed Chicken/Green Beans/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 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.

**JUNE 24-28 • \$250  
REGISTER ONLINE NOW**

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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 24, 2024:** Phillip Ferguson and John White

**Week of March 31, 2024:** Kristy Eubanks and Charles Oliver

**Opening and Closing:** Steve Kinney

**Greeters and Ushers:** Jimmy & Barbara Gooch (9:00 am)  
Jimmy Mock; Joe and Jennifer Blackstock (11:00 am)

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024**

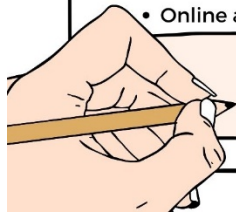
- Sunday School Attendance: 154
- Worship Attendance: 175
- Nursery Attendance: 17
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 192
- Offering: \$9,147.11

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:**

- Previous services can be viewed [here](#).
- You can live stream Sunday Combined Service here: [11:00 am](#)

**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.



*Georgia Baptist Women's*  
**SPRING EVENT**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Featuring

*Chrystal Evans Hurst*

**AUTHOR & SPEAKER**

Most of us want to hear clearly from God but how do we prepare and position our hearts to hear from Him? How do we discern his leading and appropriately respond to what he is calling us to do? Chrystal Evans Hurst will help us take an inward look at the heart and explore how to do our part in preparing to hear from God.



**AN EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES!**

You will experience community with other Christ-followers as we are inspired to grow closer to Him and to each other. Through powerful teaching you will be challenged to position your heart to hear from God, discern his leading and respond to His call. Don't miss this opportunity to retreat with women from your church and make new friends at the Spring Event!



*Powerful Worship with  
Chrystal Evans Hurst*



*Panel Discussions on Mental  
Health & Responding to  
God's Call*



*Missionary  
Connections*



*Personalized experiences  
with activities that meet  
your interests*

**REGISTRATION**

Includes all worship sessions, activities, lunch and T-shirt.

**\$69** by March 15 | **\$79** by April 8



*Make it an overnight experience! Arrive on Friday, April 26  
for missions activities, dinner and Missions Celebration.* | **\$25** by April 8

[georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent](https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent)

