



**PATHFINDER**

Weekly newsletter of First Baptist Church Jefferson

**March 6, 2024**

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**A NOTE FROM OUR DEACON CHAIR:**

What a great time to be a part of First Baptist Church Jefferson! Sunday school classes are growing, Wednesday night attendance has been very good and it's great to see the sanctuary full again. The average attendance for February 2023 was 103 and the average attendance for February 2024 was 154. Our sanctuary, including the balcony, will comfortably seat 161, not including the choir loft and leaving the first two pews for the children. We all want to stay together in one service and still have room to grow. For those comfortable in doing so, we would like to ask our members to fill the sanctuary from front to back. This would leave any extra space for late arrivals and give visitors more options.

This weekend will be a busy time for our church. On Saturday, March 9th, we are privileged to host Sandra Beeco's nephew, Andres Beeco, as he produces and directs a short film in our church. The film, "More Than Worth It", is family friendly and echoes the parable of the Good Samaritan. Its purpose is to encourage the return of traditional Christian morals and values to our country. Pastor Matt has read and approved the script and the Deacons have approved the use of the sanctuary.

This Sunday, immediately following the 11:00 service, a Discover FBCJ luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon is for new and prospective church members. A meal will be served, and childcare will be provided. Staff and other leaders of the church will talk about church structure, as well as various ministries and opportunities to serve at FBCJ. Please contact Karen in the church office (706-367-8332) if you are interested in attending.

The Deacons met this past Sunday and unanimously voted to have two services on Easter Sunday, March 31. The attendance for Easter Sunday last year was 166 and based on the past couple of months we are expecting attendance to exceed 200.

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

Thank you for the honor to serve.

Melvin Porter – FBCJ Deacon Chairman

**SPOTLIGHT:**



**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:** The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the North American Mission Board and the people they serve.

We invite you to join us this season of prayer, March 3–10, 2024.

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering makes an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100 percent of your gifts support missionaries in North America.

The FBCJ 2024 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$3000.

**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

**Discover FBCJ Luncheon:** A Discover FBCJ Luncheon will be held on March 10th after the morning service for new/prospective church members. Staff and ministry leaders will explain the church structure, ministries, and service opportunities. Childcare will be provided. Please email or call the church office (706-367-8332; [admin@fbcjefferson.org](mailto:admin@fbcjefferson.org)) if you plan to attend.

**Pastoral Installation:** The members of St. Paul First Baptist Church in Jefferson, Ga invite you to share with us in the joy of welcoming Reverend Darius Morse as the senior pastor of our church. This installation service will be held on March 9th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson Civic Center. We are excited about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor. We hope that you join us as we welcome him to our church and to the community.

**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.

**Visitation for Larry Sanderson:** Visitation for Danny Sanderson's father, Larry Sanderson, will be held at Academy Baptist Church, 689 Academy Church Rd. in Jefferson from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

**Wednesday Night Meal Menu for tonight (March 6, 2024):** Boston butt, buns, chips, baked beans, dessert.

**WELCOME:** Please help us welcome our newest member, Allie DeNovo, who rejoined the FBCJ family on Sunday, March 3, 2024 (she was a member of FBC Jefferson previously). Welcome back, Allie!

**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



*Allie DeNovo*

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!

## THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

### Wednesday, March 6<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)
- 6:30 pm – Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

### Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 am – Preschool using Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>:

- 8:30 am – Administrative Board Meeting (Church Office)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Combined Church Service
- 12:00 pm – Discover FBCJ Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM – Youth (Student Center)

### Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 10:00 am – Sewing Circle (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center)

### Wednesday, March 13<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)
- 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 24<sup>th</sup>! 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – Different route due to daylight savings time

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – TBA

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 pm – TBA

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

**Flowers:** The Decorations Committee is seeking volunteers to place fresh flowers in our sanctuary on March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Adult I Sunday School Classroom.

**Sewing Circle:** The Sewing Circle will meet next Tuesday, March 12<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 6, 2024):** Boston butt, buns, chips, baked 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 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:**

STUDENTS: Join us for Fields of Faith on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Jefferson Memorial Stadium. We will all meet there, and dinner is provided! Hope to see you there!



# FIELDS OF FAITH

MARCH 10, 2024  
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL STADIUM



**Deacons of the Week:**

**Week of March 3, 2024:** Christopher Howard & Brian Ferguson

**Week of March 10, 2024:** Kevin Charles and Brian Maxwell

**Opening and Closing:** Steve Kinney

**Greeters and Ushers:** Joe and Jennifer Blackstock

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**


- Sunday School Attendance: 125
- Worship Attendance: 125
- Nursery Attendance: 17
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 142
- Offering: \$17,842.57

**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.





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](http://www.runsignup.com).

Peace Place Foliage Fest 5K ([runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)).

Pre-registration participants are guaranteed a t-shirt.

Follow our social media for information and updates.



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Please contact Traci with any questions  
at 770-307-3633 or  
[tbledsoe@peaceplaceinc.org](mailto:tbledsoe@peaceplaceinc.org).

**HELP US END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**





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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



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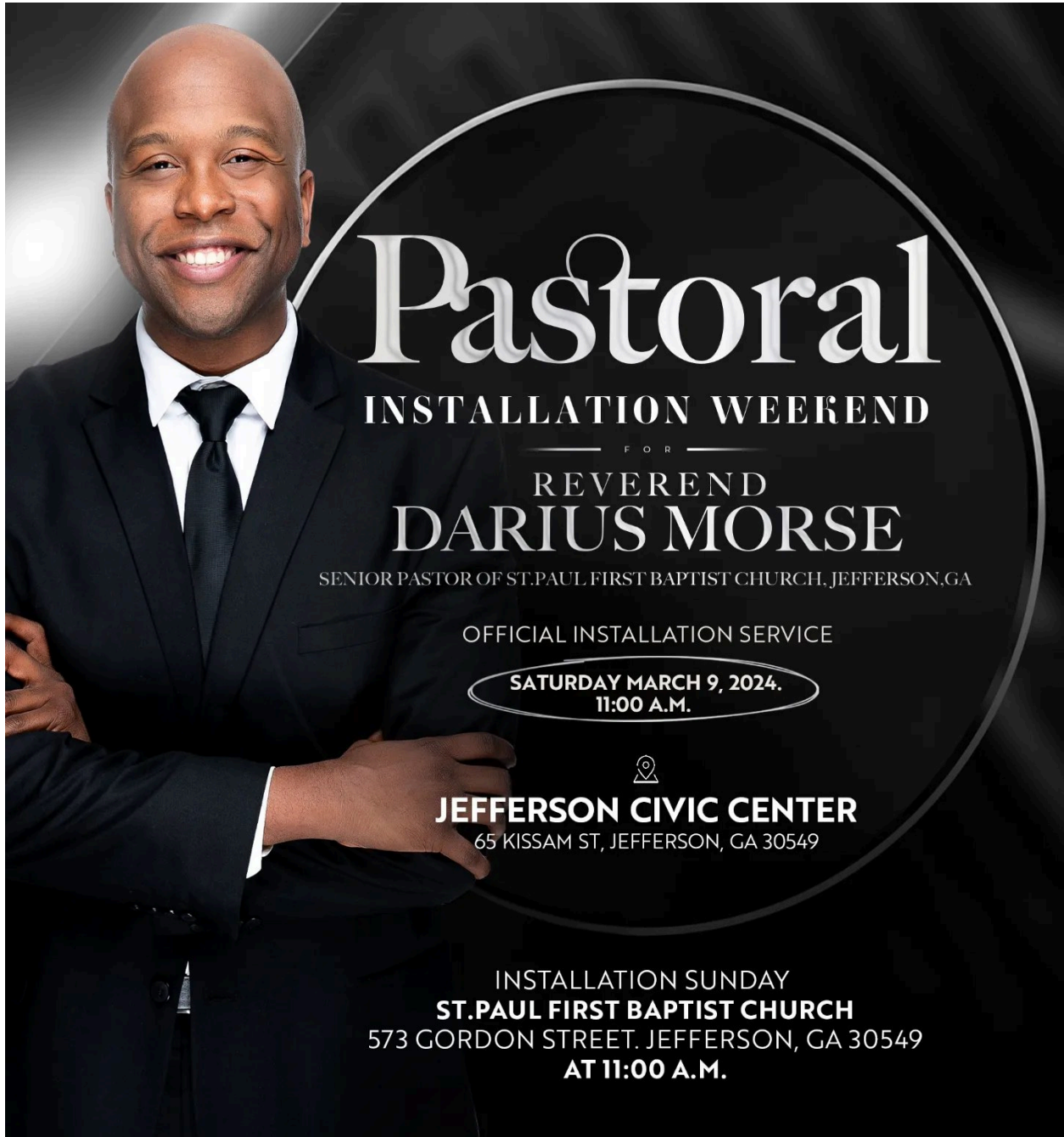
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# Pastoral

INSTALLATION WEEKEND

FOR

REVEREND  
**DARIUS MORSE**

SENIOR PASTOR OF ST. PAUL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON, GA

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION SERVICE

**SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024.**  
**11:00 A.M.**



**JEFFERSON CIVIC CENTER**

65 KISSAM ST, JEFFERSON, GA 30549

INSTALLATION SUNDAY

**ST. PAUL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

573 GORDON STREET, JEFFERSON, GA 30549

**AT 11:00 A.M.**