



August 6, 2025

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. Acts 2:46-47A

One of the hallmarks of the early church was the sense of family and community. These early Christians truly depended upon one another for survival. They worshipped together, ate together, and supported one another. This is an aspect that is sadly missing in many churches today. The busyness of life has pulled us away from our church family. I encourage each of you to draw close to one another, continue to love and support in difficult times, laugh together, eat together, and truly form an enduring family that others can see. We have a great opportunity to do this on Sunday. We can worship together and come together once again for a great time of fellowship at Hurricane Shoals from 4:00 – 8:00 PM.

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 pm – 12:30 pm Fridays

End of Life Seminar: On August 16, 2025, Andy Garrison and Penny Attard will sponsor a EOL (End of Life) Seminar at the FBC Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 8:30am for registration and a light breakfast. The seminar will begin at 9am and should not go pass Noon. Because there will be limited seating and breakfast Pre-Registration is required. At the conclusion of the seminar each Family will take home their own "Red Book" filled with the necessary information needed at the time of a loved one's passing. Please contact Karen in the church office to register.

FBCJ Picnic at Hurricane Shoals Park: Sunday, August 10th from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy some food, fun, and fellowship! Call or email Karen (admin@fbcjefferson.org; 706-367-8332) to sign your family up! We need a headcount for how much food we will need to have. Thanks!



Funeral Services for Betsy Payne are incomplete and will be announced as soon as possible.



Preschool Hours: School will be back in session soon! The FBCJ Preschool will be in session **from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm each day** for older students beginning this 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.

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 – or you can text them to her.

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, August 6th:

- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); Choir Practice (Choir Room); Children In Action (CiA) (Educational Building) – **COLOR WARS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!**
- 7:00 pm - Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

Thursday, August 7th:

- 7:00 pm – CYA Hibachi Night

Saturday, August 9th:

- 1:00 pm – Betsy Payne Funeral (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 10th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 4:00 pm – Hurricane Shoals Picnic

Wednesday, August 13th:

- 5:30 pm – Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); Choir Practice (Choir Room); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom); Children In Action (CiA) (Educational Building)

PRAYER CONCERNS: The list of prayer concerns can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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 Ministry: Wednesdays in August:

August 13th: Grow with God Experience

August 20th: Game Night

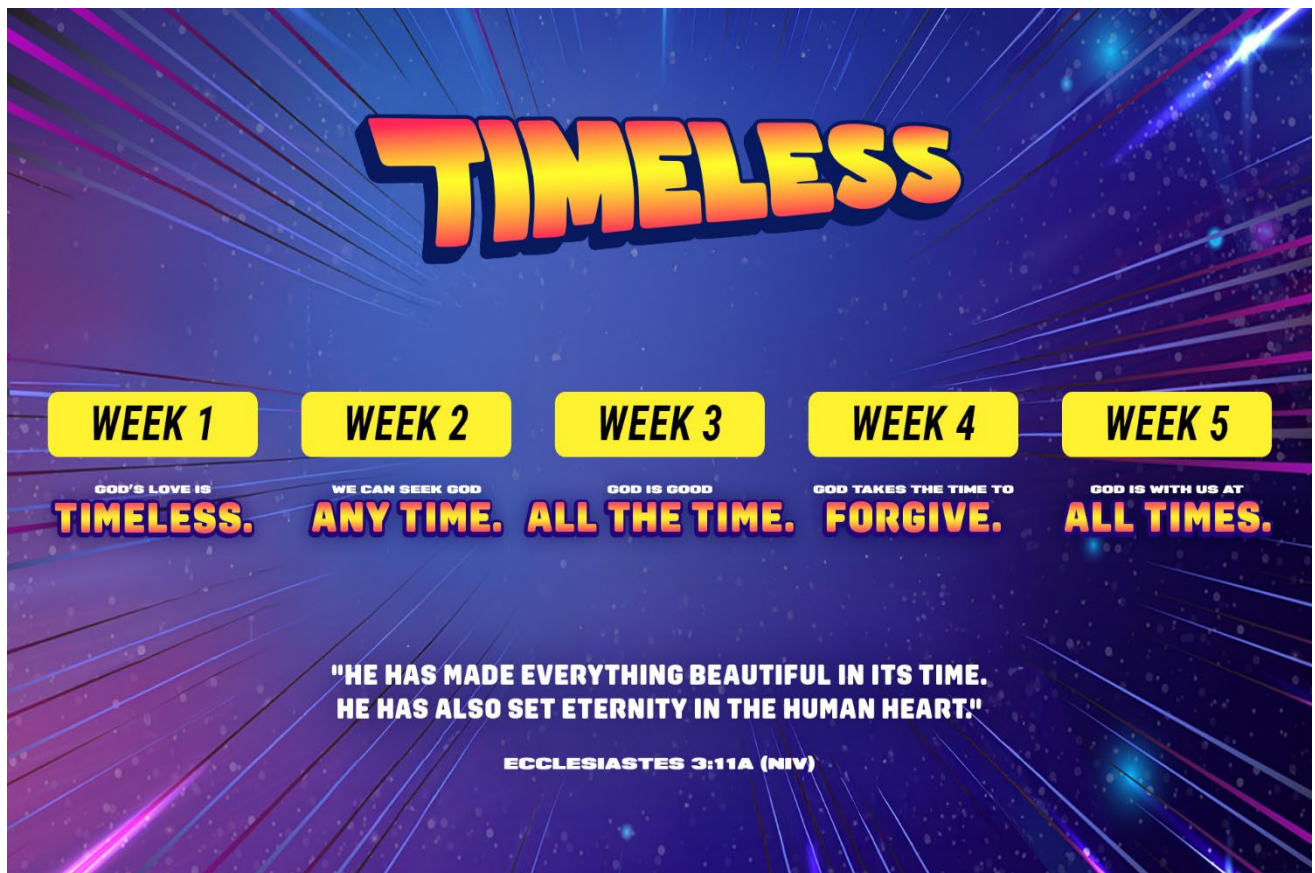
August 27th: Children in Action Kick-Off

Volunteers still needed for the Nursery and Children Church! Contact Teresa (706-367-8332; children@fbcjefferson.org).

Next Gen Back to School Bash August 6th
5:30-7pm

Invite a friend and join us for a fun night of Worship, Color War, Devotion and Pizza. Wear a white t-shirt for our Color War. Please pick your child/student up at the Student Center at 7pm.

August Sunday School: Big Idea: TIMELESS



Time travel is such an exciting concept to imagine! If we could hop into a time machine and visit the past, we might be surprised by how much has changed—and how some things stay exactly the same. One thing we'd discover is that God's love and faithfulness are timeless.

In this 5-week series, kids will explore how God's messages to us never change, no matter the time or place. They'll learn that God's love is timeless, we can seek God any time, God is good all the time, God takes the time to forgive, and God is with us at all times.

Bible: Isaiah the Prophet: Isaiah 1:1, 10–20; Hebrews 11:1–3, 6

Big Idea: We Can Seek God Anytime.

This week, kids hear God's message to the prophet Isaiah about how to worship. Don't you sometimes want a time machine to skip past all the chores and routines? This week, we'll hear how God's message to the prophet Isaiah showed people that their acts of worship were more like empty routines. Isaiah reminded them that loving God wasn't about just going through the motions but rather daily actions because we can seek God any time.

College/Young Adults (CYA): Our college and young adult ministry meets weekly in a home group format, open to all 18–25-year-olds. For more information, please contact Ben at (803)341-7191 or bhall@fbcjefferson.org.



Connect Run/Walk Group: Connect Run/Walk Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. 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. We will have a small devotion, prayer concerns, and praises. Join us and run/walk with others, bring a friend for our Christian fellowship. We will support you physically, mentally, and spiritually while walking, running, and sometimes trotting. We will run/walk the

rolling scenic hills of Jefferson on different routes. Bring a friend. We have water and Gatorade waiting for you afterwards.

Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

August 6th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

August 13th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

August 20th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

August 27th - 6:00 pm – TBA

Get your name on the Connect Run/Walk Group email list – contact Barbara Gooch by email (bgooch02@yahoo.com).

Cookbook Project Update: An exciting update – THE COOKBOOK HAS BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLISHER! - This has been a long process, but these efforts will hopefully be enjoyed for many years to come. Our new cookbook combines both present contributors, ladies and gentlemen, as well as some of the precious memories from those who have passed from our body physically. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this project a success.

It is now time to begin the process of taking your order for the finished product. Complete instructions will be included in the announcement time on Sunday morning, but here are a few of the highlights:

1. The cost of the books, a 3-ring binder with our church pictured on the cover - \$25.00
2. An order form will be included in Sunday's bulletin. Order forms can also be found in the church office and the vestibule.
3. You may pay with cash or check **AT THE TIME YOU ORDER.**
4. All orders will be handled and recorded through Karen in the church office. **ORDER THROUGH KAREN ONLY.**

A special "thank you" to everyone who has contributed and assembled this project. Remember all proceeds will go directly toward the purchase of a new church vehicle – SO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST AND GIFT THE COOKBOOK TO ALL YOUR SPECIAL FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Faithful Followers Bible Study: Faithful Followers Bible Study will begin meeting again each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 13th. If you can join us or know of a friend or family member who would like to experience this journey and engage in great Christian fellowship, please contact Mary Ann Brooks, 615-643-4880, mabstitches@yahoo.com.

Mary Martha Circle: Mary Martha Circle is meeting on a new day and time each month! The circle will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Ministry: The next Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited!

Student Ministry: Our student ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Sunday afternoons from 5:30-7:00 pm, open to all 6th-12th graders. For more information, please contact Ben at (803)341-7191 or bhall@fbcjefferson.org.



Wednesday Night Meal: The Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal will start again on Wednesday, August 13th! Please call Karen in the church office to add your family's name to the weekly list!

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.

WMU Meetings: If you are not a member of a WMU 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.

Deacons of the Week:

Week of August 3, 2025: Jim Smith and Melvin Porter

Week of August 10, 2025: Steve Ross and Steven Hix

Opening and Closing: Ken Hall

Greeters and Ushers: Greg Keith and Joey Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 117
- Worship Attendance: 145
- Nursery Attendance: 8
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 153
- Offering: \$10,065.77

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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

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Online at www.pushpay.com



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Mail/drop by a check to the FBCJ office



Drop into the offering plate on Sunday



Drop your tithe/offering into the offering
box in the vestibule.





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Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Thomas Durrence
Jerry Elliott
Fred Glass
Kay Gray
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Donna Martin
Merle Milburn
Phil Thurmond
Vicki White

Homebound, Assisted Living, Etc.

Dianne Brooks
Glenn Bullock
Dan Edgar
Helen Gunnels
Tim Harris

Raye Dean Jackson
Eudene Johnson
Jack Purcell
Raynelle Sims
Helen Whitlock

Friends & Family

Alex Farmer (Sandra Farmer's son)
Barry Farmer (Sandra Farmer's husband)
Dominic Haines (broken neck at the state wrestling
tournament)

Joseph Martin (Joe & Donna Martins' son)
Matt Pugh (Local man with cancer)
Tyler Truelove (Diane and Keith Ariails' son)

We Share in Sorrow with

The family of Betsy Payne

Additional Requests

Our Ministry Team and Their Families
Our Church-sponsored Missionaries
Our Local Veterans
Our Church Leadership & Staff
Texas Flood Victims and Their Families