



August 13, 2025

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

What a wonderful picnic we had this past Sunday evening. We could not have asked for a better time of fellowship, food, and weather. These opportunities are so important in the life of a church family. The ability to gather outside the church walls and enjoy each other is priceless.

As we settle back into a school year routine, I encourage Sunday School classes and other ministries to create more opportunities for fellowship and community building among our congregation. It's great to worship together on Sundays, but it's also great to support, encourage, and build relationships each day of the week. Life is hard, and Scripture points out repeatedly that we are better together. So, let's get creative and find ways to connect with one another and draw people in through community and the love of Jesus.

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

A Note of Thanks: Dear Friends, during this time of loss, your kind words, prayers, cards, and thoughtful gestures have been a source of great comfort to me and my family. I truly appreciate all the love, prayers, and kind words during the loss of my brother Dave Fincher. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to me and my family, and we are grateful for each of you. Thank you for remembering us.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Karen F. Vogt & family

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 8:30 am for registration and a light breakfast. The seminar will begin at 9:00 am and should not go past 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.

Preschool Hours: School is back in session! 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.



Spark Conference: Spark Conference is a total church-equipping event that provides training for nearly every ministry area of the church. There are training sessions for any position in the church. The Spark Conference will be held at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula on Sunday, September 14th from 4:00 - 8:15 pm. Registration is \$15 with dinner included. Call the church office to register.

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 13th:

- 10:00 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); Choir Practice (Choir Room); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom); Children (Educational Building)

Saturday, August 16th:

- 9:00 am – End of Life Seminar (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 17th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:00 pm – Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

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

MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

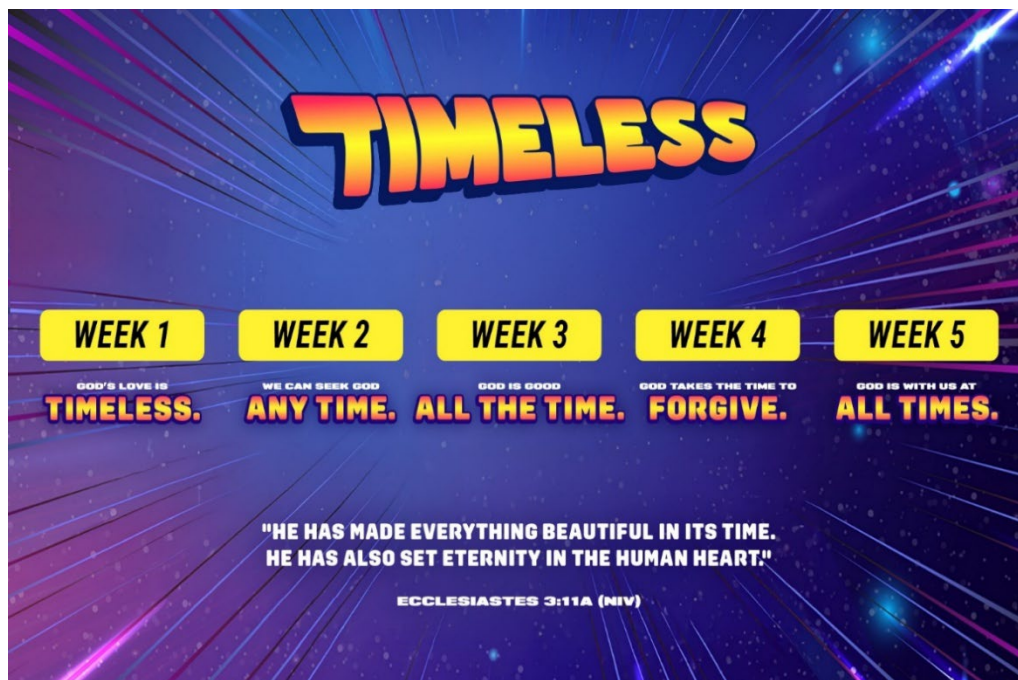
Adult Choir: The Adult Choir rehearses each Wednesday in the choir room across from the Children's Suite at 6:00 pm to prepare for each Sunday's anthem. If you enjoy singing, please join us.

Children's Ministry: Wednesdays in August:

August 13th: Grow with God Experience

August 20th: Game Night

August 27th: Children in Action Kick-Off



August Sunday School: Big Idea: TIMELESS

Big Idea: God is good all the time.

Bible: Micah the Prophet: Micah 6:1–8; Hebrews 12:1–3

About This Week: This week, kids learn about how God shows us what is good in a message to the prophet Micah. With time travel, we'd never need to worry about losing what's important because we could just jump back to the moment we lost it. This week, we'll hear how the prophet Micah helped his community remember how God rescued them and showed them compassion. His words not only helped people reflect on powerful stories, but they showed an important truth—*God is good all the 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 13th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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

August 27th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

September 3rd - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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.

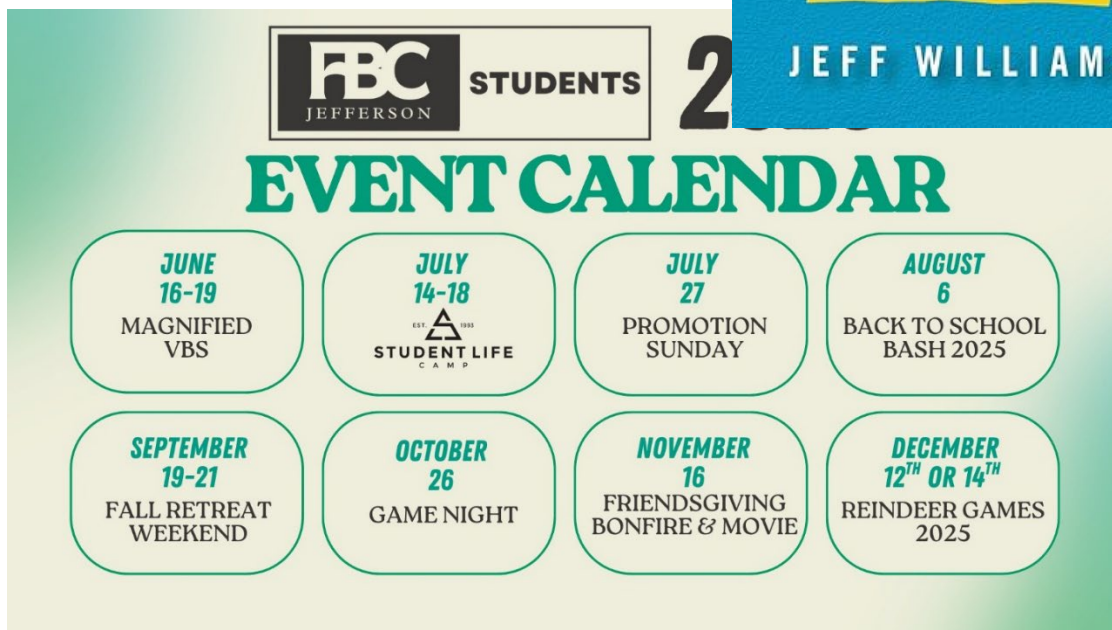
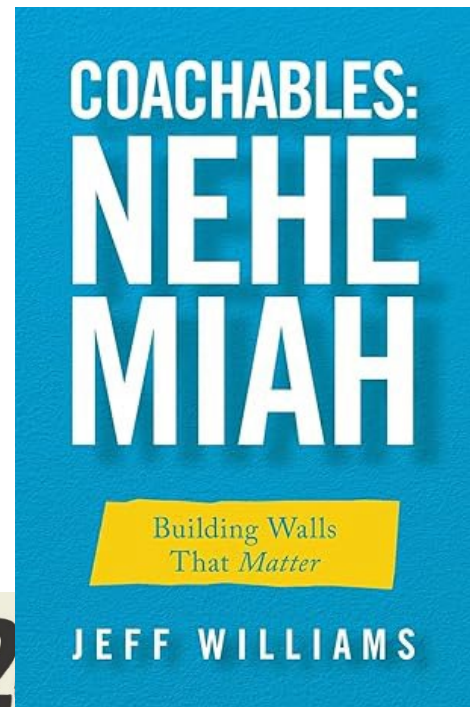
Mary Martha Circle: Mary Martha Circle is meeting on a new day and time each month! The circle will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Ministry: Men's Ministry Breakfast - Join us for the next Men's Ministry Breakfast on **Saturday, August 23 at 8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be **Rev. Jeff Williams**, Lead Pastor at Southside Church and longtime chaplain for Jefferson Football and Girls' Soccer.

Pastor Jeff will share insights from his book, *Coachables*—a powerful look at how coaches recognize potential, inspire confidence, and help people achieve their greatest goals. Drawing on stories from some of the most remarkable “coachable” people in the Bible, *Coachables* blends a love for athletics with a passion for Jesus, offering lessons that apply not just on the field, but in everyday life.

Rev. Williams has served as chaplain for Jefferson’s teams for 16 years. He and his wife, Candy, have been married for 28 years and are the proud parents of three children.

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: Menu for August 13th: Chick-fil-a, fruit, chips, dessert, drinks.

Menu for August 20th: Tacos and fixings, dessert, drinks

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.

WMU Salad Supper: Our Salad Supper is scheduled for Monday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Iris George will be our guest speaker.

Food assignments for our 3 circles:

Mary Martha - desserts

Morning Glory - salads (meat, pasta, egg, vegetable, etc.)

Salt and Light - 1 large fruit bowl and 2 desserts

Please send a notice to your circle members ASAP so they can reserve the date and prepare for their food assignment. WMU will sponsor the event **BUT ALL ladies** of our church are invited and encouraged to attend!

Deacons of the Week:

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

Week of August 17, 2025: Charles Oliver and Fred Gurley

Opening and Closing: Ken Hall

Greeters and Ushers: Greg Keith and Joey Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 129
- Worship Attendance: 162
- Nursery Attendance: 15
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 177
- Offering: \$12,368.77

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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5 WAYS TO TITHE

Online at www.pushpay.com



Online at www.fbcjefferson.com



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.



Everyone is invited!



Please join us for a

Wedding Shower

Honoring

TERESA WOOD

&

STACY FLEMING

September

14

Sunday

12:00 PM

2025

FBC JEFFERSON FELLOWSHIP HALL

246 WASHINGTON STREET JEFFERSON

Gift suggestions: Cash, Gift Cards, Amazon Gift Registry



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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
Connie Peebles (Rehab in Athens – NO visitors)
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