



August 20, 2025

PASTOR'S MOMENT:

Food and the sharing of meals have always been staples of society. In the Old Testament, providing food was a main part of showing hospitality. When someone showed up at the door, a meal was quickly prepared, whether for a friend or a stranger. Meals were a part of many important life events. In the early church of Acts, we see that the believers had their meals together and enjoyed each other's company.

Food and sharing meals are still an important part of our culture today. Churches should operate in many ways like an extended family. It's great to have an opportunity to share a meal and fellowship with other believers. Every Wednesday night during the school year we have the opportunity to sit down with others and share a few moments together. This Saturday, our men will be meeting for a time of breakfast and fellowship. I encourage you to participate in these opportunities as often as you can. There's just something different about the fellowship that happens around a meal.

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

New Member: Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the FBC Jefferson family, Mia Ivester. Mia is the granddaughter of Kay Gray. Welcome, Mia!

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. This is great training for anyone who wants training in a particular ministry field. This link provides every breakout session that will be available:

<https://www.thesparkconference.com/breakouts-2025>

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.

Town Hall Meeting: There will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss the purchase of a church bus on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 20th:

- 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)
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Thursday, August 21st:

- 6:30 pm – Cabinet Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, August 23rd:

- 8:00 am – Men's Ministry Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 24th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 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 20th: Game Night

August 27th: Children in Action Kick-Off



**CHILDREN IN ACTION
KICK-OFF!**

Wednesday August 27th at 6pm.

Our focus this year is all about being ready. READY for what? Ready to Share about Jesus with Others!

We will READY our kids by working as a team and using their interests/gifts to SET monthly mission projects to GO share the Good News while others to God's Glory.

September: Ready, Set, Aloha Maui: Erik and Danni Naylor

October: On the Go in Eastern Europe-Harrison Martin

November: Loving Senior Adults in Maine-David & Sherrill Carey



"We cared for you. We loved you so much. So we were happy to share with you God's good news. We were also happy to share our lives with you."

1 Thessalonians 2:8

August Sunday School: 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 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
September 10th - 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 meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Meals on Wheels: We need volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels November 2025 – February 2026! If you or your Sunday School Class, women's circle, or civic organization would like to help deliver on Wednesdays in November through February, please contact Barbara Gooch at 706-654-7731, or email her at bgooch02@yahoo.com. The Jackson County Senior Center depends on our help to deliver to the seniors in our community who are in need on Wednesdays, so please, if you can deliver one of these dates, please let Barbara know!

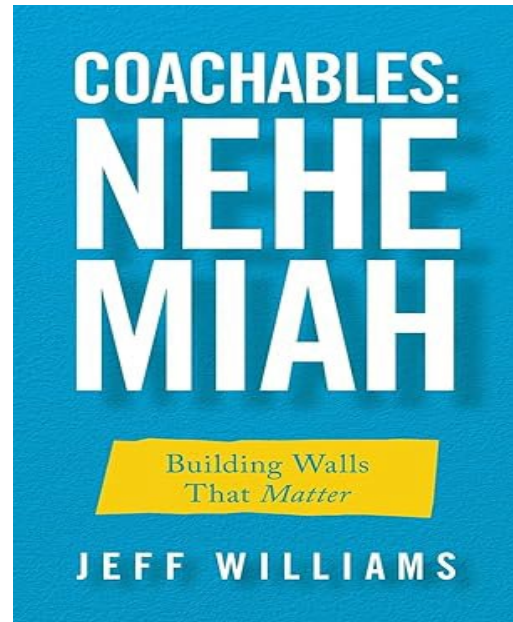
Men's Ministry: Men's Ministry Breakfast - Join us for the next Men's Ministry Breakfast on **Saturday, August 23 at 8:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be **Rev. Jeff Williams**, Lead Pastor at Southside Church and longtime chaplain for Jefferson Football and Girls' Soccer.



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 20th: Tacos and fixings, dessert, drinks

Menu for August 27th: Sub sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, dessert, drinks.

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 17, 2025: Charles Oliver and Fred Gurley

Week of August 24, 2025: Philip Thompson and Phil Thurmond

Opening and Closing: Ken Hall

Greeters and Ushers: Greg Keith and Joey Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 112
- Worship Attendance: 151
- Nursery Attendance: 7
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 158
- Offering: \$9,071.25

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
Jimmy Mock
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)

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