



September 3, 2025

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24)

Belonging to a local body of believers, a church, is so much more than just having a dedicated place and time to worship. Often, we overlook the importance of the relationships that we should be building. It is vital for the work of the gospel that we seek how we can encourage and strengthen one another to thrive as believers in a hostile world. In a world that is too often full of competition, negativity, and division, we are called to provide each other a source of encouragement. It's challenging to face life each week with a positive Christian attitude, but it becomes easier when we can uplift and encourage one another in the Lord. Our ultimate source of strength is God, but he can use us to help one another. I challenge you to seek out someone this week whom you can encourage in their walk with Christ.

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

Attendance Emphasis Sunday: On Sunday September 21st we will have an Attendance Emphasis Sunday. The purpose of this day is to encourage everyone who is able to make a special effort to be in attendance on that day. Each Sunday School class is also encouraged to have breakfast that morning just to make the day a little more special. If you know of someone that is not yet involved with a Sunday School class, please invite them to visit on that day. Please be in prayer for this day that God would spark an extra bit of excitement within us.

Committee Chairs: Budget season is fast approaching! The Finance Committee has set a deadline of October 15th for all 2026 budget requests. Please email Gail in the church office

(financial@fbcjefferson.org) to see your 2025 YTD spending, or to send your financial requests. The church office will then forward all requests to the Finance Committee.

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.



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, September 3rd:

- 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 in Action (CiA) (Educational Building); Student Ministry Bible Study (Student Center)

Sunday, September 7th: Deacon Vote/Church Bus Vote

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Wednesday, September 10th:

- 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 in Action (CiA) (Educational Building); Student Ministry Bible Study (Student Center)

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: In Season

Big Idea: God's words are always in season.

Bible: Psalm 1; Mark 13:28–31)

About This Week:

This week, kids can grow by learning how to delight in God's ways. From Christmas lights to summer pool days, every season has something unique and special about it. This week, we'll hear how the Psalms describe the unique characteristics of those who follow God closely. From these words, we'll discover that God's words are always in season, offering us guidance and wisdom whether the sun is shining or the snow is falling.



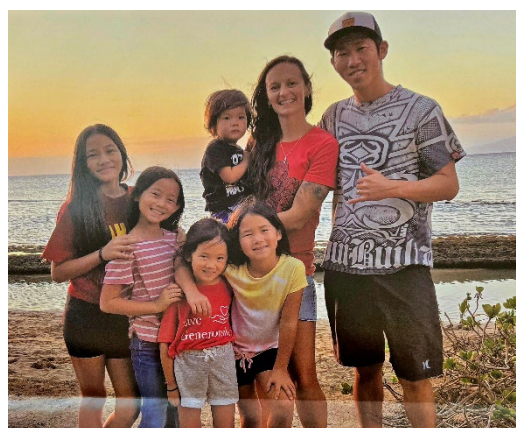
Children In Action:

**SEPTEMBER : READY,
SET, ALOHA!**

MISSIONARY: Erik
and Danni Naylor of

Maui, Hawaii →→

Ready, Set, let's Go... to Hawaii and meet Erik and Dani Naylor, who share and show the love and hope of Jesus in Lahaina, Hawaii, especially following the devastating



2023 Maui Wildfires. Children will also be encouraged through the example of Paul and Silas sharing and showing the love and hope of Jesus. While participating in numerous activities, related to both Hawaiian culture and how they share the hope of Jesus with friends.

Mission Project: Disaster Relief Backpacks.... More info to come.

Badge: READY, SET, SHARE

Children will use post cards as an opportunity to tell people about Jesus and invite them to Children in Action or church on Sunday.

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:

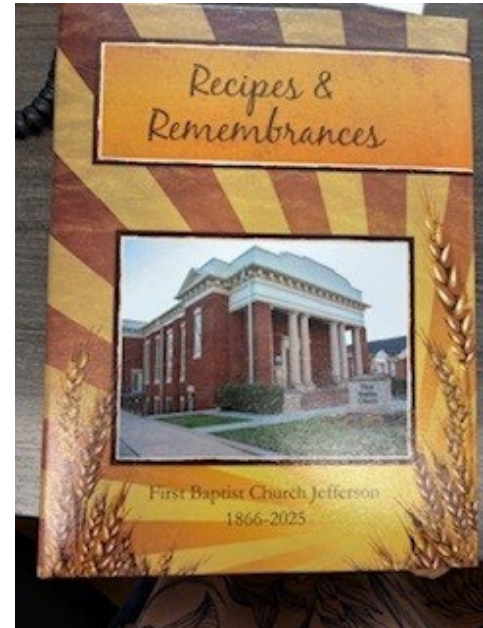
September 3rd - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
September 10th - TBA

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 COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED and are available for purchase!

1. The cost of the books, a 3-ring binder with our church pictured on the cover - \$25.00
2. Order forms can 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 not meet on Wednesday, September 17th. 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.

Food Drive: Over the past year, our Food Bank at the church has been very busy. There has been a steady increase in the number of families needing to utilize the Food Bank each month. Because of this, our food bank supply of food decreases much more quickly than in the past.

The Morning Glory Circle of the WMU will be holding a churchwide Food Drive for the remainder of August thru November to collect food items to help fill our food bank shelves until the Turkey Can Run.

There will be marked donation boxes placed around the church campus for donations to be dropped off. Please grab a couple of extra items to donate the next time you are at the store to put in a donation box. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Below is just a short list of some of the items the food bank could use if you are able to help with a donation.

Cereal Instant Grits Fruit Snacks

Ramen Noodles Beefaroni or SpaghettiOs Soup

Vienna Sausages Canned Vegetables Dry Beans

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Thank you so much in advance for any donations. If you have any questions at all, please call Debbie Emory at 813-994-5714.

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 Fall Cookout: The Men's Ministry is planning a cookout for all men of the church on Sunday, September 28th from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the home of Keith & Diane Ariail, 3385 Lyle Field Rd, Jefferson. Men, we look forward to seeing you there!



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.

2025 restoration weekend

Student Ministry Restoration

Weekend is 9/19-9/20, registration is open online and will be open until September 8th. RW is a D-Now style weekend where students will grow and worship together on Friday night and Saturday here on our own campus. The cost for this event is \$25.



Wednesday Night Meal: Menu for September 3rd: Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desserts, Drinks.

Menu for September 10th: Chicken Salad, Croissants, Chips, Fruit, 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 31, 2025: Brian Ferguson and Christopher Howard

Week of September 7, 2025: Tom Emory and Kevin Charles

Opening and Closing: Charlene Barber

Greeters and Ushers: Steve Ross and Tom Emory

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 93
- Worship Attendance: 121
- Nursery Attendance: 5
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 126
- Offering: \$7,822.55

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
Please bring your gift for Teresa & Stacy unwrapped

Everyone is invited!

*Teresa
and Stacy*

invite you to celebrate their marriage on

09.20.25
2 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JEFFERSON
246 WASHINGTON ST.
JEFFERSON, GA

Reception to follow



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Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Thomas Durrence
Jerry Elliott
Fred Glass
Martha Gunter
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)

John Parks
Matt Pugh (Local man with cancer)
Anne Ross (Tim Coogler's mom)
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