



**October 1, 2025**

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We are so proud as a church to welcome two newly ordained deacons into service. The role of a deacon is to be a servant, to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of church members. We are blessed at First Baptist with many active and non-active deacons that do just this on a daily basis. It is our role as church members to support, encourage, and pray for our deacons. We should do this for all deacons but especially these that are new to the role. If you see Ken Hall or Tim Peacock over the coming days encourage them, let them know you are proud of them, and that you are praying for them.

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

**Committee Chairs:** Budget season is fast approaching! The Finance Committee has set a deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup> for all 2026 budget requests. Please email Gail in the church office ([financial@fbcjefferson.org](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:admin@fbcjefferson.org) – or you can text them to her.

### **THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:**

#### **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- 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, October 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service

#### **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle @ Connie Downs' home

#### **Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- 3:30 pm – Mary Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (Choir Room); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

**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.

**Adult II SS Class Fall Fellowship:** Adult II Sunday School Class will have their Fall Fellowship Meal on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Children's Ministry:** We always need volunteers to help in the Children's Ministry! If you'd like to help, please contact Teresa Wood at [children@fbcjefferson.org](mailto:children@fbcjefferson.org), or call the church office at 706-367-8332.

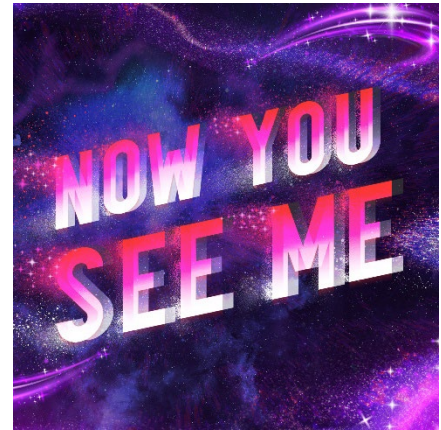
- **Halloween in Jefferson:** As usual, FBCJ will participate in this annual event. We will provide free hot dogs, chips, and drinks for participants. In addition, we will have a single decorated area with candy and prizes. This event will be held on the side lawn of the church on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Feel free to join us on the side lawn. Remember to bring a lawn chair to sit in. **NEEDS:** Large bags of individually wrapped candy! Please place these in the church office by Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Also – **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! Please call Teresa (706-367-8332) and let her know you can help!**



***Sunday School: October Sunday School Theme***

## ***NOW YOU SEE ME***

***Magic tricks and illusions have a way of sparking wonder and curiosity. But long before today's magicians, Daniel and his friends stood out during the Babylonian exile. They were wiser than the magicians and astrologers of their time because they looked to God for wisdom. Through their brave actions and wise choices, they showed God's power to everyone around them—no tricks needed! In this 4-week series, kids will learn that God helps us choose wisely, God is ready to rescue us, God's words show us what to do, and our courage can help others see God.***



***Big Idea: God helps us choose wisely.***

***Bible: Daniel 1; 2 Timothy 1:7–14***

### ***About This Week:***

***This week, the story of Daniel's training in Babylon reveals how to choose God. Whether it's a card, a number, or a cup, some of the best illusions ask us to make difficult choices. This week, we'll hear about a difficult choice Daniel and his friends needed to make:***

*to listen to God or follow a king's command. Their trust in God throughout this incredible story reminds us that when we face difficult decisions, God helps us choose wisely.*

**Children In Action: CiA will meet again on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**



**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](mailto: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:**

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

October 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

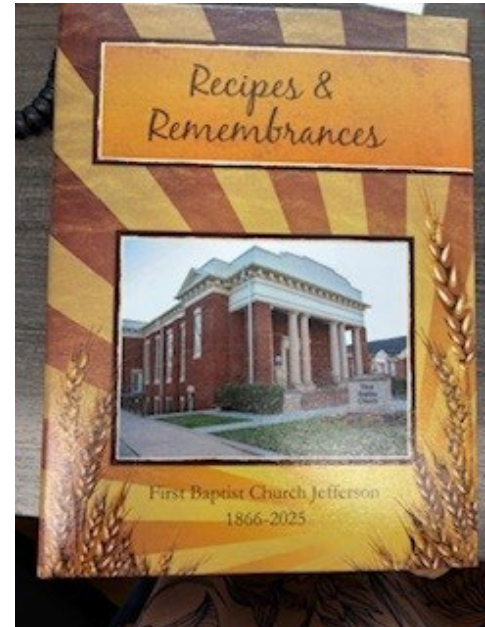
October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

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

**Cookbooks:** The FBC Jefferson Cookbook, “Recipes and Remembrances” is still available for purchase in the church office! With over 450 homestyle Southern recipes, this cookbook is a STEAL at \$25.00! Stop by the church office and get your copy today.

**Faithful Followers Bible Study:** Faithful Followers Bible Study will NOT meet on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. See you on October 15<sup>th</sup>! 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](mailto: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!

Here's 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, and 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.

**M&M's:** Join us for a trip to Jaemor Farms on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>! We will leave in the NEW church bus at 10:00 am and travel to Jaemor Farms in Alto, where we will have the chance to check out all of the goodies they offer, from fresh fruits and veggies, to homemade ice cream and fried fruit pies. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant. There's only 22 seats and two wheelchair spots available on the bus, so sign up NOW by letting Karen know in the church office.

**Mary Martha Circle:** Mary Martha Circle's next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm 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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:bhall@fbcjefferson.org).





**Turkey Can Run:** If you'd like to volunteer to help, contact Keith Ariail at 706-654-7133 or Barbara Gooch at 706-654-7731.



**17th Annual**

**5K Turkey Can Run/Walk**

Thanksgiving 2025 (November 27)  
at 8am

Start line at First Baptist Church of Jefferson  
246 Washington St.

**Register Now**

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER  
AND ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION



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\$15 AND 15  
CANNED  
GOODS





**Wednesday Night Meal: Menu for October 1<sup>st</sup>: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Dessert, Drinks.**

**Menu for October 8<sup>th</sup>: Fall Break, No Meal.**

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 September 28, 2025:** Charles Oliver and Fred Gurley

**Week of October 5, 2025:** Greg Keith and Tim Peacock

**Opening and Closing:** Jim Hix

**Greeters and Ushers:** David Rees and Dennis Elrod

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

- Sunday School Attendance: 131
- Worship Attendance: 150
- Nursery Attendance: 10
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 160
- Offering: \$2,358.70

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:**

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

Follow the Yellow Brick Road and get your costumes ready to run the Scarecrow Scrambler 5K in historic Jefferson, Georgia! The race is scheduled for 10/25/2025. This race is a partnership between the Kiwanis Club of Jefferson and Unity Masonic Lodge. It is our annual fundraiser to support our local children's charities.

Prizes are given for Overall Male and Female, Masters Male and Female, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in standard, 5-year age groups 10 and under through 75 and over. This year's theme is the "Wonderful Wizard of Oz." Plus, Best Costume award!

We hope you will join is and follow the Yellow Brick Road!

Follow us on Facebook for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550834764282>



# SCARECROW 5K SCRAMBLER

**FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD**  
**JEFFERSON, GA 2025**  
**Saturday, October 25**

Jefferson Civic Center, 65 Kissam Street, Jefferson, GA 30549

Race day registration and packet pickup starts at 7:00AM  
5K Race begins at 8:00AM  
Awards ceremony begins at 9:00AM

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz costumes are encouraged!

**REGISTER HERE** → 

  <https://runsignup.com/scarecrowscrambler5k>  

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## 5 WAYS TO TITHE

Online at [www.pushpay.com](http://www.pushpay.com)



Online at [www.fbcjefferson.com](http://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.





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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

## **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**

Anni Aldridge (The Hopkins' granddaughter)  
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