



October 8, 2025

This past Sunday marked two years since I began serving as pastor at First Baptist Jefferson. There are no words to explain what a wonderful two years it has been. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each person and becoming part of the community. I am so thankful for the welcoming love and support that has been shown not only to me, but my entire family. We all look forward to serving God and this community with you for many years to come.

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 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.

All Saints' Remembrance Sunday—It has been the tradition of our church to honor those members who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven within the last year on or around November 1st (All Saints Day). This year we will observe this remembrance in our worship service on Sunday, November 2nd. Names of those members to be honored have been collected by the church office. We will start the day with a ceremony at the monument in the parking lot at 9:30 am. We will also have a time of remembrance during the worship service at 11:00 am. Please make plans to attend these very touching services.

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 – or you can text them to her.

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, October 8th:

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

Thursday, October 9th:

- 7:00 pm – CYA Mid Term Mania

Saturday, October 11th:

- 3:00 pm – Jefferson Fall Festival

Sunday, October 12th:

- 8:30 am - Administrative Board Meeting (Church Office)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Wednesday, October 15th:

- 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.

Adult II SS Class Fall Fellowship: Adult II Sunday School Class will have their Fall Fellowship Meal on Sunday, October 26th 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, or call the church office at 706-367-8332.

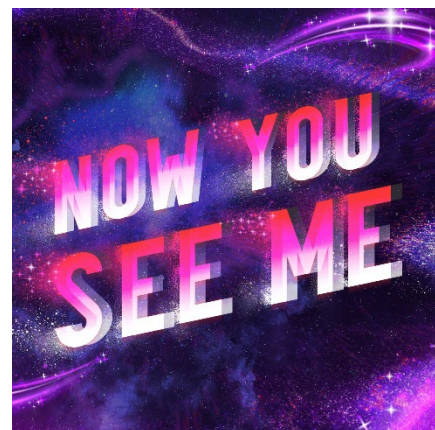
- Halloween in Jefferson:** As usual, FBCJ will participate in this annual event. We will provide free hot dogs, chips, and drinks for participants. In addition, we will have a single decorated area with candy and prizes. This event will be held on the side lawn of the church on Saturday, October 11th 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 9th. Also – **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!** Please call Teresa (706-367-8332) and let her know you can help!



Sunday School: BIG IDEA: God is ready to rescue us.

BIBLE: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Daniel 3; 2 Timothy 2:8–15
ABOUT THIS WEEK:

This week, the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego reveals how God rescued them from a fiery



furnace. Some of the most memorable illusions amaze us with impossible escapes that we just can't understand. This week, we'll hear how God rescued Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from a fiery furnace—and it wasn't an illusion. Their incredible story reminds us that when we need help facing the challenges in our lives, God is ready to rescue us.



Children In Action: CiA will meet again on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 pm.

Harrison Martin

Area Of Service: Eastern Europe

As a Nurse Practitioner, Harrison knows sick people need help-and everyone needs Jesus! He is on the go in Eastern Europe, traveling in a mobile medical clinic with doctors, volunteers, and local church pastors to bring medical care and the good news to people who can't afford a doctor.

Bible Story and Verse: We will explore the Old Testament story about Naaman, the army commander with a skin disease who learned the obedience is what God desires.

2 Kings 5:14

"So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, according to the command of God. Then his skin was restored and became like the skin of a small boy, and he was clean."

October Mission Project: We will be collecting gently used or new books for our September Missionary, Pastor Erik Naylor of Lahaina Baptist Church Community Library. Pastor Naylor and I spoke by email about ways we could support their church in Hawaii since they no longer needed disaster relief items for the 2023 Maui Wildfires. He actually sent us a video that the children and I watched together last week! Please see the link below:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/9uw5P6CRILY?feature=share>

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:

October 8th – 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom
October 15th - 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom
October 22nd – 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom
October 29th – 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).

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 8th. See you on October 15th! 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!

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.

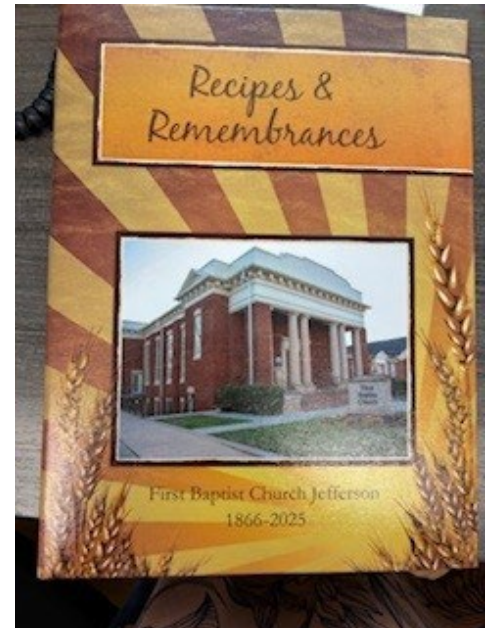
Thank you so much in advance for any donations. If you have any questions at all, please call Debbie Emory at 813-994-5714.



M&M's: Join us for a trip to Jaemor Farms on Tuesday, October 21st! We will leave in the NEW church bus at 9:30 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 Fender's Diner in Cornelia. There's only 21 seats and two wheelchair spots available on the bus, so sign up NOW by letting Karen know in the church office.



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!

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.



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

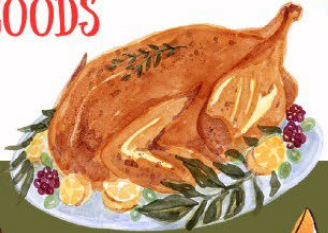
Start line at First Baptist Church of Jefferson
246 Washington St.

Register Now

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER
AND ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION



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Wednesday Night Meal: Menu for October 8th: Fall Break, No Meal.

Menu for October 15th: Poppysseed Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, 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.

Deacons of the Week:

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

Week of October 12, 2025: Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

Opening and Closing: Jim Hix

Greeters and Ushers: David Rees and Dennis Elrod

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 124
- Worship Attendance: 151
- Nursery Attendance: 12
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 163
- Offering: \$12,984.75

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



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.





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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