



November 19, 2025

*"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing". –
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

A recent survey was conducted on why people chose to attend a particular church. Two of the top three answers were the authenticity of the pastor/members and welcoming and caring members. We often think of much more outlandish and flashy ways to attract people to church instead of what they are really looking for.

In everyday life, we are constantly being wooed, drawn, or sold something. It is really hard to find genuine authenticity and people who really care. As a church, we should strive to be authentic worshippers of Christ and not try to put on any type of show. We should also seek to genuinely love and care for each one we encounter. A loving and caring church family is such a valuable treasure. 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

Holiday Celebration Lunch:



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:

Monday, November 17th – Monday, November 24th:

- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Location for Jefferson

Wednesday, November 19th:

- 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)

Thursday, November 20th:

- 7:00 pm – CYA Friendsgiving

Sunday, November 23rd:

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

Monday, November 24th - Wednesday, November 26th:

- Setup for Turkey Can Run (Fellowship Hall)

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: 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.



***Sunday School:
Top Secret
BIG IDEA: I can
follow God even
when nobody's
watching.***

BIBLE: Mordecai Honored: Esther 2:21–23, 6:1–11; Colossians 1:9–14)

ABOUT THIS WEEK:

This week, kids uncover the story of how Mordecai was honored for protecting the king. Being a spy means doing the right thing even when no one notices — that's often the point of the mission! This week, we'll hear the story of when Mordecai uncovered a plot to harm the king and chose to protect him, even though he wasn't rewarded for it. His loyalty and faithfulness show us that I can follow God even when nobody's watching.



**Children In Action: November Missionary:
Loving Senior Adults in Maine**

Chaplin David and Sherrill Carey

Children will learn about Maine and what makes it a unique place. They will meet Hospice Chaplin David Carey who minister to people near the end of their life and their families. Lastly, they will learn they can be sure of eternal life if they trust in Jesus.

Badge: Operation Christmas Child - I packed a Shoebox!

Mission Project: Packing Party TONIGHT!

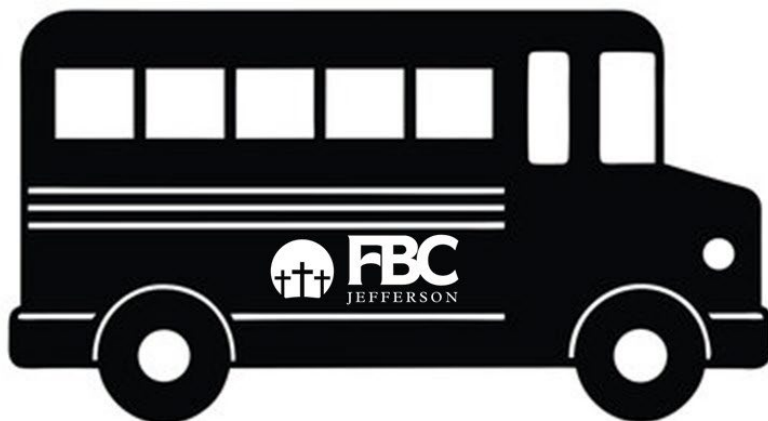
The kids will pack shoeboxes tonight and learn more about how the children receive these boxes.

We will have Chick-Fil-A for supper upstairs and a special dessert. Please bring your children upstairs to the Tree House Worship area when you arrive for supper. Don't forget to bring your "Let's Be Friends" sheet that talks about yourself to put in the shoeboxes.

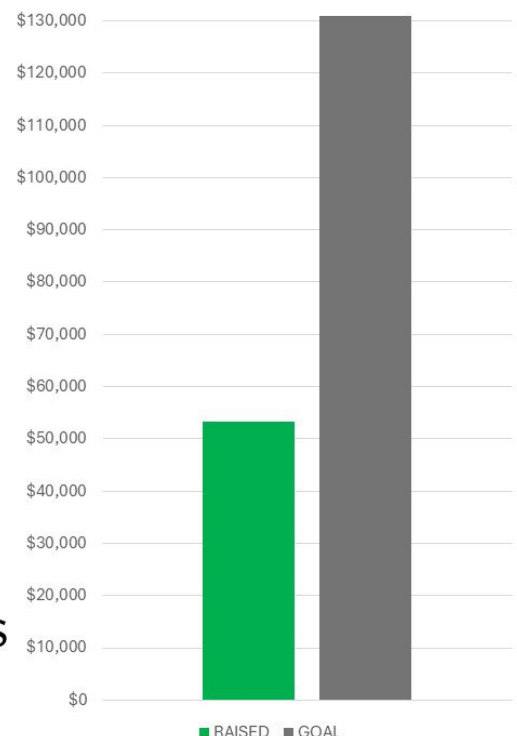
Church Bus: If your group would like to reserve the church bus, please contact Karen in the church office for availability. All dates to use the church bus must be approved by Matt (since he's the only driver at the moment!). Also – we are encouraging everyone to help us reach our goal of \$130,000 to pay for the new church bus, so please, consider giving extra contributions to the FBCJ Bus Fund! Use the QR Code in the following graphic to pay online!



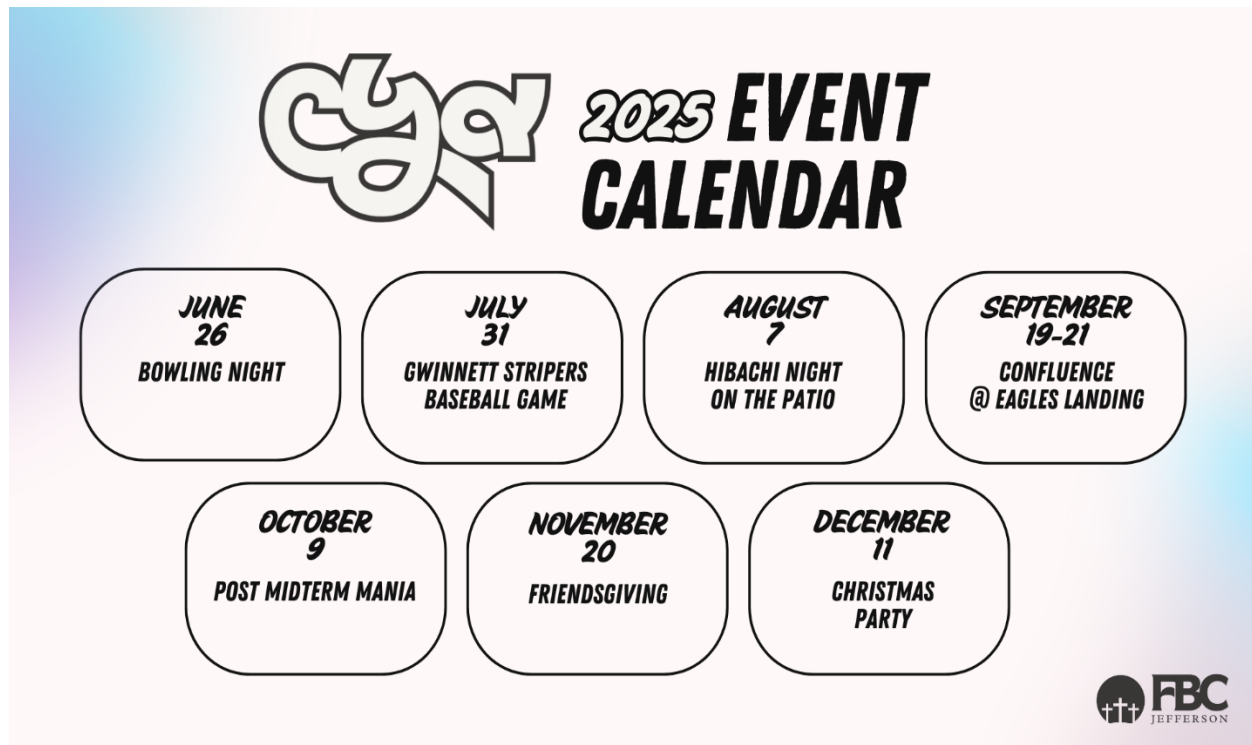
Help us reach our goal!



Make your additional contributions towards the bus fund today!



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. Wear warm reflective clothing.

Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

November 19th – 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

November 26th - No Connect Run - come volunteer for Turkey Can Run!

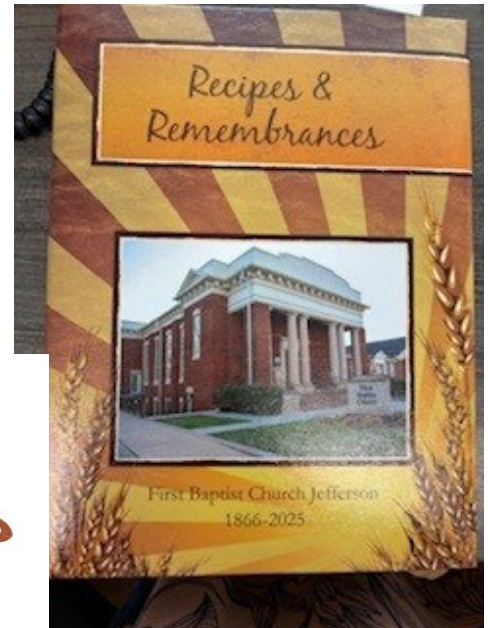
December 3rd - 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

December 10th - 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.

COOKIES WITH SANTA: The Salt & Light WMU Circle will be hosting Cookies with Santa and a petting zoo on Wednesday, December 3rd from 6-8:00 pm in the Student Center. Stay tuned for more details!



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF JEFFERSON'S SALT &
LIGHT WMU INVITES
YOU TO**

Cookies with Santa

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME WONDERFUL
COOKIES, MILK, AND HOT CHOCOLATE. SANTA
WILL VISIT WITH THE CHILDREN, TELL STORIES,
AND SING SONGS.

THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF
TOILETRIES FOR THE PEACE PLACE SHELTER (I.E.
SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, TOOTHPASTE,
TOOTHBRUSH, LOTION, BODY WASH, ETC...)

📅 December 3rd, 6pm - 8pm - Santa will arrive at 6:30
📍 Student center - 76 Institute Ave

WE WILL ALSO
HAVE A PETTING
ZOO!

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.

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.

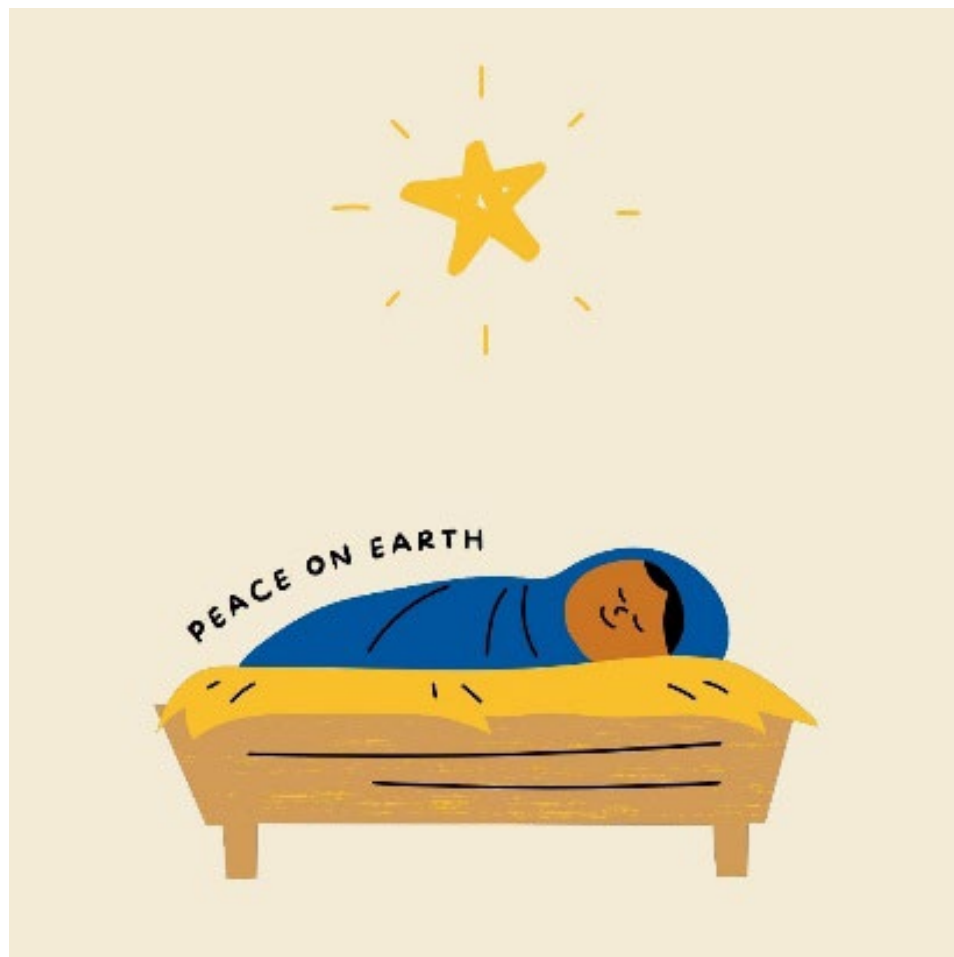
The Morning Glory Circle of the WMU will be holding a churchwide Food Drive for the remainder of August thru November to collect food items to help fill our food bank shelves until the Turkey Can Run.

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.

Live Nativity Scene: FBCJ was asked by the City of Jefferson to have a Live Nativity Scene on Black Barn's property on Friday, December 5th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm during their Magic in Christmas: Shop by Candlelight event. The city has secured the live animals, and we will provide the program.



No acting skills required!

A festive poster for a Christmas nativity event. The background is a deep blue with white wavy lines and yellow stars. At the top, there's a decorative border with red poinsettias, green holly leaves, and gold stars. The text is centered and reads: "Join us and Be a Part of the First Baptist Church LIVE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Christmas in Jefferson". Below this, it says "Come be a part of the birth of Jesus with music, storytelling, and a beautiful reenactment of the Holy Night." and "DEC 5 | 5-8 PM Jefferson, GA". At the bottom, there's a colorful illustration of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, three wise men, two angels, shepherds, and various animals like sheep, a cow, a donkey, and a chicken. A yellow banner at the bottom of the illustration contains the email address "Email: children@fbcjefferson.org".

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First Baptist Church

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NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Christmas in Jefferson

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with music, storytelling, and a beautiful
reenactment of the Holy Night.

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Jefferson, GA

Email: children@fbcjefferson.org

Meals on Wheels: We need volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels DECEMBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH AND 31ST! 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!



2025

Operation Christmas Child

DROP-OFF LOCATION



Shoebox Drop Off Dates/Hours

Nov 17: 9-11am
Nov 18: 3-6pm
Nov 19: 9-11am
Nov 20: 3-6pm
Nov 21: 10am-2pm
Nov 22: 9am-12pm
Nov 23: 1pm-4pm
Nov 24: 8am-12pm

**For more information or Volunteer opportunities
please contact**

**Teresa Fleming at children@fbcjefferson.org
706-367-8332 or 706-424-6957**

**246 Washington Street
Jefferson, Georgia**

Soups and Scapes:

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Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025

11 am - 12:30 pm

FBC Fellowship Hall

Lunch Provided



Sponsored by:

Women's Ministry Committee

*Please join us for soup and learn how to create
"Tablescapes" with fresh greenery and flowers.*

*We will decorate the tables for the following day's
Churchwide Christmas Luncheon.*

The tablescapes will be given to shut-ins after the luncheon.

Please sign up for this fun event by E-mail, text or calling

KRISTY EUBANKS

(706) 338-0874 | kristyheubanks@gmail.com

or the FBC CHURCH OFFICE

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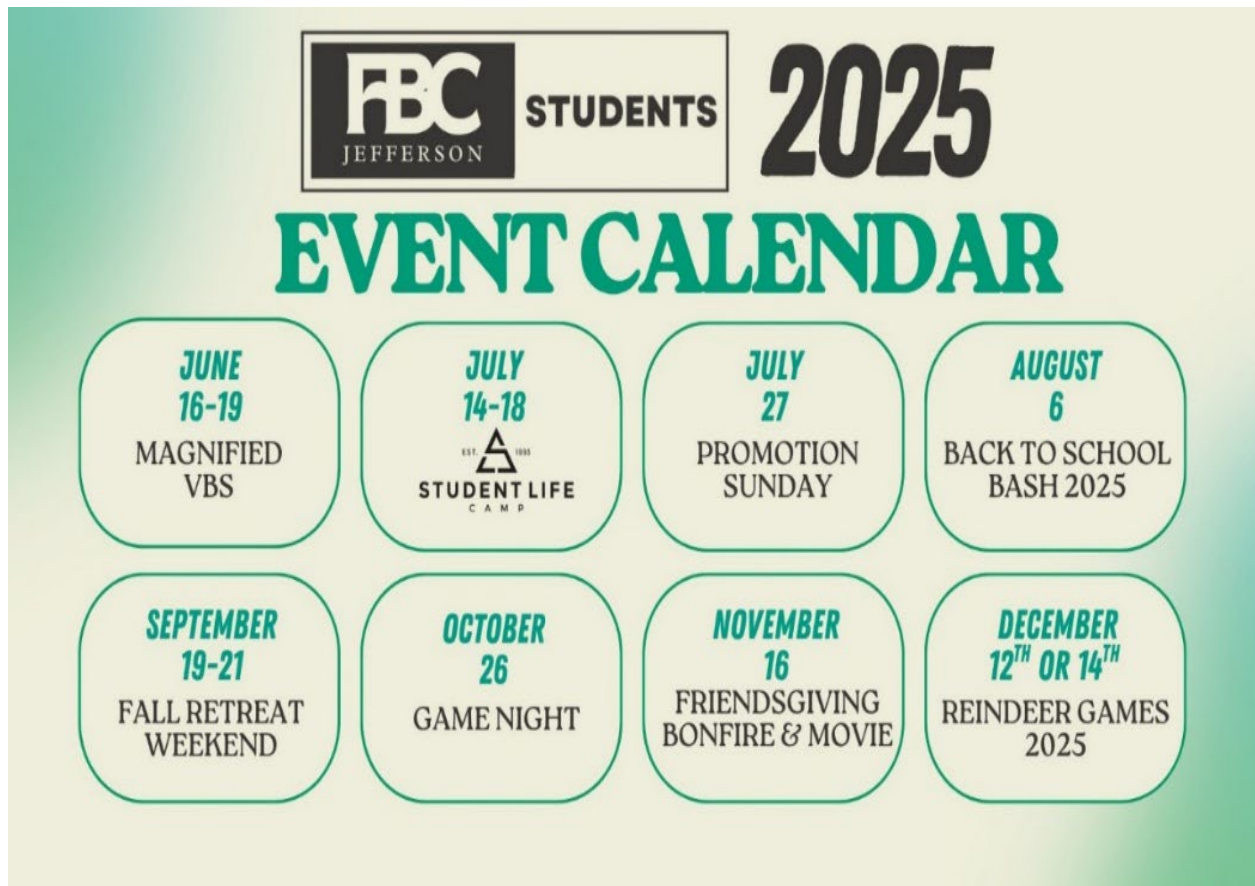
WORKSHOP TAUGHT BY



Ivy and Sterling Florals

"SHOW THEM YOUR HEART WITH FLOWERS."

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: We Need Snacks!

The 17th Annual Turkey Can Run is just around the corner, and we need LOTS of snacks for our participants on Thanksgiving morning! If you can help, please bring your snack foods to the FBCJ Fellowship Hall between Monday, Nov. 24th - Wednesday, Nov. 26th. There will be a cooler outside the FH door to leave your goodies!

**Ideas for snacks: Granola bars, Lil Debbie Cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, muffins...all can be homemade or store-bought. All contributions are gratefully accepted!





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

ENTRY FEE:
\$15 AND 15
CANNED
GOODS



Wednesday Night Meal: Menu for November 19th: Chili, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert, Drinks.

Menu for November 26th: NO MEAL, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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.

Winter Coat Drive:



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 November 16, 2025: Greg Keith and Tim Peacock

Week of November 23, 2025: Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

Opening and Closing: Debbie Smith

Greeters and Ushers: GiGi Stamey and Ken Hall

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 142
- Worship Attendance: 168
- Nursery Attendance: 9
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 177
- Offering: \$7,310.75

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.





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Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Dean Andrews
Keith Ariail
Thomas Durrence
Jerry Elliott
Teresa Fleming
Fred Glass
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Joe & Donna Martin
Merle Milburn
Jimmy Mock
Pam Rickman
Phil Thurmond

Homebound, Assisted Living, Etc.

Dianne Brooks
Glenn Bullock
Dan Edgar
Helen Gunnels
Tim Harris
Raye Dean Jackson

Eudene Johnson
Connie Peebles
Jack Purcell
Raynelle Sims
Helen Whitlock

Friends & Family

Anni Aldridge (The Hopkins' granddaughter)
Judge Joe Booth – Shepherd's Hospital in Atlanta –
NO VISITORS
Alex Farmer (Sandra Farmer's son)
Barry Farmer (Sandra Farmer's husband)
Charles & Leasia Fleming (Teresa Fleming's in-laws)

Dominic Haines (broken neck at the state wrestling
tournament)
Jeff Key (Katie Fulcher's dad)
Joseph Martin (Joe & Donna Martins' son)
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