



November 26, 2025

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Each year, we set aside a special time to give thanks to God and to reflect on all our many blessings. Although we have this special time to celebrate with family and friends, it is important, as Paul reminds us here, to be thankful at all times. As believers, we should strive to live a life of gratitude and thankfulness.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped prepare for the largest Turkey Can Run to date. As of the time of writing, there are over 1,200 runners registered. There are so many people who have helped in so many ways to make this possible. Another big thank you goes out to everyone that worked hard to make our first year as an Operation Christmas Child drop-off location a success. It is wonderful and inspiring to see so many different people come together for a great cause. I hope that everyone has a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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

The Church office will be CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th, for the Thanksgiving holiday. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

2026 Proposed Budget: A copy of the FBCJ Proposed 2026 Budget has been attached to the end of this newsletter. Questions about the budget can be directed to the church office.

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:

Wednesday, November 26th:

- Setup for Turkey Can Run

Thursday, November 27th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- 8:00 am – 17th Annual Turkey Can Run

Sunday, November 30th:

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

Monday, December 1st:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

Tuesday, December 2nd:

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

Wednesday, December 3rd:

- 10:00 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm – Cookies with Santa (Student Center)
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); 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.

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: God can send me to make peace.

BIBLE: (Esther Saves Her People
Esther 5:1–8, 7:1–6, 8:1–8; Psalm 122:6–9)

This week, kids uncover the story of how Esther saved her people. Spies are experts at coming up with creative solutions to solve big problems in tricky situations. This week, we'll learn about how Esther used wisdom, courage, and careful planning to approach the king and save her people, finding a peaceful way to stop a dangerous situation. Her bold actions remind us that no matter how hard the challenge, God can send me to make peace.

Reminder FBCJ Parents: NOV. 30TH IS 5TH SUNDAY

No Children's Church for Kindergarten thru 5th grade.

Nursery-Preschool will remain on the same schedule. Please pick up your children at 10:50 from Sunday School before going to worship.

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!

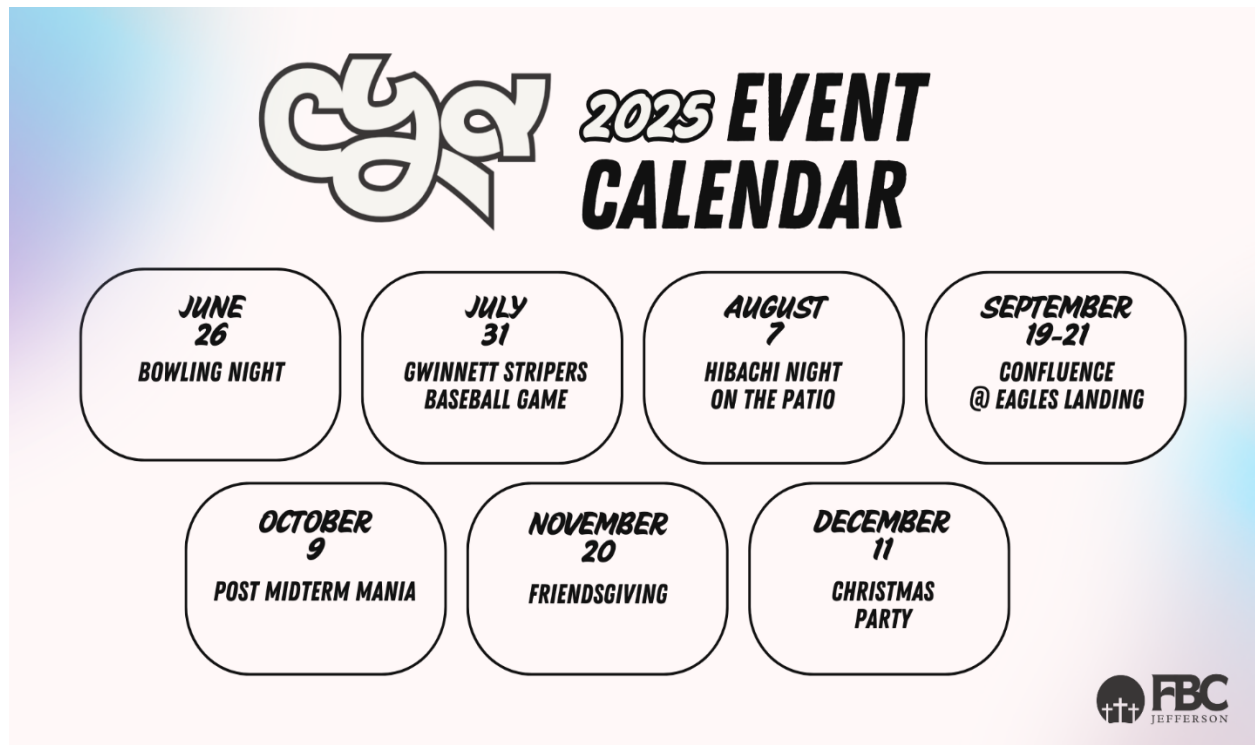
Help us reach our goal!



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.

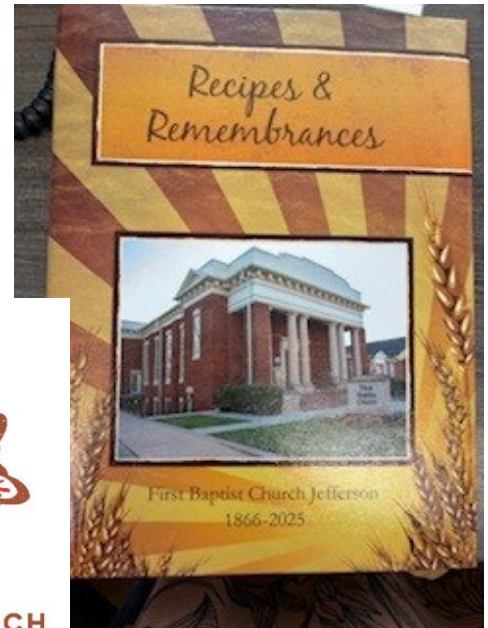
Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

November 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.



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.

★ Join us and Be a Part of the
First Baptist Church
**LIVE CHRISTMAS
NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**
Christmas in Jefferson
Come be a part of the birth of Jesus
with music, storytelling, and a beautiful
reenactment of the Holy Night.

DEC 5 | 5-8 PM
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!

Lottie Moon: Week of Prayer for International Missions - November 30 – December 7, 2025

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?



It's that time of year when we send Christmas greetings to those we love. Our Lottie Moon Post Office is set up in Fellowship Hall this year. As you remember church family with special Christmas wishes, please use our designated "post office". All you need to do is address the envelope with the



name of the person to receive the card and send it through our Lottie Moon Post Office. There is a receptacle there for you to pay for your postage, \$.50 per card, and any additional contributions going toward the Lottie Moon Offering. All of the money goes toward our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. We can all help to reach this goal by simply greeting one another with Christmas messages and sharing in meeting our church goal.

Soups and Scapes:

Soups & Scapes



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

(706) 367-8332



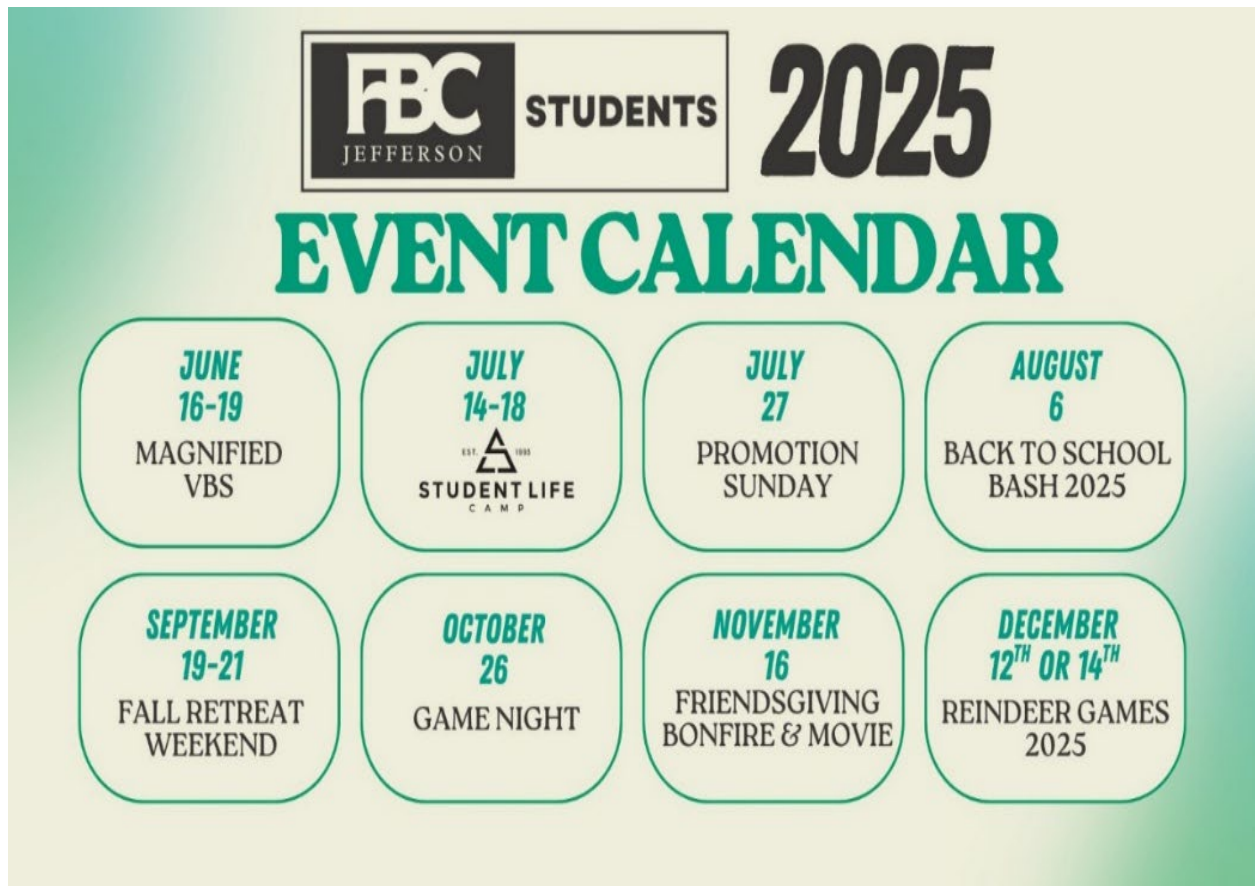
WORKSHOP TAUGHT BY



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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:



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 26th: NO MEAL, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Menu for December 3rd: Soup, Cornbread, Salad, 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.

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 23, 2025: Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

Week of November 30, 2025: Christopher Howard and Steve Ross

Opening and Closing: Debbie Smith

Greeters and Ushers: GiGi Stamey and Ken Hall

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 109
- Worship Attendance: 157
- Nursery Attendance: 11
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 168

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.



First Baptist Church of Jefferson	
Proposed Budget 2026	
	2026 Proposed Budget
COMPENSATION/EMP EXPENSES/ALLOWANCES	
Subtotal: COMPENSATION/EMP EXPENSES/ALLOWANCES	\$ 317,080.00
ADMINISTRATION	
Background checks	\$ -
Bank Fees / CC Processing	\$ 4,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,500.00
Financial Audit	\$ 500.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,500.00
Other Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	\$ 1,400.00
Postage Meter Lease	\$ 600.00
Property Taxes	\$ 8,500.00
Software	\$ 1,500.00
Copier Usage	\$ 3,000.00
Office Copier Rental	\$ 2,600.00
Accounting Services	\$ -
Financial Admin Services	\$ 24,000.00
Other Professional Services	\$ -
Auto Insurance	\$ 709.00
Property Insurance	\$ 27,644.00
Umbrella Insurance	\$ 1,250.00
Workers Comp	\$ 3,424.00
Subtotal: ADMINISTRATION	\$ 89,127.00
BUILDINGS & FACILITY EXP	
Electric	\$ 32,500.00
Garbage	\$ 2,500.00
Natural Gas	\$ 4,400.00
Security	\$ 6,000.00
Telephone	\$ 6,400.00
Water/Sewer	\$ 5,000.00
Adult 2 Class Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Cleaning Service	\$ 36,000.00
Grounds Maint	\$ 18,500.00
Heating & Air Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 6,500.00
Missions House Maintenance	\$ 775.00
Office Bldg Maintenance	\$ 4,375.00
Pest Control	\$ 4,200.00
Sanctuary/Edu Bldg Maint	\$ 10,000.00
Student Center Maint	\$ 1,500.00
Termite Maintenance	\$ -
Tree Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
Bus Expense	\$ 3,500.00
Facilities Manager (new position, 1099 employee)	\$ 26,000.00
Subtotal: BUILDINGS & FACILITY EXP	\$ 178,150.00
DEPARTMENTS / COMMITTEES	
Bronze Name Plates	\$ 800.00
Christian Education	\$ -
Sunday School	\$ -
Sunday School Supplies	\$ 4,000.00

WMU Literature	\$ -
Women's Ministry	\$ 500.00
Children's Ministries	\$ 12,500.00
Faithful Followers Study	\$ 1,000.00
Men's Ministry	\$ 300.00
Nursery Attendant	\$ 4,000.00
Nursery Supplies	\$ -
Sr Adult (M&M)	\$ 1,250.00
Youth	\$ 10,000.00
College/Young Adult Ministry	\$ 2,500.00
Music Ministry	\$ 4,000.00
Audio/Video Expense	\$ 6,000.00
Audio/Visual License Fees	\$ 4,000.00
Church App	\$ 4,000.00
Fellowship	\$ 5,500.00
Wed Night Fellowship	\$ -
Worship Supplies	\$ -
Decorations/Flowers	\$ 500.00
Heritage/Archives Expense	\$ 750.00
Publicity/Marketing	\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal: DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES excluding MISSIONS	\$ 62,600.00
MISSIONS	\$ 64,700.00
Baptist Children's Home	
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	
Bereavement	
Boys & Girls Club	
Café 1040	
Community Involvement	
Counseling Service	
Disaster Relief	
FCA	
Gideons	
Global Frontier Missions	
Hope Pregnancy Resource	
Local Mission/Benevolence	
Mission Trip	
Missionary Expanding Borders	
Peace Place	
Samaritan's Purse	
Sarepta	
SBC Cooperative Fellowship	
Sewing Circle	
Shut-In Meals	
The ARK	
Tree House	
Missionary 1	
Missionary 2	
Missions Fair	
VBS	
Subtotal: DEPARTMENTS / COMMITTEES including MISSIONS	\$ 127,300.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 711,657.00