



December 3, 2025

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace. In today's world, we hear a lot about peace but rarely witness it. We encounter people who are at war with each other and at war within themselves. We will never find true and lasting peace with ourselves or God outside of a relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of Peace, and apart from Him, we will never experience true peace, joy, and contentment.

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

FBC Jefferson Shirts and tumblers are for sale:

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, 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)

Friday, December 5th:

- 5:00 pm – Live Nativity @ City of Jefferson Shop by Candlelight Event

Sunday, December 7th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Christmas Cantata
- 12:00 pm – Holiday Celebration Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 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: 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: Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special

location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that God gives people to guide us, God gives hope to guide us, God gives a Savior to guide us, and God gives direction to guide us.

Big Idea: God gives people to guide us.



Bible: (John the Baptist Is Born: Luke 1:5–25, 57–66; Matthew 3:1–6)

This week, kids follow the story of how John the Baptist was born to prepare people for the Savior. Whether it's a map or someone who's made the trip before, Christmas road trips remind us of how we need someone who knows the journey ahead. This week, we'll hear how God gave Zechariah and Elizabeth a baby, John, who would grow up to prepare the way for Jesus. John helped guide people towards God, showing us how God gives people to guide us.

Wednesdays in December:

DECEMBER 3RD: COOKIES WITH SANTA
DECEMBER 10: CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT
DECEMBER 17: CHRISTMAS GAME NIGHT

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!

AMOUNT RAISED AS OF 12/02/2025 FOR THE CHURCH BUS: \$56,119.01



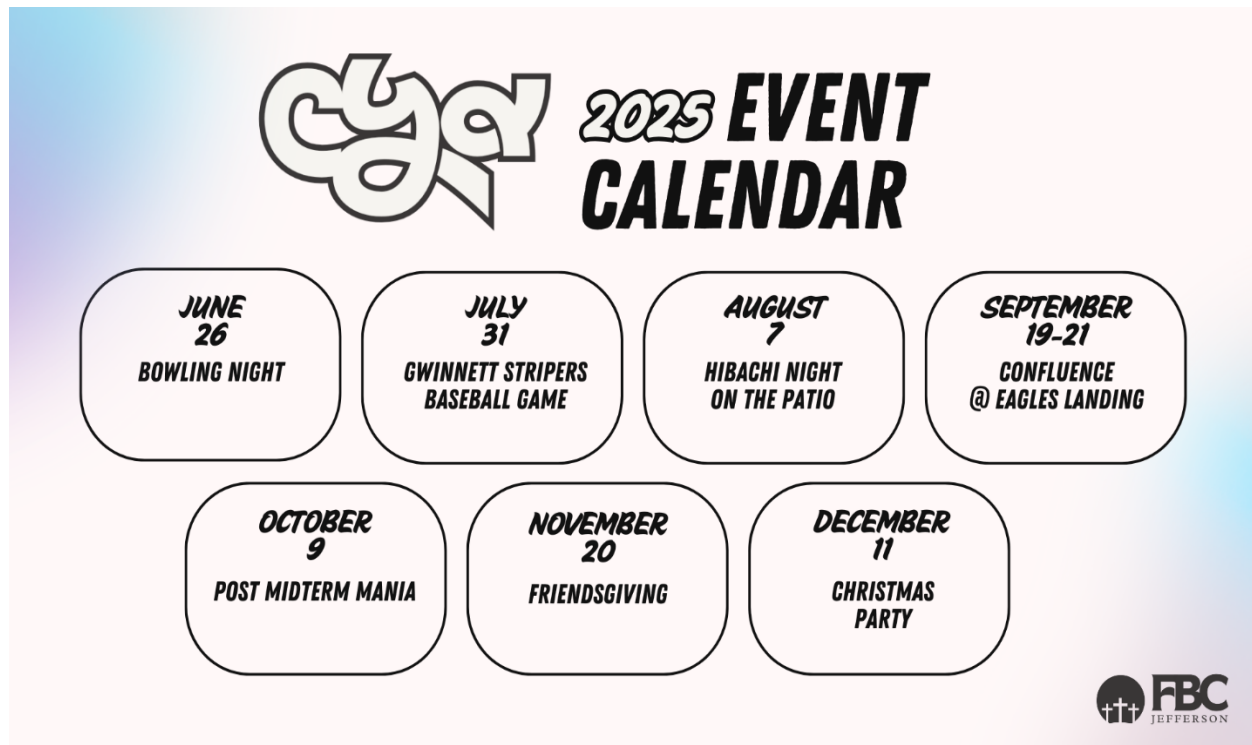
Help us reach our goal!



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:

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

December 10th - 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

December 17th - 6:00 pm - Traditions Subdivision - meet at their clubhouse parking lot

December 24th - NO Connect Run/Walk – Join us for the FBCJ Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

December 31st – NO Connect Run/Walk – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 7th – 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 **TONIGHT** from 6-8:00 pm in the Student Center.



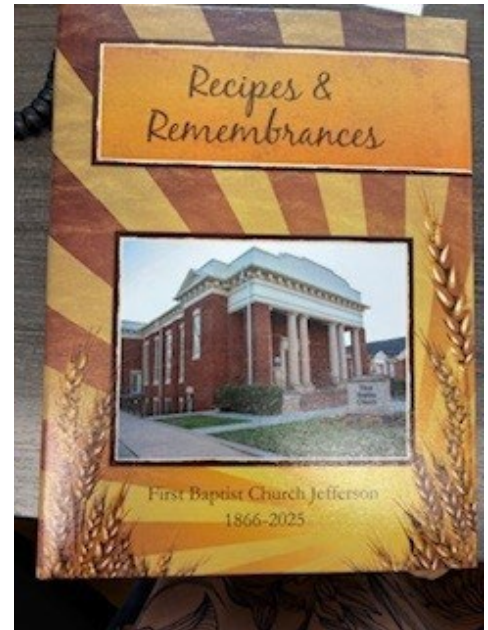
PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME WONDERFUL COOKIES, MILK, AND HOT CHOCOLATE. SANTA WILL VISIT WITH THE CHILDREN, TELL STORIES, AND SING SONGS.

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.

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.



Meals on Wheels: We need volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels DECEMBER 31st and JANUARY 7th! If you or your Sunday School Class, women's circle, or civic organization would like to help deliver on Wednesdays, 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

Where do people still need to hear the gospel? Everywhere. 🌐 Our church is giving to the #LottieMoonOffering so the gospel can reach every people, place, and language. Join us in the #GreatPursuit: imb.org/lottie.

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?

Lottie Moon Post Office: 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:

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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

(706) 367-8332



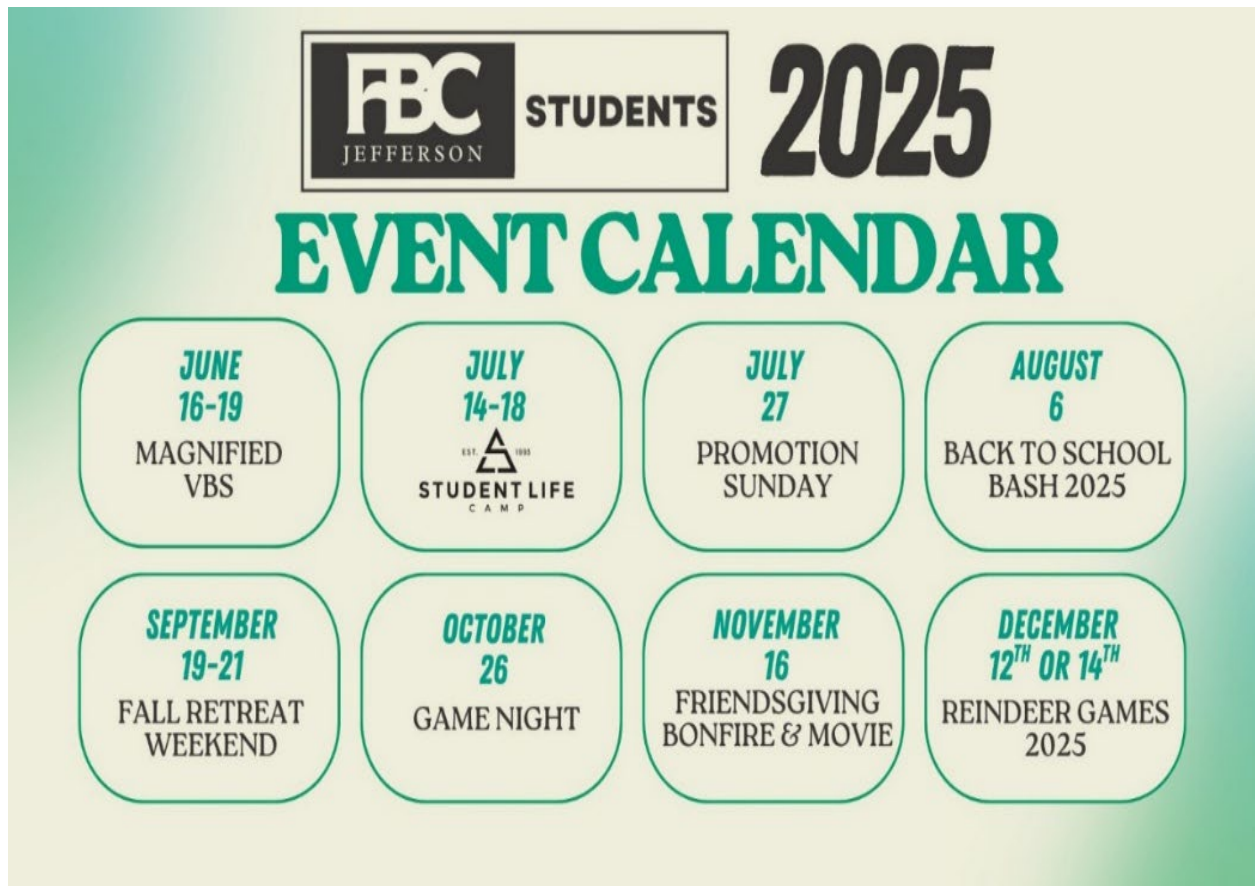
WORKSHOP TAUGHT BY



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"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.



Wednesday Night Meal: Menu for December 3rd: Soup, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert, Drinks.

Menu for December 10th: Cajun Chicken Pasta, Salad, Bread, 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 30, 2025: Christopher Howard and Steve Ross

Week of December 7, 2025: Fred Gurley and Ken Hall

Opening and Closing: Melvin Porter

Greeters and Ushers: Jack Eubanks and Asa Compton (December 7th)

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 107
- Worship Attendance: 138
- Nursery Attendance: 11

- WORSHIP TOTAL: 149
- OFFERING TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025: \$18,297.40
- OFFERING TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025: \$19,538.25

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
Nathalie Mize
Jimmy Mock
Pam Rickman

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
Alex Farmer (Sandra Farmer's son)
Barry Farmer (Sandra Farmer's husband)
Charles & Leasia Fleming (Teresa Fleming's in-laws)
Jim Shaw

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