



**December 10, 2025**

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Our choir did a wonderful job this past Sunday, presenting their Christmas Cantata. It was such a joy to see that many children involved in the program. We are so thankful for the hard work that Scottie and Teresa are putting into our music and children's ministries.

Please take time to look over the proposed 2026 budget attached to this newsletter. A townhall meeting was scheduled for next Wednesday but services have been cancelled. Call the church office with any questions about the budget and those will be answered by the finance committee. The church will vote on the 2026 budget and committees on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

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 December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. Merry Christmas from the worship team and staff of FBC Jefferson!

**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.

**FBC Jefferson Shirts and tumblers are for sale:**



“Ladies’ cut” shirts available!

**FBC Shirts and Tumblers are for sale!**

**Shirts - \$22**

**Tumblers - \$10 (white or blue)**

**Call or email the Church Office to place an order.**

**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.

**Turkey Can Run:** Thank You for a Successful 17th Annual Turkey Can Run 5K! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make this year’s Turkey Can Run such a success. Whether you volunteered, sponsored, ran, donated, or simply showed up to cheer, your support made all the difference. Thanks to you, we continue to make a positive impact in our community—and we truly couldn’t have done it without you! – Keith Ariail and the



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**WELCOME:** Please join us in welcoming Steve and Debra Pressley to FBC Jefferson. They joined the church on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Welcome to the FBCJ family, Steve and Debra!

**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, December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

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

#### **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- 10:30 am – 2:00 pm – Church Office Closed for Staff Christmas Luncheon

#### **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00 pm – CYA Christmas Party

#### **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 6:00 pm – Connect Run/Walk (Traditions Subdivision)

**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](mailto: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 hope to guide us.*

*BIBLE: An Angel Visits Mary: Luke 1:26–38; James 5:7–11)*

*ABOUT THIS WEEK: This week, kids follow the story of how an angel visited Mary to deliver a special message from God. On long road trips, the hope of seeing loved ones during the holidays keeps us going. This week, we'll hear how an angel visited Mary to announce she would give birth to Jesus, who would help bring a new hope to the world. Faced with unexpected news, Mary found hope in God's faithfulness, showing us how God gives hope to guide us.*

Wednesdays in December:

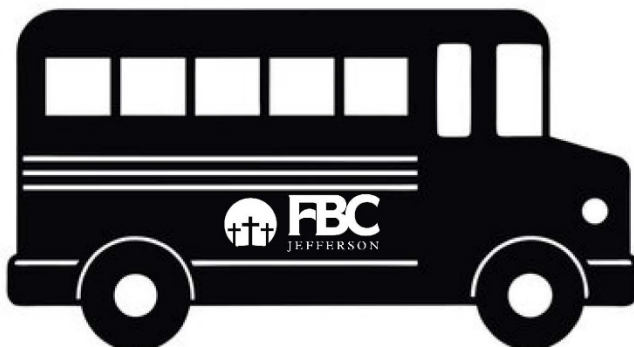
**DECEMBER 10: CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT**

**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!

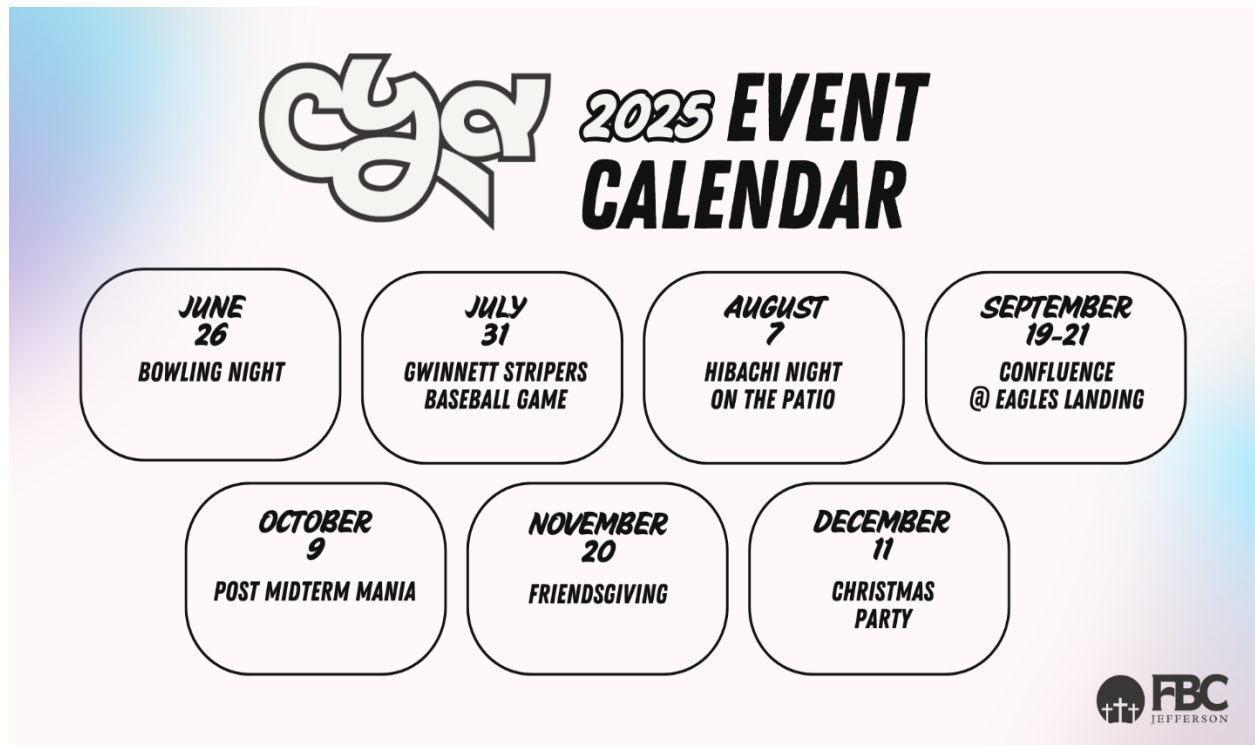


Make your additional contributions towards the bus fund today!





**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](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. Wear warm reflective clothing.

**Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:**

December 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - Adult II SS Classroom

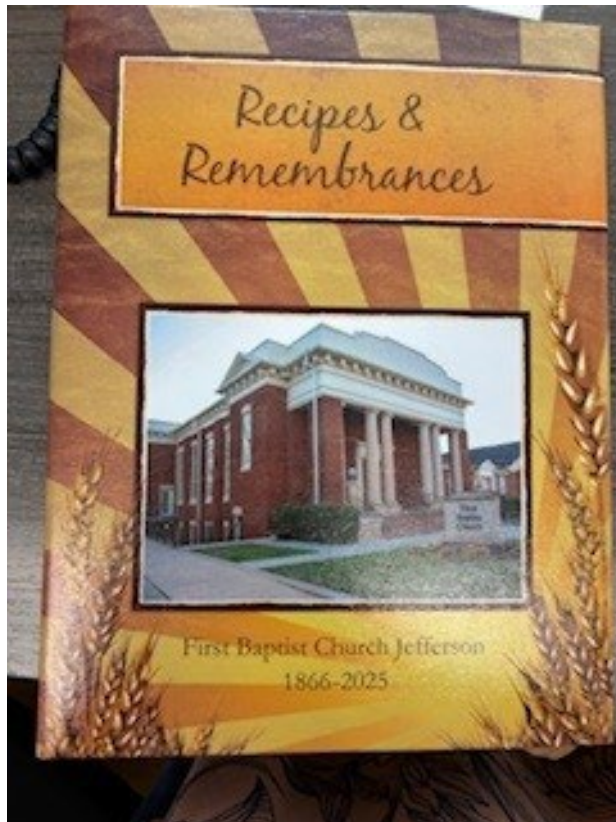
December 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm - Traditions Subdivision - meet at their clubhouse parking lot

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

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

January 7<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 resume on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 10:00 am**. 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).

**Meals on Wheels:** We need volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to help deliver on any Wednesday in January or February 2026, please let the church office or Barbara Gooch know!

**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.

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

**Wednesday Night Meal: Menu for December 10<sup>th</sup>: 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.

**White Christmas Offering:** Proceeds from this year's White Christmas offering will go towards the church bus fund. The White Christmas Offering will be collected on December 21<sup>st</sup>!

**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 December 7, 2025:** Fred Gurley and Ken Hall



**Week of December 14, 2025:** Brian Ferguson and Tom Emory

**Opening and Closing:** Melvin Porter

**Greeters and Ushers:** Jack Eubanks and Tommy Cragg (December 14<sup>th</sup>)

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025**

- Sunday School Attendance: 130
- Worship Attendance: 201
- Nursery Attendance: 14
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 215
- Offering: \$12,537.00

**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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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.



First Baptist Church of Jefferson	
<b>Proposed Budget 2026</b>	
	2026 Proposed Budget
<b>COMPENSATION/EMP EXPENSES/ALLOWANCES</b>	
<b>Subtotal: COMPENSATION/EMP EXPENSES/ALLOWANCES</b>	\$ 317,080.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
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
<b>Subtotal: ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 89,127.00
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; FACILITY EXP</b>	
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
<b>Subtotal: BUILDINGS &amp; FACILITY EXP</b>	\$ 178,150.00
<b>DEPARTMENTS / COMMITTEES</b>	
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
<b>Subtotal: DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES excluding MISSIONS</b>	<b>\$ 62,600.00</b>
<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>\$ 64,700.00</b>
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	
<b>Subtotal: DEPARTMENTS / COMMITTEES including MISSIONS</b>	<b>\$ 127,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 711,657.00</b>





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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  
Shirley Milburn  
Nathalie Mize  
Jimmy Mock  
Diane Oliver  
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