



December 24, 2025

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will [i]rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:16

May we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

Merry Christmas!

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:



“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.

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 24th:

- 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 25th:

Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 28th:

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

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 direction to guide us.



Bible: The Magi Visit Jesus: Matthew 2:1–12; Matthew 2:13–23

About This Week: This week, kids follow the story of how a star helped the Magi visit Jesus and worship him. When you don't have a map to guide you, a landmark can help keep you from getting lost during your road trip. This week, we'll hear how God used a shining star to help guide the Magi to Jesus, and they even brought him gifts! Their journey to Bethlehem is an incredible reminder that God gives direction to guide us.

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!



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.

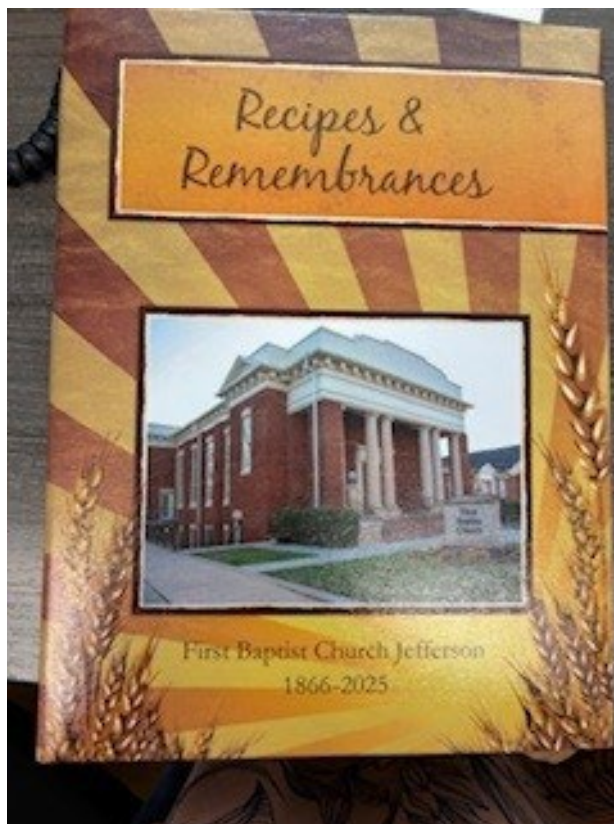
Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

December 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 to pick up 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.

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

Wednesday Night Meal: No Wednesday Night Meal until January 7, 2026.

Winter Coat Drive:



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Coat Drive

Mary Martha Circle is asking for new or gently used and clean coats, sweaters, scarves, hats, and gloves to be distributed to those in need in our community. Receptacles are located around the church campus, including the church office.



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 21, 2025: Steven Hix and Philip Thompson

Week of December 28, 2025: Greg Keith and Tim Peacock

Opening and Closing: Melvin Porter

Greeters and Ushers: Jack Eubanks

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 102
- Worship Attendance: 147
- Nursery Attendance: 25
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 172
- Offering: \$21,490.50

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
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix
Ezra King

Jane Kinney
Joe & Donna Martin
Shirley Milburn
Jimmy Mock
Diane Oliver
Pam Rickman
Bill Smith

Homebound, Assisted Living, Etc.

Dianne Brooks
Glenn Bullock
Dan Edgar
Fred Glass
Helen Gunnels
Tim Harris

Raye Dean Jackson
Eudene Johnson
Connie Peebles
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)
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)

We Share Sorrow with

Bill Smith & Nathalie Mize, in the death of their grandson, Jonathan Calhoun

Additional Requests

Our Ministry Team and Their Families
Our Church-sponsored Missionaries
Our Local Veterans
Our Church Leadership & Staff