



December 31, 2025

As we move forward into a new year, it is customary to reflect on the previous one. How has your faith grown over the last year? How have you dealt with the highs and lows of life? What lessons have you learned that will help you live a more Christlike life in 2026?

It is also customary to set goals for a new year. Many of these are common, such as exercising more often, reading more, and losing weight etc. What spiritual goals might you set for 2026? How can you grow in your relationship with Christ? Some example goals might include setting aside a designated time to read the Bible and pray each day, volunteering in a new ministry, increasing attendance at church or Bible study, starting a small group/Bible study, or prayer group, or committing to inviting neighbors or friends to church. I invite you to spend some time over the coming days praying about setting intentional goals that can strengthen your relationship with Christ in 2026.

Happy New Year!

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:



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:

Thursday, December 31st:

Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 4th:

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



Monday, January 5th:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 6th:

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

Wednesday, January 7th:

- 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.



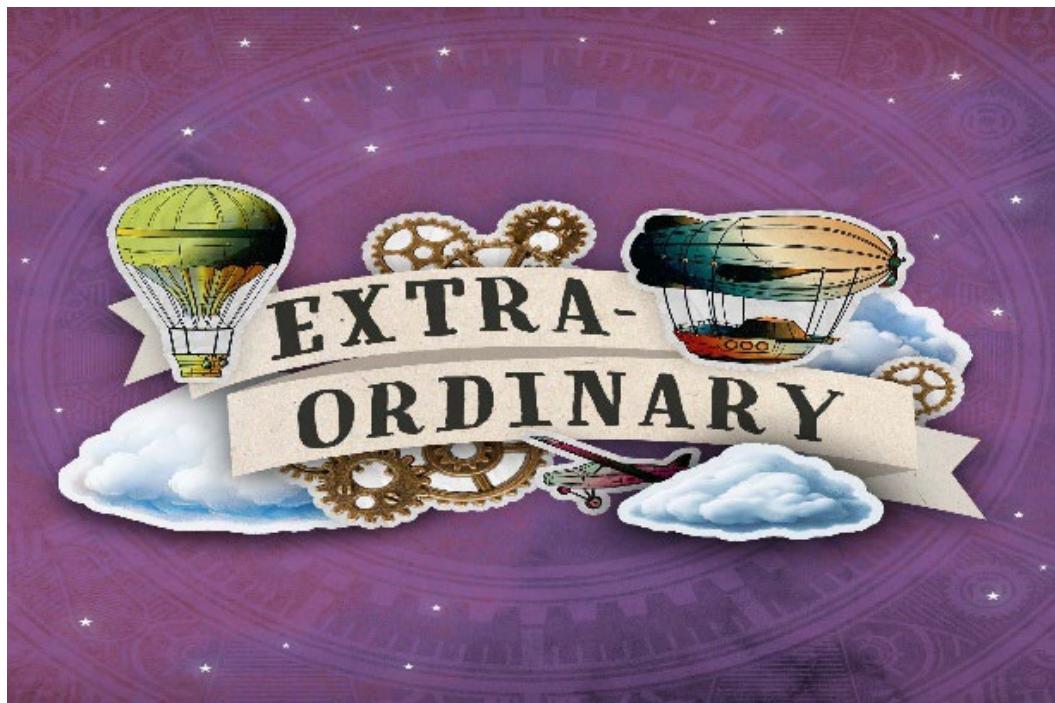
Sunday School: January 2026: Extra-Ordinary! - Inventors take ordinary objects and transform them into extraordinary

innovations with some creativity and a lot of tinkering. But Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. On the outside, Jesus may have seemed ordinary, but his life, actions, and love regularly defied expectations. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do.

Kids will learn: Jesus is one of a kind, Jesus is humble, Jesus trusted God, and Jesus calls us to follow.

MEMORY VERSE: "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." — Philippians 2:9 (NIV)

January 4, 2026: Jesus is one of a kind. (Jesus at the Temple: Luke Luke 2:41–52; John 1:10–14



This week, kids learn about the extra-ordinary boy Jesus at the temple. Some of our favorite inventions might seem ordinary at first, but they can actually change the world in surprising ways. This week, we'll hear about the time Jesus' family accidentally left him behind and how they found him in the temple, listening, learning, and asking questions. This amazing story of Jesus as a boy helps remind us that Jesus is one of a kind.

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!

TOTAL RAISED AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2025: \$82,241.01
STILL NEEDED TO MEET OUR GOAL OF \$130,000: \$47,758.99



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.

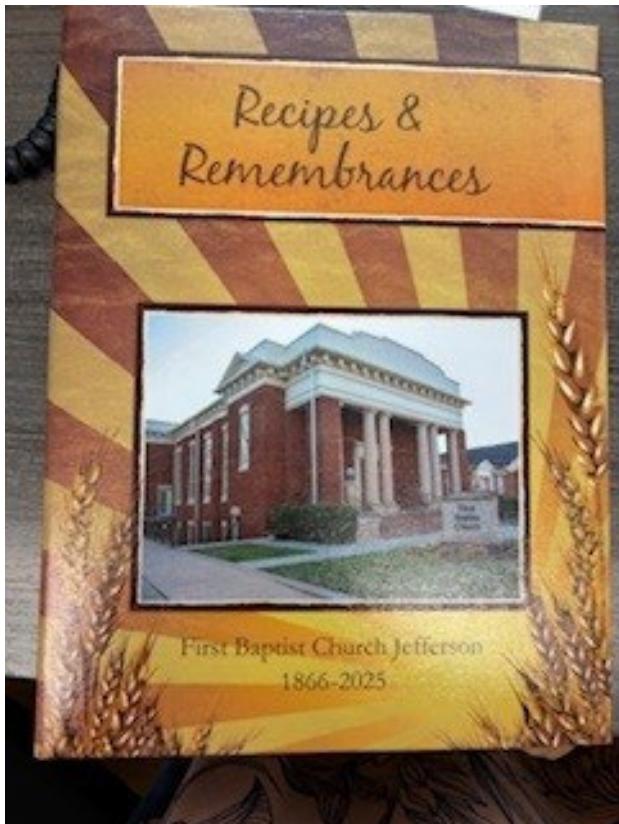
Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

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

January 7th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

January 14th – 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. All proceeds of the cookbook go towards the church bus fund.

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: If you would like to help deliver on January 14th, 21st, or 28th, please let the church office or Barbara Gooch know! We are desperately looking for folks to help deliver in January and February!

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: 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 December 28, 2025: Greg Keith and Tim Peacock

Week of January 4, 2026: Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

Opening and Closing:

Greeters and Ushers: Jimmy & Barbara Gooch

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

- Sunday School Attendance: 82
- Worship Attendance: 108
- Nursery Attendance: 9
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 117
- Offering: \$5,586.25

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

Previous services can be viewed [here](#).

You can live stream Sunday Combined Service here: [11:00 am](#)



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
Tom Fore
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Joe & Donna Martin
Jimmy Mock
Diane Oliver
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 & Leasie 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 Martin's 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