



**January 7, 2026**

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*"But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night". Psalm 1:2*

Every year, there is a big push among people in January to read their Bibles. Many year-long reading plans are started, and that is wonderful. Sadly, many of us, including myself at times, get bogged down after a few weeks or months. The joy of reading can quickly become a task that is hurried through without much thought or reflection or given up on completely. I'd like to encourage you to try a slightly different approach this year. Don't worry about keeping on track with a plan; instead, focus on the content. Even if only a few verses are read, take the time to meditate on those words and allow them to resonate with you throughout the day. In this case, quality is better than quantity. Let the Holy Spirit decide the pace and allow Him to speak truth into your life.

In His Service,

Matt

**SPOTLIGHT:**

**Committee Chairs:** Please remember to reserve rooms for meetings with Karen in the church office.

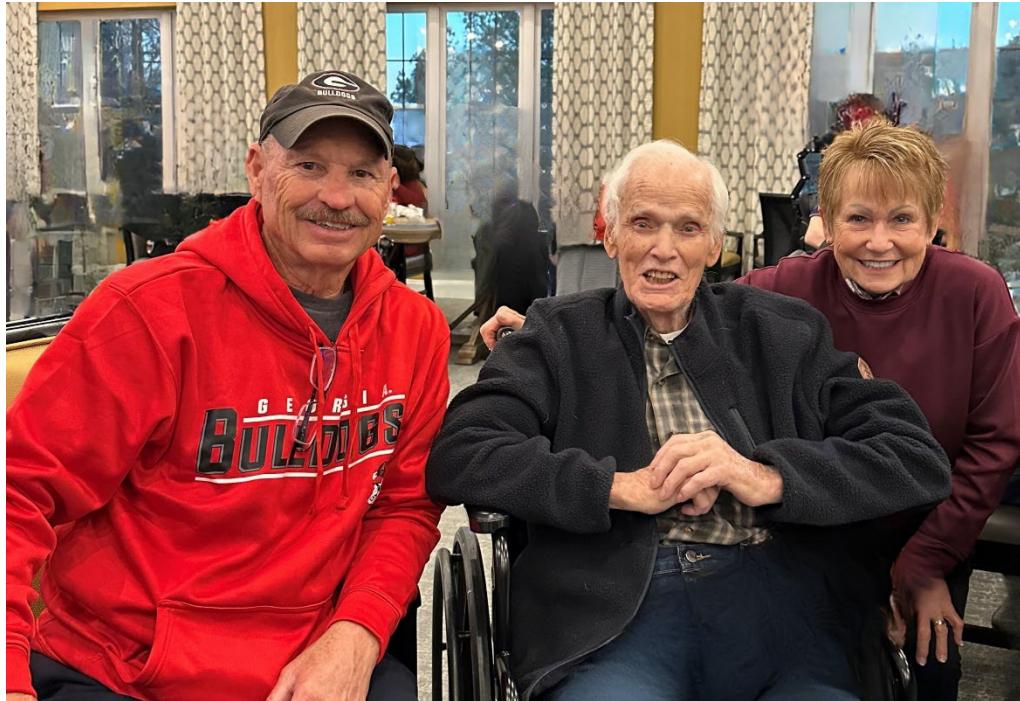
**Church Office hours:**

- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Mondays through Thursday
- 8:30 pm – 12:30 pm Fridays

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



**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, January 7<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, January 11<sup>th</sup>:

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

### Wednesday, January 14<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)

**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: 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 11, 2026: Jesus is humble. (Jesus Is Baptized):  
Matthew 3:13–17; Philippians 2:5–11**

**This week, kids learn that Jesus was baptized to obey God's extra-ordinary plan. You might be surprised by how many inventions were created by simply turning something upside down, flipping it around, or looking at it differently. This week, we'll hear about how Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, which felt a bit backward to John the Baptist. Even still, Jesus stayed faithful to God's plan, and this story helps us see how Jesus is humble.**

## January Children in Action



Andrew Mann is the founding director of Graffiti 2 Community Ministries, a Send Relief Center in New York. He is also the pastor of Graffiti 2 Baptist Church. Andrew and his wife, JoAnn minister to the community of Mott have, New York City, along with their team at Graffiti 2 Community Ministries.

**Live Action Project:** We will collect new **Gloves and Hats** for unhoused people in our community.

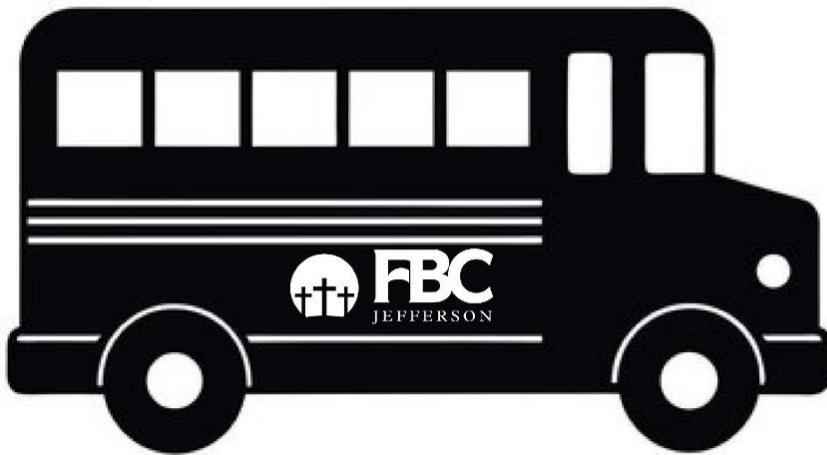
**Badge: Warm Hearts, Warm Hands**

**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!



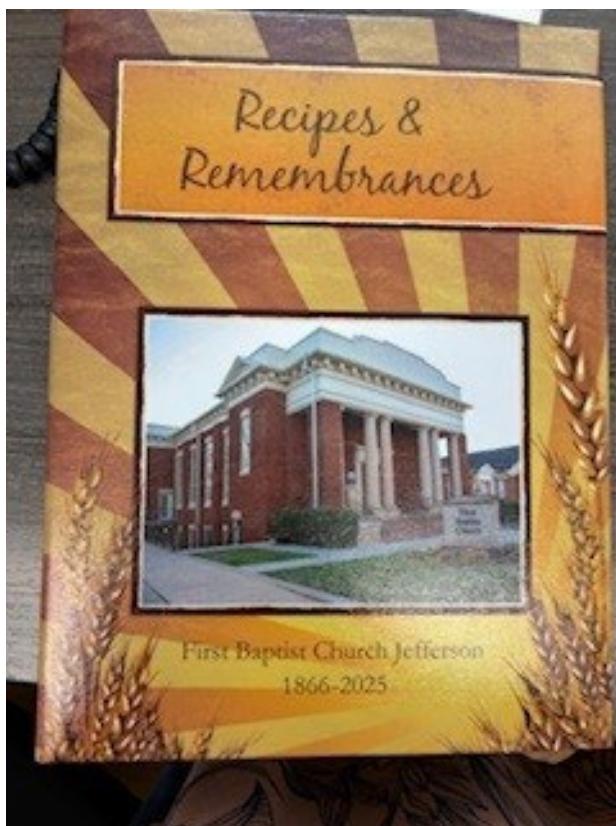
**College/Young Adults (CYA):** Our college and young adult ministry meets weekly in a home group format, open to all 18–25-year-olds. For more information, please contact Ben at (803)341-7191 or [bhall@fbcjefferson.org](mailto:bhall@fbcjefferson.org).

**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:**

January 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom  
January 14<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 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](mailto:mabstitches@yahoo.com).

**Meals on Wheels:** If you would like to help deliver on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, or 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bhall@fbcjefferson.org).

**Wednesday Night Meal: MENU FOR JANUARY 7, 2026: Taco 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 January 4, 2026:** Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

**Week of January 11, 2026:** Christopher Howard and Steve Ross

**Opening and Closing:** Melvin Porter

**Greeters and Ushers:** Jimmy & Barbara Gooch

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026**

- Sunday School Attendance: 119
- Worship Attendance: 149
- Nursery Attendance: 15
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 164
- Offering: \$9,957.75

**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](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.



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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 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