



March 18, 2026

This past Sunday, Ben announced that he will be leaving at the end of the month to assume a position at another church. We are very thankful for the work that Ben has done for First Baptist during his time here. Ben has taught our students well, established a growing college ministry, helped launch a new website, and served in many ways beyond his job description. We have thoroughly enjoyed Ben's time with us and will miss the Hall family greatly.

This Sunday, we will have a basket placed near the stage for anyone who would like to leave a card or gift for the Hall family. Please let Ben know how much you appreciate his service, and continue to pray for him and his family.

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

Fellowship Committee Meeting: There will be a Fellowship Committee meeting on Sunday, March 22nd at 12:15 pm (directly after worship) in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions Committee Meeting: There will be a Missions Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 11:00 am in the church office.

Next Generation Committee Meeting: There will be a Next Generation Committee meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church office.

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:

Wednesday, March 18th:

- 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)

Sunday, March 22nd:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Wednesday, March 25th:

- 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.

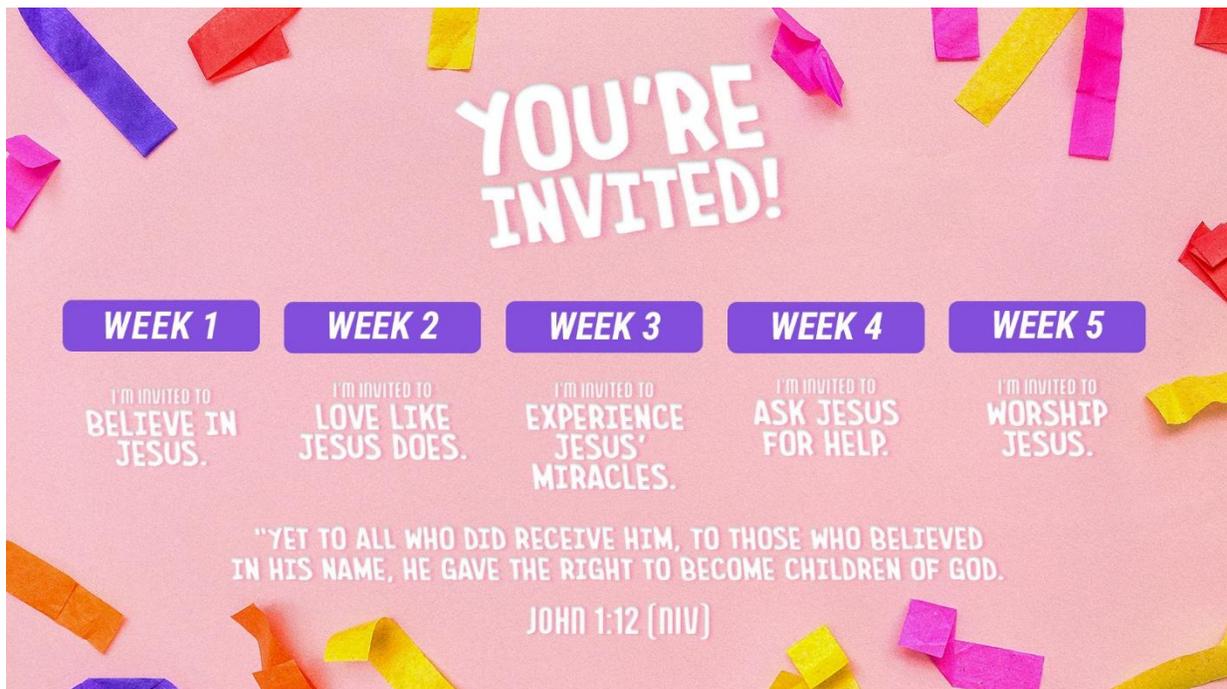
MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

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: Getting invited to a party is one of the best feelings, and being left out is one of the worst. But there's good news—Jesus never leaves anyone out! He invites everyone to spend time with him, experience his love, and share it with others. This series will remind kids that Jesus' invitation is always open, and we're never too far away to join the party! In this 5-week series, kids will learn that I'm invited to believe in Jesus, love like Jesus does, experience Jesus' miracles, ask Jesus for help, and worship Jesus.

Thus Week's Big Idea: I'm invited to ask Jesus for help.



Bible: Jesus and Lazarus: John 11:1–45; Psalm 121:1–8

About This Week: This week, kids are invited to feel how Jesus cared deeply for Lazarus and his family by bringing him back to life. Most parties wouldn't happen without asking for the help you need—whether it's setting up, cooking, or organizing. This week, we'll hear how Jesus helped Lazarus and his family when they needed him, showing how deeply he cared for them. Even when the answer didn't come right away, Jesus revealed his power and love, reminding us that I'm invited to ask Jesus for help.

Reminder FBCJ Parents! - PK-5th Grade will practice for our Spring Children's Choir (April 12th) every Sunday morning at 10am with Mrs. Donna Porter in the Choir room and again on Wednesday's at 6pm during Children in Action. Please try to make at least one of these each week.

***Children in Action: A Slam Dunk for Jesus
Missionary: Dexter Laureano***

Missionary Dexter Laureno is a church planter in Crowley, Texas, and founder of a baseball ministry called Redeemer Sports. Because Redeemer community Church is primarily made up of Filipinos, children will learn about their culture by playing Filipino games and cooking a Filipino dessert. They will also play numerous basketball related games, make a basketball bracelet, and make a basketball catapult game.

Our Bible focus this month comes from Paul's encouragement in 1 Corinthians to "train hard". Children will focus on training to be good disciples of Christ.

Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:25 "Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown".

Badge: Annie Armstrong Badge

Live Action Project: "The Gospel in Flight" and Painted Wooden Bird Project

This Easter season, we will give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, which supports missionaries serving across North America. On Sunday, March 15th and 22nd, children will rotate in groups prior to the Worship Service in the church vestibule. They will give out their painted wooden birds to church members as a reminder that, like a bird lifted into flight, our gifts help the gospel go farther than we can go ourselves—bringing hope, freedom, and new life through Jesus Christ. As we give, we join God in sending the good news into neighborhoods, cities, and communities in need.

CentriKid Camp: We are excited to share with you our church was able to pre-register our group at camp last summer for this year's camp.

WHEN AND WHERE: Centri-Kids Camp at Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina for July 19-23, 2026.

Camp Cost: 380.00 per person



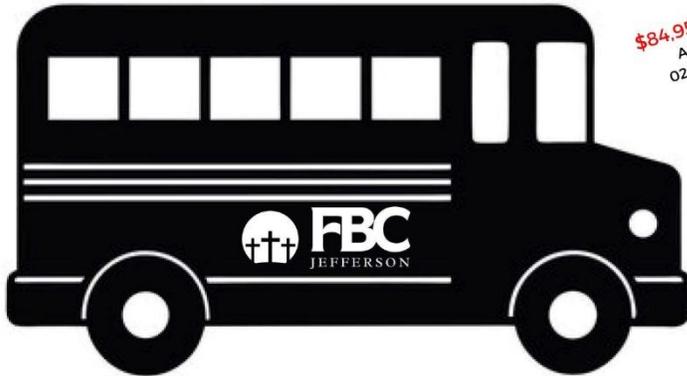
Deposit:
125.00 (Covered by
Children Ministry)
Each Camper Cost:
255.00
Due by: July 5th, 2026

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!

Help us reach our goal!



\$84,957.41
As of
02/03/26



Make your additional contributions towards the bus fund today!

TOTAL RAISED AS OF JANUARY 20, 2026: \$84,957.41

STILL NEEDED TO MEET OUR GOAL OF \$131,000.00: \$46,052.59

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:

March 18th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

March 25th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 1st – 6:00 pm – TBA

April 8th – Spring Break, may not meet

April 15th – 6:00 pm – TBA

Get your name on the Connect Run/Walk Group email list – contact Barbara Gooch by email (bgooch02@yahoo.com).

Cookbooks: WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 100 COPIES LEFT!!!

Get your copy today before they are all gone –

FOREVER! 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 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.

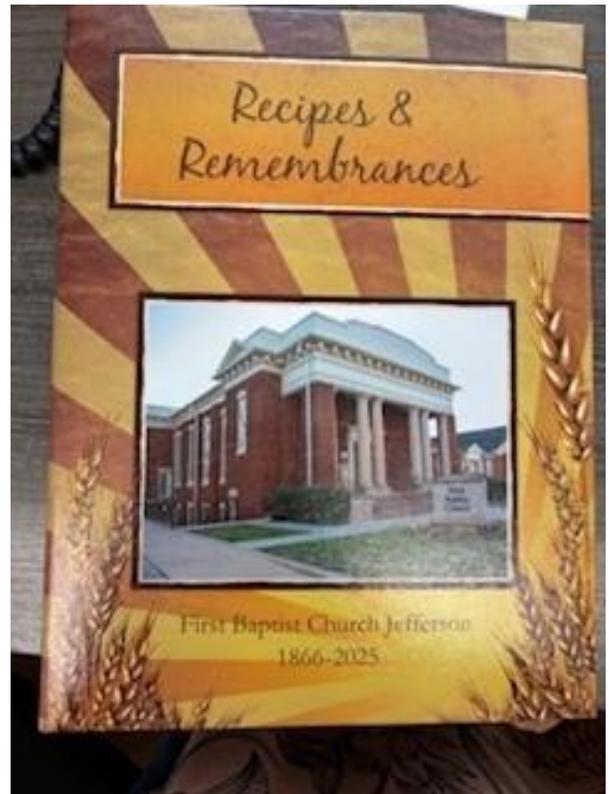
Food Bank: In January, the FBCJ Food Bank served the following in Jackson County:

- 143 families
- 504 people, including 163 under 18, 280 from the ages of 18 to 64; 61 people over the age of 65, and 14 new families.

In February, the food bank served the following:

- 145 families
- 522 people, including 191 under the age of 18; 284 individuals from 18-64; 47 people over the age of 65; and 9 new families.

Relay for Life Yard Sale: The Church Yard Sale benefitting Relay for Life will be on Saturday, May 2nd, beginning at 7:00 am in the paved parking lot. Donated items may be brought to the carport at the church office **BEGINNING APRIL 1ST**. Start gathering items around your house now, and plan to join us! It is a great time of fellowship with each other and our community.





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YARD SALE

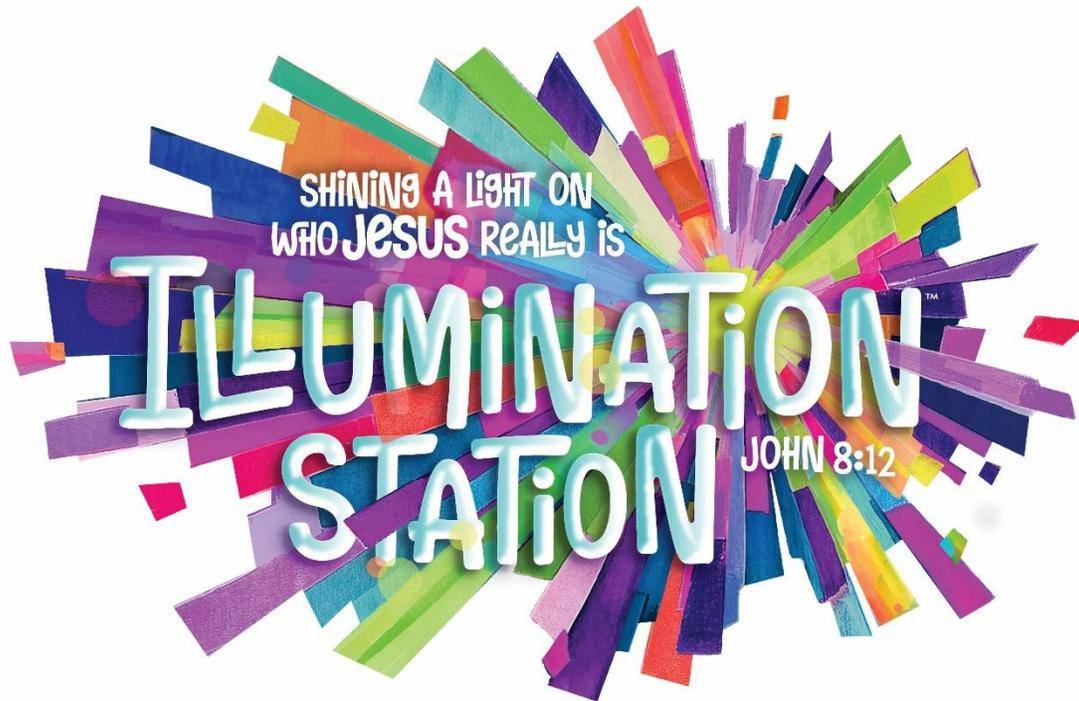
All proceeds go to
the American
Cancer Society's
Relay for Life



May 2, 2026 7:00 am
246 Washington St.
Jefferson, GA
In the paved parking
lot

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, call the church office.

VBS: Illumination Station: There will be an “Illumination Station” Volunteer Meeting on April 19th after church in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please let Teresa Fleming know if you can attend by text or email by April 15th at children@fbcjefferson.org or 705-424-6957.



VBS at FBC Jefferson is coming soon – June 14-18, 2026, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm each night! We will need LOTS of volunteers – see Teresa for more information!

Illumination Station VBS is gonna be the brightest week of the year! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS, kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

Wednesday Night Meal:

MENU FOR MARCH 18, 2026: Breakfast Food, Drinks.

MENU FOR MARCH 25, 2026: Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Drinks.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st.

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: The display for the Winter Coat Drive was taken down BUT we will continue accepting donations of coats, gloves etc through the end of March. Mary Martha Circle extends a heartfelt Thank You to everyone for making this such a huge success this year!

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 March 15, 2026: Steven Hix and Philip Thompson

Week of March 22, 2026: Greg Keith and Tim Peacock

Opening and Closing: Dennis Elrod

Greeters and Ushers: Joe and Jennifer Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 139
- Worship Attendance: 164
- Nursery Attendance: 16
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 180
- Offering: \$14,898.60

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

- Previous services can be viewed [here](#).
- You can live stream Sunday Combined Service here: [11:00 am](#)

Lunch will be provided

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Families & Kids!
Hop on over for our

EASTER

Egg hunt

Join us on

March 29th at 12:15 pm

(right after worship)

for some egg-citing fun,
food, and fellowship!

Sunday Service Times:

Palm Sunday: 10:00 am - Sunday School

11 am - Worship Service

Easter Sunday: 7:30 am - Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 am - Breakfast Fellowship

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Late Worship Service

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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
Greg Broussard
Jerry Elliott
Tom Fore
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Joe & Donna Martin
Nancy McGhee
Connie Peebles
Phil Thurmond

Homebound, Assisted Living, Etc.

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

Raye Dean Jackson
Eudene Johnson
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)

Dominic Haines (broken neck at the state wrestling
tournament)
Jeff Key (Katie Fulcher's dad)

We Share in Sorrow with

Donna & Joe Martin, in the death of their son, Joseph Martin

Additional Requests

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