



**March 25, 2026**

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This coming Sunday, we will begin celebrating a series of events in the life of Jesus known as Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, where we remember the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He entered the city to shouts of praise from His followers, fully aware that in just a few days, voices would cry out for His crucifixion.

Palm Sunday challenges us to consider a deeper question: What is the true focus of our worship? Genuine worship is not merely emotional or situational; it is rooted in a heart fully surrendered to Jesus.

We invite you to join us this week as we journey together through the events of Holy Week. Our schedule includes a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM, a Good Friday fish fry at 6:00 PM, and Easter Sunday services as we celebrate the resurrection.

Additionally, we encourage you to engage personally in this sacred week by following a reading or devotional plan. One option is available through the Bible App and can be accessed on your phone or computer:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/36091-bibleproject-holy-week-easter>

May this Holy Week deepen our understanding, strengthen our faith, and refocus our worship on Christ alone.

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

**Easter Worship Schedule: The schedule for Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> will be as follows:**

- Sunrise Service - 7:30 am - To be held at the crosses
- Breakfast - 8:00 am - Fellowship Hall (Fruit, Biscuits, Pastries, Juice, and Coffee)
- Early Worship Service - 9:00 am - Sanctuary
- Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Late Worship Service - 11:00 am – Sanctuary

**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.

**A Note from Ben Hall:**

Almost every Sunday for the past three years, you've heard me say "Good morning, church family." This coming Sunday, it will still be a good morning. The azaleas will be blooming, the smell of freshly brewed coffee will fill the fellowship hall, joy and laughter will echo off the walls before service begins; even though I won't be there to worship alongside of you.

I cannot thank all of you enough for loving my wife and I just like family since we arrived in June of 2023, and the way you've loved our son since he arrived in December 2024. (I know you'll miss seeing him the most, and I can't say I blame you.) We've been blessed beyond measure for the hospitality and patience you've shown us. When we arrived at First Baptist Jefferson, there were far more empty pews and several empty offices. We followed God's call into the unknown, sold on a vision of hope and a bright future.

Today, through His hand alone - that bright future fills the pews every morning, tossing nickels and dimes into the offering plate - or occasionally under the piano. Young families fill the balcony; and middle school, high school, and college students are faithfully serving on their own. Apart from that, those that have gone before them and built the legacy of this church surround them, shining a light through the lives they lead - a light that points directly to Jesus.

Thank you all for loving us well, and for shining your light. When I interviewed for this role, one thing that stood out to me was the pride and resilience of the members of this church. Through times when cotton was high, or times when the water felt like it was five feet high and rising - they've set aside their differences and banded together - just like a family ought to. So even though I won't be there to say "good morning," I know that the church family of FBC Jefferson will be just fine.

In Christ,



**WELCOME  
NEW**

**MEMBERS:**

Please join us in welcoming our newest members, all who joined Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>! Mark and Karen Miller have joined the FBCJ family – Karen by a statement of faith, and Mark will be baptized soon. Noah Barrett is the



*Karen & Mark Miller*



*Noah Barrett*

son of member Samantha Barrett. He joined in April 2025 and will be baptized soon. Welcome, Noah, Karen, and Mark! We are glad you are a part of the FBC Jefferson family!

**THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:**

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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 29<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday**

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 12:15 pm – Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- 10:00 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (Choir Room); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

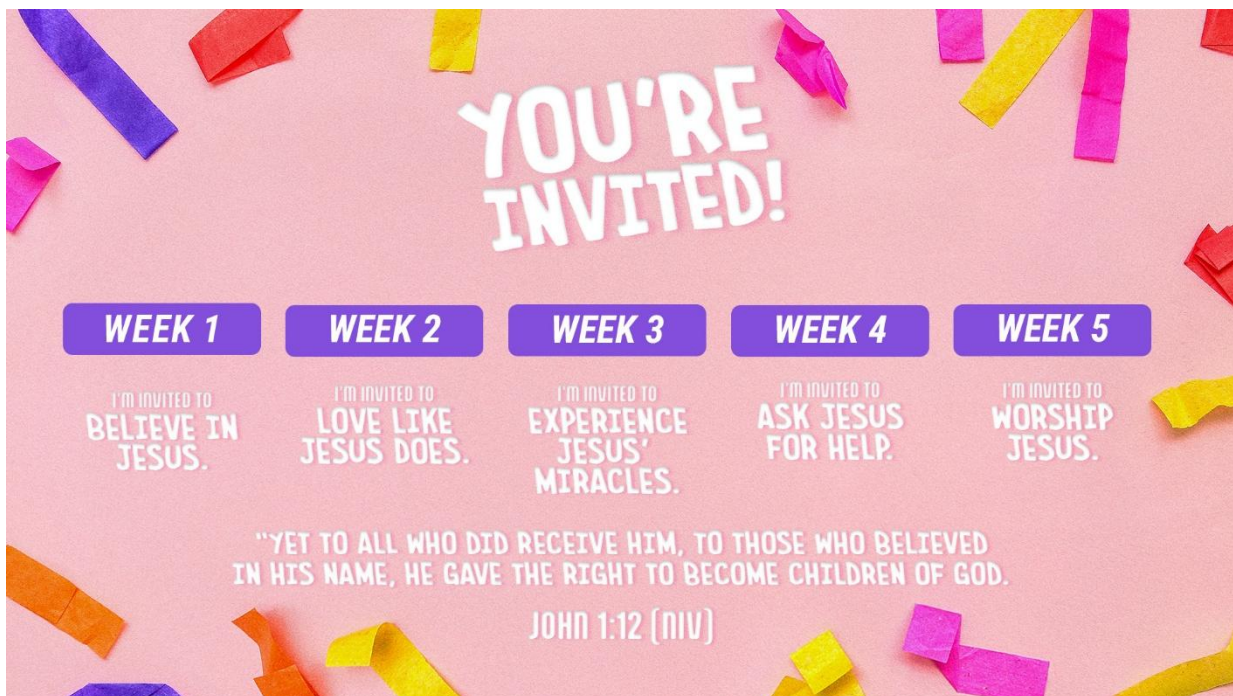
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The list of prayer concerns can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## 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:** *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.*



**Big Idea:** *I'm invited to worship Jesus.*

**Bible:** *Jesus Enters Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1–11; Psalm 118:19–29*

*This week, kids are invited to celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. Some celebrations are so full of excitement that everyone joins in, like a neighborhood block party. This week, we'll hear how people celebrated Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, shouting praises, and laying down palm branches to worship him as their king. Jesus deserves our worship not just for what he's done but for who he is, reminding us that I'm invited to worship Jesus.*

*March 29th is Palm Sunday: The children's ministry will be leading the Procession of Palms at the beginning of worship service. Please be sure to have your child/children in the Tree House Worship room by 10:45am. With it being 5th Sunday there will not be any Children's Church for K-5th Grade. The Nursery, Toddler and Preschool classes will be on their normal schedule.*

*We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children Birth to 5th grade following the morning service. Lunch will be provided!  
Reminder FBCJ Parents! - PK-5th Grade will practice for our Spring Children's Choir (April 12th) every Sunday morning at 10:00 am 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

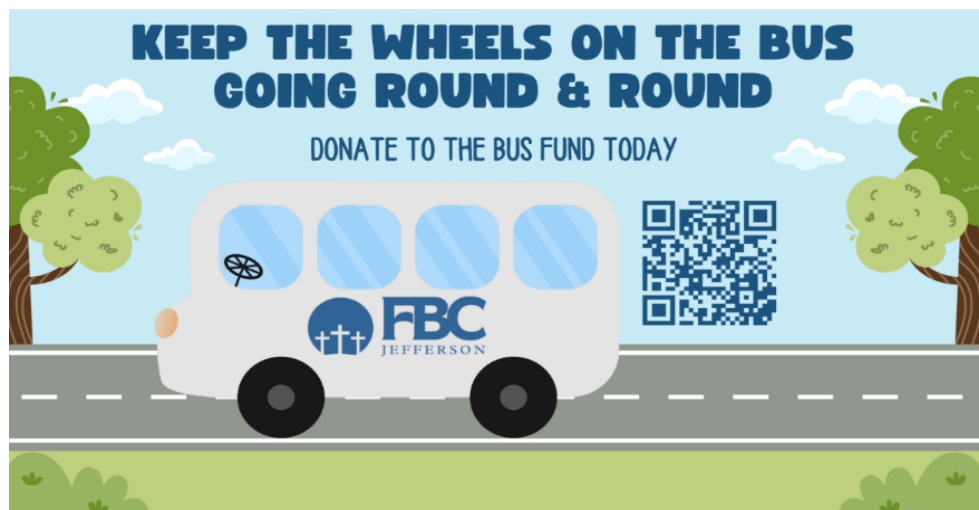
Deposit: 125.00 (Covered by Children Ministry)

Each Camper Cost: 255.00

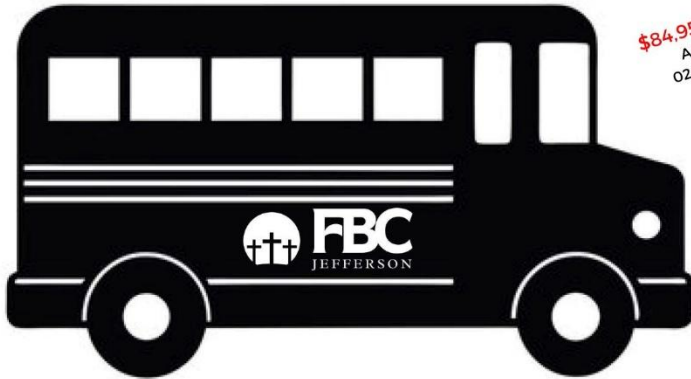
Due by: July 5th, 2026



**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. If you or your SS group would like to host the college and young adult ministry for an event, please let the church office know. For more information, please contact the church office.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

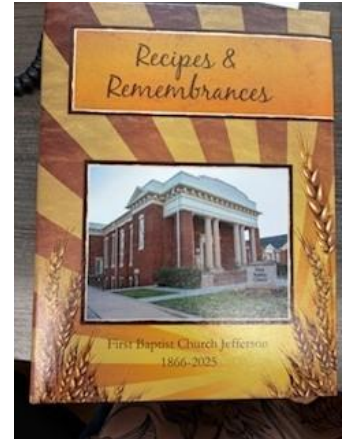
April 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom (Spring Break, but we'll meet anyway!)

April 15<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: 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](mailto:mabstitches@yahoo.com).

**Relay for Life**

**Yard Sale:**

The Church Yard Sale benefitting Relay for Life will be on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 7:00 am in the paved parking lot. Donated items may be brought to the carport at the church office

**BEGINNING APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

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.

The graphic features a stylized illustration of a clothing store or closet. It includes several racks of clothes, a hat on a shelf, a basket on the floor, and various accessories like shoes and handbags. The background is a light, warm color with a large, faint outline of a church building. The text is centered and reads: "FBC JEFFERSON YARD SALE", "All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life", and "May 2, 2026 7:00 am 246 Washington St. Jefferson, GA In the paved parking lot".

**FBC JEFFERSON**

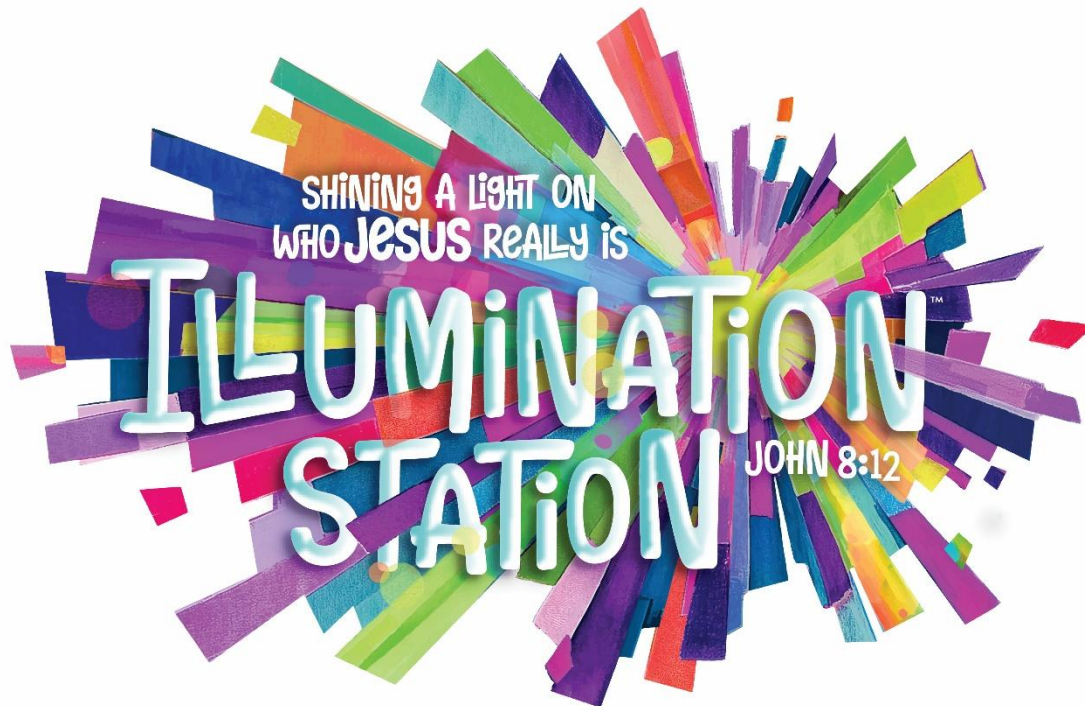
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**Student Ministry:** Our student ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Sunday afternoons from 5:30-7:00 pm, open to all 6th-12th graders. If you or your SS group would like to host the student ministry for an event, please let the church office know. For more information, call the church office.

**VBS: Illumination Station:** There will be an "Illumination Station" Volunteer Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at [children@fbcjefferson.org](mailto: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 25, 2026: Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Drinks.**

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

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 22, 2026:** Greg Keith and Tim Peacock

**Week of March 29, 2026:** Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

**Opening and Closing:** Dennis Elrod

**Greeters and Ushers:** Joe and Jennifer Blackstock

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**

- Sunday School Attendance: 115
- Worship Attendance: 139
- Nursery Attendance: 16
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 155
- Offering: \$10,907.50

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](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  
Greg Broussard  
Jerry Elliott  
Tom Fore  
Harold Harbin  
Vernell Hix

Ezra King  
Jane Kinney  
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)  
Phyllis Brauw (Louise Koontz's loved one)  
Alex Farmer (Sandra Farmer's son)  
Barry Farmer (Sandra Farmer's husband)

Charles & Leasie Fleming (Teresa Fleming's in-laws)  
Dominic Haines (broken neck at the state wrestling  
tournament)  
Jeff Key (Katie Fulcher's dad)

## **Additional Requests**

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