



**April 1, 2026**

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As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the central truth of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is not merely an event to commemorate once a year, but a reality that transforms how we live every single day. The empty tomb declares victory over sin and death, offering hope, renewal, and new life to all who believe.

We invite you to join us as we journey through this week together. Our Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:00 PM, providing a time of reflection on the sacrifice of Christ. On Good Friday, we will gather for a fish fry at 6:00 PM. Then, on Easter morning, we will come together for multiple services to celebrate the risen Savior. Let the message of the Easter season resonate in our lives each day.

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.

**THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:**

**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)

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Church Office Closed**

- 6:00 pm - Good Friday Fish Fry (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday**

- 7:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service (At the crosses)
- 8:00 am – Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am – Early Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Late Worship Service

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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.

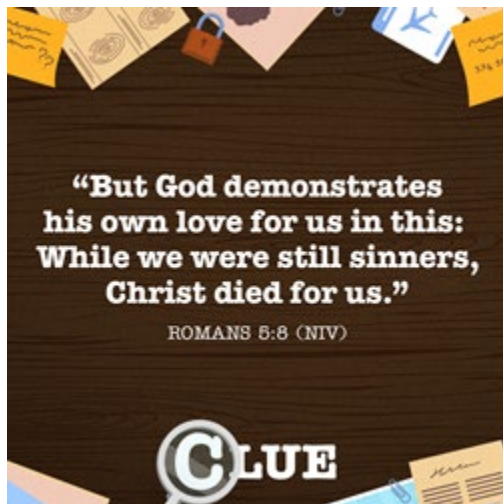
**MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**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.

***April Sunday School: Clue***

*This series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive! But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus' life and ministry. Along the way, they'll see that the Bible isn't just full of clues about who Jesus is—it's the complete story of God's love. In this 4-*



*week series, kids will learn that the Bible*

*says Jesus is alive, the Bible tells us Jesus loves us, the Bible reveals who Jesus is, and the Bible shows us how to share God's love.*

***Big Idea:*** The Bible says Jesus is alive! (Jesus Died and Rose Again: Matthew 27:45–28:10; Isaiah 25:6–9)



**Bible:** Matthew 27:45–28:10; Isaiah 25:6–9

**THIS WEEK:** *This week, kids investigate the story of how Jesus died and rose again. Mysteries leave behind clues, sparking a search for answers. This week, we'll investigate the greatest mystery of all: how Jesus died and rose again, just like he said he would when he left his friends clues about God's plan. Jesus proved that nothing is impossible for him and that all the clues lead to the fact that the Bible says Jesus is alive!*

**MEMORY VERSE:** "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8 (NIV)

**Children's Spring Choir April 12<sup>th</sup>:** *The children (PK-5th grade) will start this Sunday learning a few songs for our Spring Choir. I will practice these on Sunday's and Wednesday's. But will need to meet at least once in the sanctuary before our actual performance. I will give plenty of notice prior to meeting.*

#### **Children in Action**

Missionaries Wade and Sharon Sigrest serve the people of Cebu, Philippines through the Send Relief Projects, by training leaders and by leading a house church. They also teach life skills to help meet the physical needs and lead bible studies to meet their spiritual needs. Children will explore how the Sigrests "sow seeds" and build relationships with the Filipino people.

**Badge:** "Sow Seeds for Jesus" Badge

**Live Action Project:** We will plant flower seeds in our raised garden beds behind the church office as a group. Each child will then plant their own flower seeds in a pot to take home to share.

**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  
02/05/26



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. 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:**

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

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

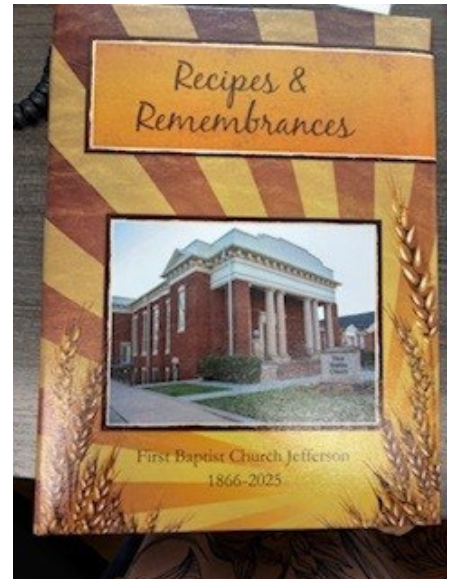
**Get your name on the Connect Run/Walk Group email list – contact Barbara Gooch by email ([bgooch02@yahoo.com](mailto:bgooch02@yahoo.com)).**

**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 will NOT meet Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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 MOTHER'S DAY ROSES:** Orders will be taken in Sunday School classes for roses beginning Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. These roses will be displayed during the worship services on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>. As in years past, this is an opportunity for all to purchase a red rose (in honor of) or a white rose (in memory of) for any family or friends they wish to recognize and celebrate. Roses are a great way to remember someone with cancer, someone who has survived cancer, or someone who succumbed to this terrible disease. Roses are \$5 each, and all sales benefit Relay for Life. Sale ends Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 illustration depicts a yard sale area with two clothing racks. The left rack holds various items including a blue dress, a green top, a tan jacket, and a striped shirt. A wicker basket sits on the floor next to it. The right rack features a red polka-dot shirt, a blue vest, and a blue skirt. A brown bag and a pair of black boots are on the floor nearby. Shelves above the racks display hats, a scarf, and a bag. The background is a light beige color with a large, faint arch shape.

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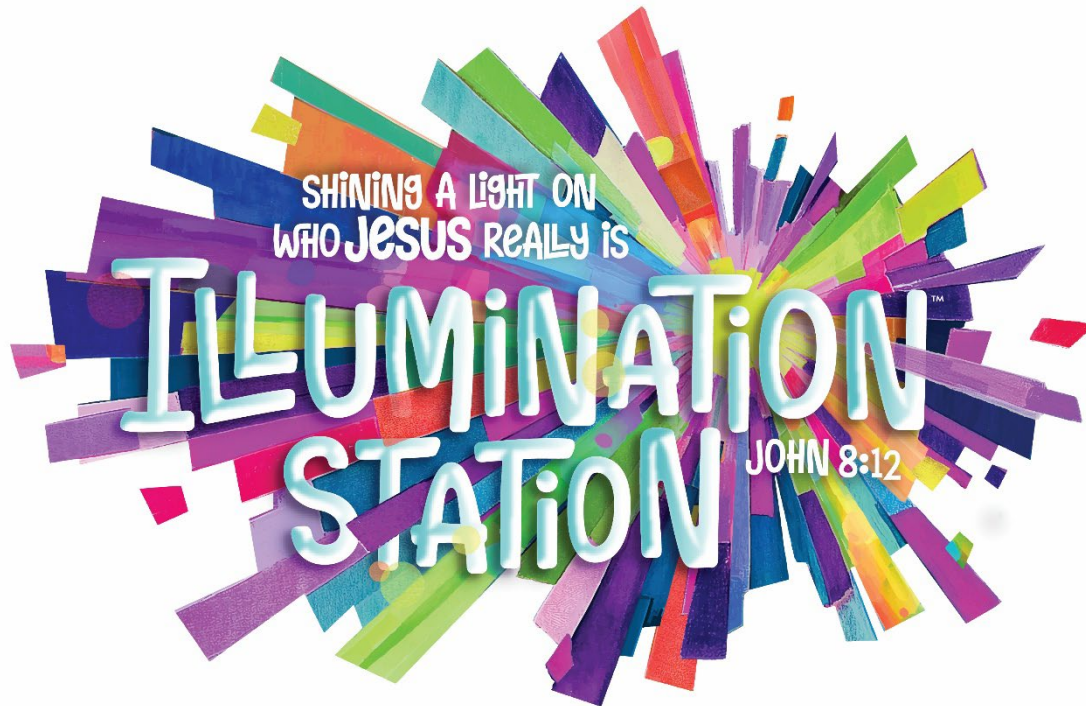
# YARD SALE

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. 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: NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> or APRIL 8<sup>th</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.

**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 29, 2026:** Kevin Charles and Phillip Ferguson

**Week of April 5, 2026:** Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

**Opening and Closing:** Brian Ferguson

**Greeters and Ushers: Maundy Thursday Service:** Barbara Gooch

**9:00 am Easter Service:** GiGi & Bo Stamey and Asa Compton

**11:00 am Easter Service:** Dennis Elrod and Jack Eubanks

**NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

- Sunday School Attendance: 106
- Worship Attendance: 208
- Nursery Attendance: 12
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 220
- Offering: \$5,675.25

**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](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.**

Harold Andrews  
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