



April 8, 2026

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

The celebration of Easter reminds us of the greatest victory in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But the resurrection is not merely an event to celebrate once a year; it is a truth to be lived out every single day.

Because He lives, we are called to live differently. The power of the resurrection is not just something we believe; it is something that transforms us. It gives us hope in the face of uncertainty, strength in moments of weakness, and purpose in our daily lives. As followers of Christ, we are called to walk in newness of life, displaying His grace and love to a world in need.

This week, let us go forward as people of the resurrection. Let our words be filled with encouragement and our actions marked by the transformation of our hearts. May we boldly share the hope we have and faithfully live in a way that points others to Jesus.

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: It is time to order the FBC Jefferson Polo Shirts. If you would like a shirt but have not yet signed up, please use the link below to fill out the Google Form. There is a picture of the shirt on the form, and a ladies' cut of the shirt is available. The shirts are \$22 and can be paid for in the church office. If you signed up previously, there is no need to complete this form.

NOTE: Tumblers are still available for \$10 each! Call the church office for more information.

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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, April 8th:

- 6:00 pm –Choir Practice (Choir Room); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom)

Sunday, April 12th:

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

Wednesday, April 15th:

- 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.

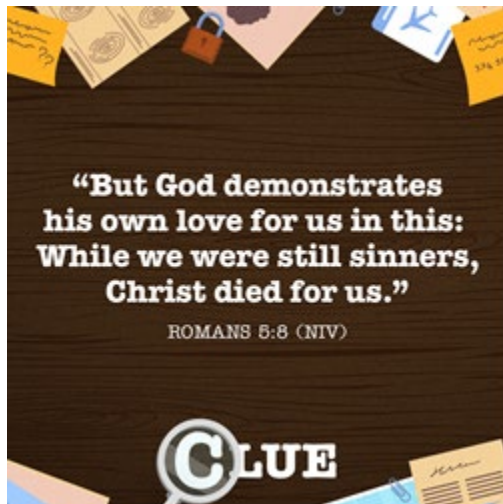
MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

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.

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 tells us Jesus loves us.

Bible: Jesus Appears to the Disciples: John 20:19–31; Mark 14:12–26

THIS WEEK - *This week, kids investigate the story of how Jesus appeared to the disciples in a locked room. Some mysteries feel impossible to solve until the answer is revealed in an unimaginable way. This week, we'll investigate how Jesus appeared to the disciples in a locked room, proving he was alive and offering them peace and comfort through his presence. Through Jesus' actions and words, we're reminded of the incredible truth that the Bible tells us Jesus loves us.*



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 performance has been rescheduled for April 19th.

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.



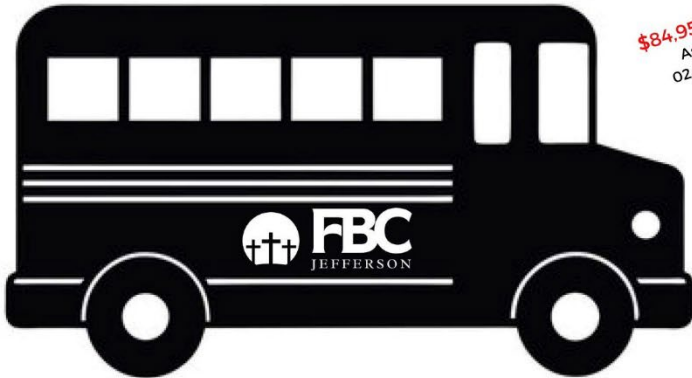
WHEN AND WHERE: Centri-Kids Camp at Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina for July 19-23, 2026.

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
02/03/26



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:

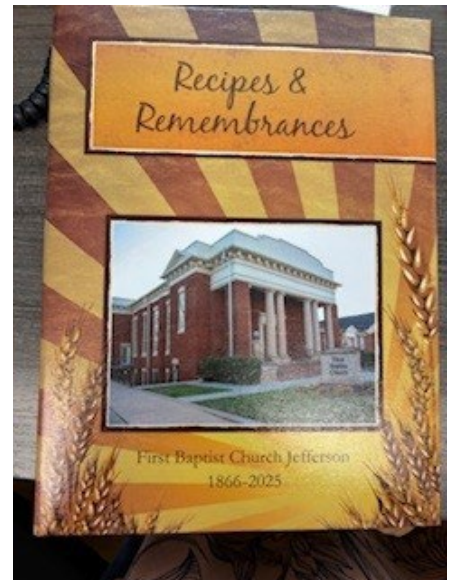
April 8th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom (Spring Break, but we'll meet anyway!)

April 15th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 22nd – 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: 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 8th. 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 March, the FBCJ Food Bank served the following in Jackson County:

- 162 families
- 568 people, including 187 under 18, 322 from the ages of 18 to 64; 59 people over the age of 65, and 4 new families.

Relay for Life MOTHER'S DAY ROSES: Orders will be taken in Sunday School classes for roses beginning Sunday, April 12th. These roses will be displayed during the worship services on Mother's Day, May 10th. 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 3rd.



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. 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

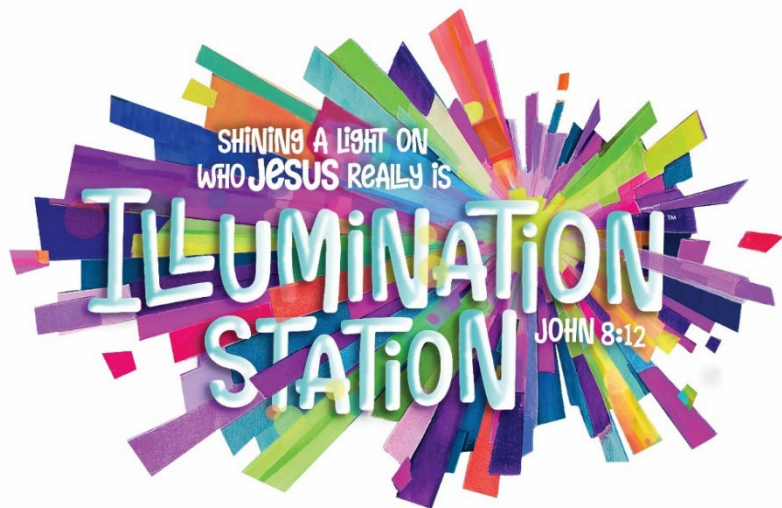
Student Ministry: Our student ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Sunday afternoons from 5:30-7:00 pm, open to all 6th-12th graders. If you or your SS group would like to host the student ministry for an event, please let the church office know. For more information, call the church office.

STUDENTS: SIGN UP NOW FOR FUGE CAMP!!



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: NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th.

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 April 5, 2026: Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

Week of April 12, 2026: Ken Hall and Fred Gurley

Opening and Closing: Brian Ferguson

Greeters and Ushers: Dennis Elrod and Jack Eubanks

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 88
- Worship Attendance (all services): 240
- Nursery Attendance: 14
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 254
- Offering: \$6,823.75

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



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
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 & Leasia Fleming (Teresa Fleming's in-laws)
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