



April 15, 2026

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. - 1 John 3:1

This past Sunday, the text spoke to us about identity, specifically, the importance of our identity being in Christ. It seems like a simple concept, but in reality, it is quite difficult. Here on earth, we develop likes, dislikes, habits, friendships, and alliances. If our identity is not deeply rooted in Christ, we can quickly allow situations or relationships to dictate how we act, respond, or treat people.

In all things, as children of God, we should always return to Scripture and the teachings of Jesus. If a friend, family member, boss, celebrity, or politician goes against Scripture or the teachings of Jesus, then we must side with Scripture. If our identity is deeply rooted in Christ, we will recognize this and be able to stand firm.

In a skeptical world, we cannot afford to waver or compromise. It is imperative that we know who we are and stand firm in gentleness and love. 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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First Quarter 2026 Financial Report: Offering received YTD \$150,546
Budget needed YTD \$177,914
Expenses YTD \$149,893

Veteran's Day Video Presentation: Anyone who wishes for themselves, or their special veteran, to be recognized at our November Veteran's Day video presentation, please pick up one of the information forms in the church office (or from Mary Ann Brooks) and attach the photo to be copied to the form. All photos will be handled with the proper care for reproduction (enhancement if needed) and returned to the person submitting them. Please omit the line for "Medals Won". The form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

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 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)

Thursday, April 16th:

- 6:30 pm – Cabinet Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 19th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 12:15 pm – VBS Volunteer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 pm – Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Wednesday, April 22nd:

- 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.

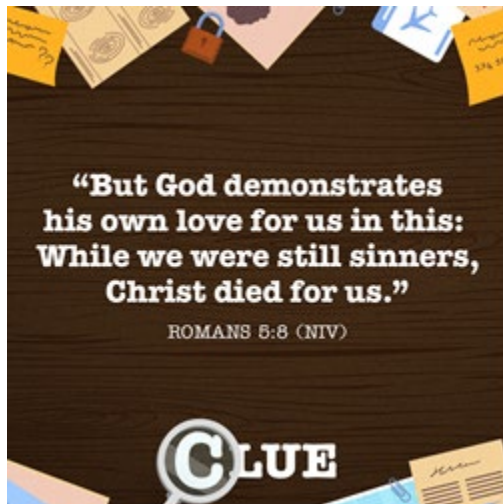
MINISTRY & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

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 reveals who Jesus is.

Bible: Jesus on the Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13–35; Mark 9:2–13

THIS WEEK - Kids investigate the story of how a stranger on the Road to Emmaus was actually Jesus. Following the clues can help us piece together important answers. This week, we'll investigate the story of how Jesus revealed who he was to two disciples on the road to Emmaus using Scripture. Through this story, we'll understand that Jesus is the savior and God's Son because the Bible reveals who Jesus is.



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!



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.

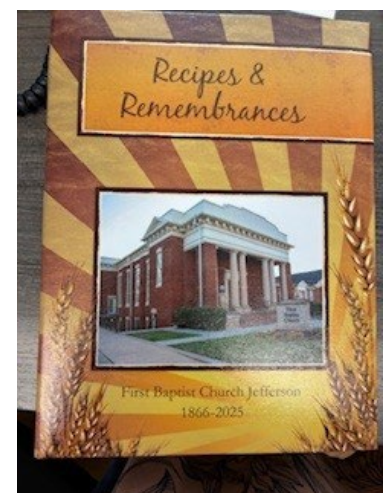
Connect Run/Walk Group: Connect Run/Walk Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Connect is for anyone interested in running/walking with others to grow and improve spiritually and physically, and to follow the teachings of the Lord. We will have a small devotion, prayer concerns, and praises. Join 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 15th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
- April 22nd – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
- April 29th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
- May 6th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
- May 13th – 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 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.

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.



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SALE

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



Friday, May 1st 10:00 am
Saturday, May 2, 2026
7:00 am

246 Washington St.
Jefferson, GA
In the paved parking lot

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.

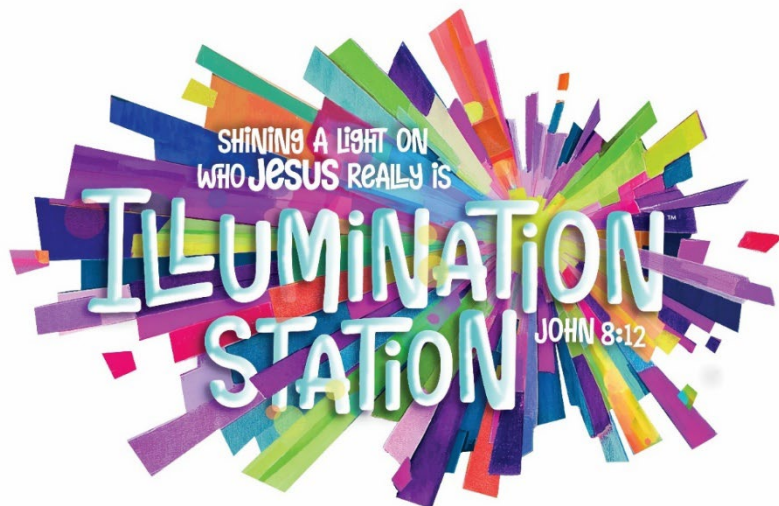
Student Ministry: Our student ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Sunday afternoons from 5:30-7:00 pm, open to all 6th-12th graders. If you or your SS group would like to host the student ministry for an event, please let the church office know. For more information, call the church office.

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 – 8:30 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 APRIL 15, 2026: Wings, Fries, Dessert, Drinks.

MENU FOR APRIL 22, 2026: Pizza, 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.

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 12, 2026: Ken Hall and Fred Gurley

Week of April 19, 2026: Tom Emory and Brian Ferguson

Opening and Closing: Brian Ferguson

Greeters and Ushers: Dennis Elrod and Jack Eubanks

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 86
- Worship Attendance: 106
- Nursery Attendance: 4
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 110
- Offering: \$12,411.50

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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

Veterans Day

November 11, 2026



Veterans' Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Years of Service _____

War Campaigns Served In _____

** Person submitting form _____



- Received by Church
- Scanned by Church
- Return to Veteran/Family



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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
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