



April 22, 2026

Bus Fund Update:

At the time of the bus purchase our goal was to have it paid off by the end of this year. We have made incredible progress towards this goal having raised over \$85,000. That leaves us with a balance of about \$45,000. This bus has already been a valuable ministry tool as our students, M&M's, Sunday School, staff, and others have been able to use it. We are planning for a busy summer of camps and trips that will keep the bus rolling. To aid in our efforts to paying off the bus we will have a special offering on June 20th during our Sunday Service. Please be in prayer about what God will have you to give on this day. Every dollar is an important investment into Kingdom Work!

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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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.

WELCOME: We joyfully welcome Emily Rees to the FBC Jefferson church family! Emily is the daughter of David and Kristie Rees and joins us by profession of faith. We are so thankful the Lord has brought her to us and look forward to growing together in faith and fellowship. ----->



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 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)

Sunday, April 26th:

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

Wednesday, April 29th:

- 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.

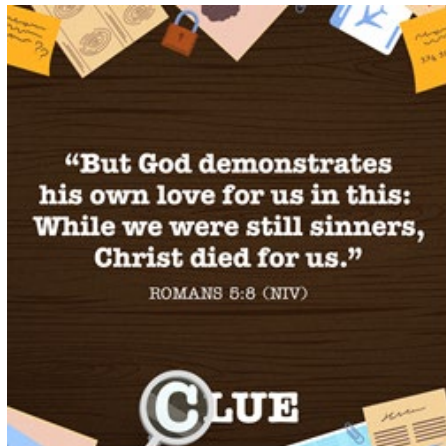
Children's Ministry: We always need volunteers to help in the Children's Ministry! If you'd like to help, please contact Teresa Wood at children@fbcjefferson.org, or call the church office at 706-367-8332.

April Sunday School: Clue

This series kicks off with Jesus is alive! But even his surprised by what they kids will follow the clues in stories leading up to Easter other moments in Jesus' the way, they'll see that clues about who Jesus is—



the greatest news ever—closest friends were discovered. Each week, the Bible, looking at the and connecting them to life and ministry. Along the Bible isn't just full of it's the complete story of God's love. In this 4-week



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ROMANS 5:8 (NIV)

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 shows us how to share God's love.

Bible: Jesus at the Sea of Galilee: John 10:1–11, 21:1–17

THIS WEEK - *This week, kids investigate the story of how Jesus helped the disciples catch fish at the Sea of Galilee. Solving a mystery gets to the truth behind something that seemed unclear, helping us see the bigger picture. This week, we'll investigate how Jesus helped the disciples catch fish at the Sea of Galilee and then gave Peter clarity about his mission to care for God's people. Through Jesus' actions and words, we discover that the Bible shows us how to share God's love.*

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 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: Parents, please confirm by **MAY 15th** if your child will be attending Centri-Kids Camp. This year's camp will be at Ridgecrest Conference Center July 19-23rd located in Ridgecrest, NC. This camp is for kids who have completed 2nd grade through 6th grade.

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 22nd – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

April 29th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

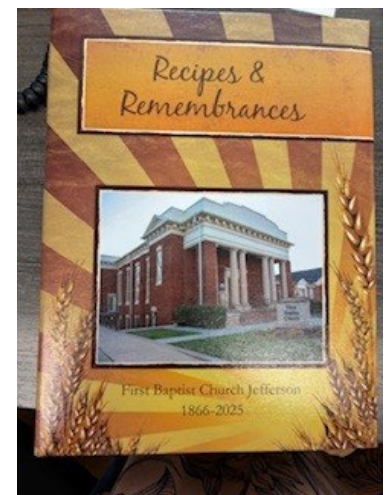
May 6th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

May 13th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

May 27th – 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.



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.



YARD 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

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.

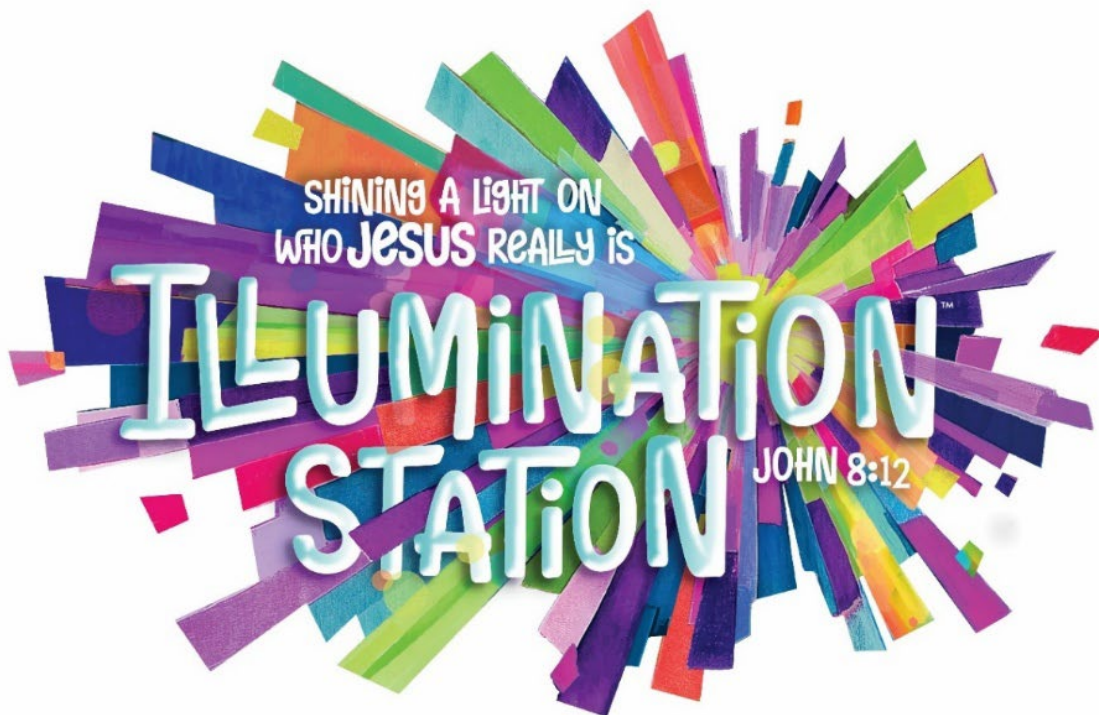
STUDENTS: SIGN UP NOW FOR FUGE CAMP!!



The graphic is split into two main sections. The left section has a dark blue background with the word "Fuge" in a large, bold, yellow font. Below it, "STUDENT CAMP" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Further down, the dates "JUNE 22-26" are displayed in yellow, followed by the text "Sign up now" in white. A large QR code is positioned at the bottom of this section. The right section features a photograph of a green, rolling landscape under a cloudy sky, with a white sheep grazing in a field. Overlaid on the image is the text "The GOOD SHEPHERD" in white, with "The" in a smaller font and "GOOD SHEPHERD" in a larger, bold font. Below this, it says "A STUDY OF PSALM 23" in a small white font. At the bottom right, the "FUGE CAMPS" logo is visible, consisting of a red square icon and the words "FUGE CAMPS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

VBS:

Illumination Station:



The logo for "Illumination Station" is a vibrant, multi-colored design. It features a central burst of numerous thin, rectangular strips of paper in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink) radiating outwards. Overlaid on this burst is the text "SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS" in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "ILLUMINATION STATION" are written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of "ILLUMINATION STATION", the text "JOHN 8:12" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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 22, 2026: Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Drinks.

MENU FOR APRIL 29, 2026: Chopped Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Bread, 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 19, 2026: Tom Emory and Brian Ferguson

Week of April 26, 2026: Philip Thompson and Steve Hix

Opening and Closing: Brian Ferguson

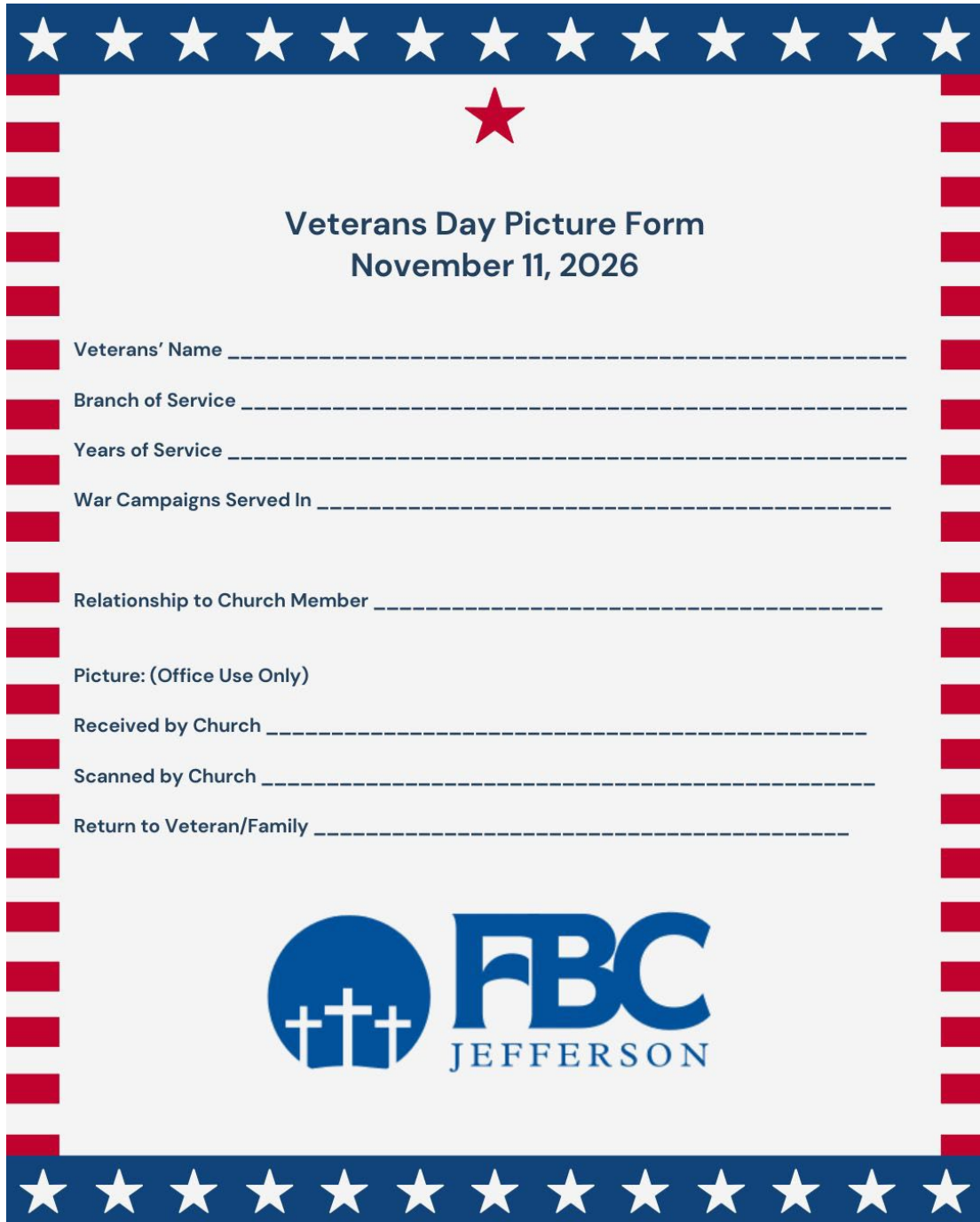
Greeters and Ushers: Dennis Elrod and Jack Eubanks


NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 94
- Worship Attendance: 176
- Nursery Attendance: 15
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 191
- Offering: \$9,210.41

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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





Veterans Day Picture Form
November 11, 2026

Veterans' Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Years of Service _____

War Campaigns Served In _____


Relationship to Church Member _____

Picture: (Office Use Only)

Received by Church _____

Scanned by Church _____

Return to Veteran/Family _____

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Online at www.pushpay.com



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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

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