



May 13, 2026

During our worship service Sunday, the Personnel Committee will be recommending Josh Wilkinson for the position of Pastor to Students. The committee has enjoyed getting to know Josh and seeing his passion for reaching students. Students and their parents will have a chance to meet and have breakfast with Josh and his wife Lauren during Sunday School. Josh will give his testimony during the service and at the end the service will have a chance to vote him in as our new Pastor to Students. We ask for this information to not be shared, as he has not informed his current youth group.

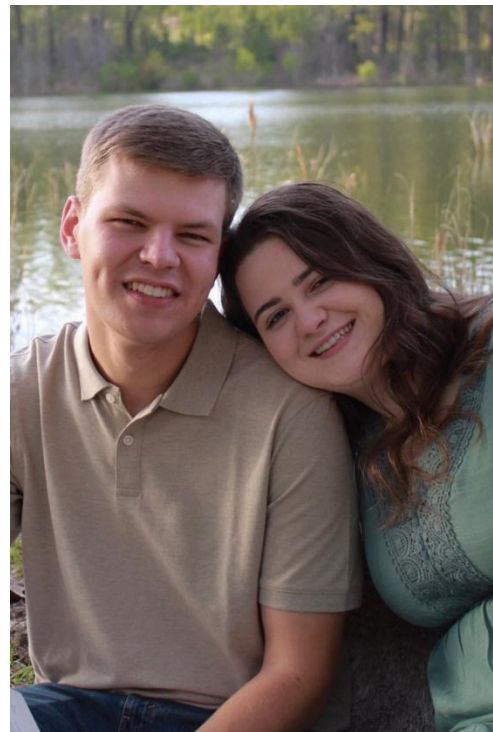
Our Grad Sunday will be on May 24th. We will recognize all of our graduates and pray a special blessing over the next phase of their lives. We would like for all of our college graduates to email a photo and their degree to the church office.

In His Service,

Matt

SPOTLIGHT:

A Little About Josh and Lauren Wilkinson: Josh Wilkinson grew up farming in Gray, GA. While attending ABAC he served for several years as the Baptist Collegiate Ministry President on campus. He has served as a camp pastor with Connect Camps and as a student pastor, currently in Hawkinsville, GA. Josh and Lauren were married in December of 2025. Lauren is a native of Jackson County and is a Labor and Delivery Nurse who is doing clinicals in Athens to become a Midwife. Josh and Lauren are very excited about the opportunity to serve at FBC Jefferson and look forward to reaching the students of Jefferson and Jackson County.



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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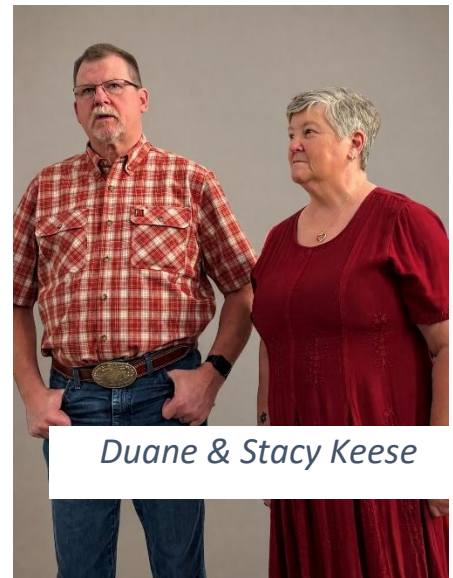
Veteran's Day Video Presentation: THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN PICTURES AND THE INFORMATION FORM IS QUICKLY APPROACHING! The Veteran's Day Committee is meeting next Tuesday (May 19th) and will be planning the exact deadline date, but they want to get started on this project, so get your entries in ASAP! For more information, contact the church office.

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: Please join us in welcoming Duane and Stacy Keese to the family of First Baptist Church Jefferson! We are excited to have them as part of our church family and look forward to serving, worshipping, and growing together in Christ. Be sure to greet them and help make them feel at home at FBC Jefferson!



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.



Duane & Stacy Keese

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, May 13th:

- 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, May 14th:

- 6:30 pm – Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, May 17th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:00 pm – Deacon's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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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.

May Sunday School: Can you remember the last time you got lost in a really good book? The epic quests, daring escapes, and wild adventures make it hard to put down! While our lives might not include mythical creatures or fantastical lands, we're all part of an incredible adventure—following God and helping others do the same. Each week, kids will explore the **amazing** and true stories about Jesus that show us what it means to live for God. In this 5-week series, kids will discover the true story of how **Jesus is**



always with us, God helps us be righteous, God hears us when we pray, the Holy Spirit gives us power, and God helps us share the good news.

Big Idea: God hears us when we pray.

Bible: Peter's Miraculous Escape: Acts 12:1–17; Ephesians 1:15–23)

About This Week: This week, kids hear the true story of Peter's miraculous escape from prison. A quest is filled with dangers and obstacles—sometimes, a warrior gets trapped with no way out. This week, we'll hear how Peter was locked up in jail, heavily guarded, and escape seemed impossible. But when the church prayed for him, God sent an angel to set him free, proving that true story—God hears us when we pray.

MEMORY VERSE: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." — Romans 1:16a (NIV)

5th Sunday, May 31st - No Children's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade. Please pick your children up from Sunday School by 10:50. Activity packs will be provided for them to have during the worship service. Nursery, Toddler and Preschool rooms will follow their normal schedule.

Volunteers Needed for the following Children's Events:

- **June 14-18th VBS:** Illumination Station: Recreation/Game Volunteers
- **June 30th Bug Camp:** Activity Leaders and Group Leaders
- **July 14th Art Camp:** Activity Leaders and Group Leaders

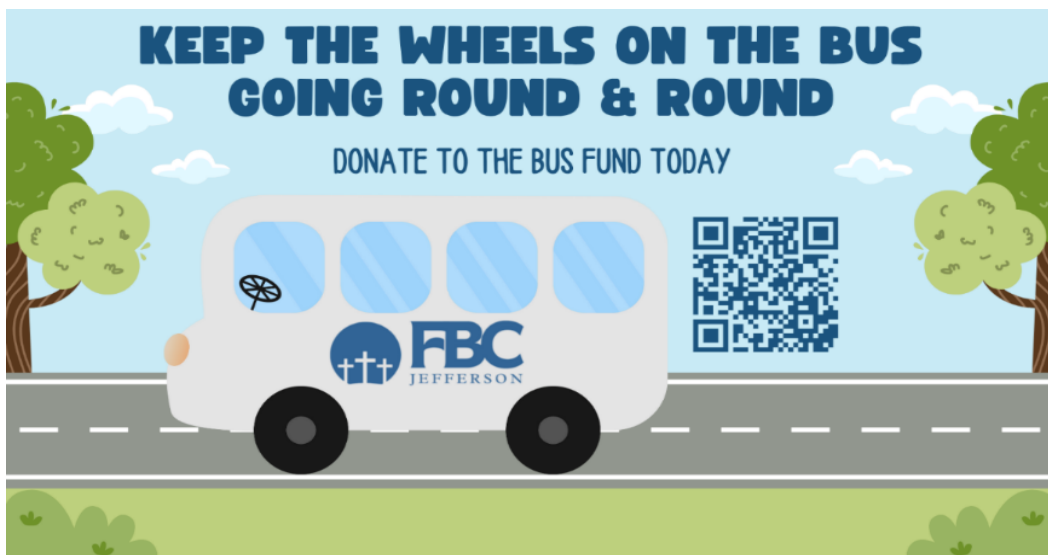
Children in Action: We will continue to learn about Missionaries Wade and Sharon Sigrest as they serve the people of Cebu, Philippines through the Send Relief Projects, by training leaders and by leading a house church. They also teach life skills to help meet the physical needs and lead bible studies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

Badge: "Sow Seeds for Jesus" Badge

Live Action Project: Tonight, each child will plant their own flower seeds in a pot to take home to share. **Due to the rain last night, we will plant flower seeds in our raised garden beds behind the church office as a group TONIGHT.**

CENTRI-KIDS BAKE SALE WILL BE RESCHEDULED UNTIL JUNE: Help raise funds for camp! The campers will help at the bake sale that day. We will sell goodies before Sunday School and before the Worship service.

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 6:00 pm. 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. Everyone in our church and community are invited. Perfect place to safely run/walk with others.

Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

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

May 20th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

May 27th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

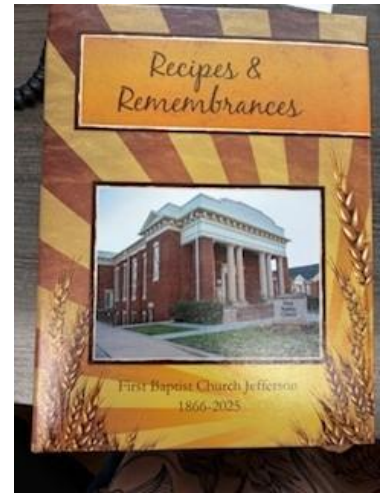
June 3rd – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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.

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.

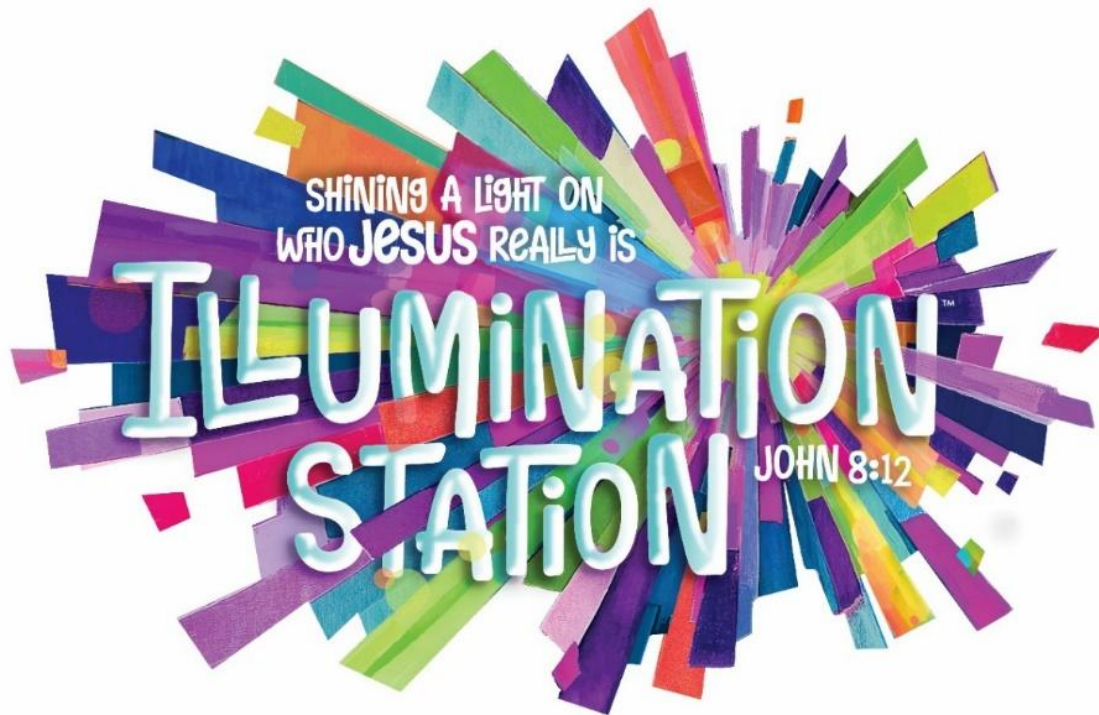
STUDENTS: SIGN UP NOW FOR FUGE CAMP!!



This is a promotional graphic for Fuge Student Camp. The left side has a dark blue background with the text "Fuge STUDENT CAMP" in yellow and white, "JUNE 22-26" in yellow, and "Sign up now" in white. Below this is a QR code. The right side features a landscape photo of rolling green hills under a cloudy sky with a sheep in the foreground. Text on the right includes "The GOOD SHEPHERD" in white, "A STUDY OF PSALM 23" in smaller white text, and the "FUGE CAMPS" logo in red and black at the bottom right.

VBS Illumination Station: Register your child for VBS by following this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfN5VV7vzGbXtVnM2w7eigrilxLlip4cf4-KTy497ZdMSLPA/viewform>



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: Wednesday, May 20th marks the last Wednesday Night Meal before summer break!

MENU FOR MAY 13, 2026: Grilled Chicken Alfredo, Bread, Dessert, Drinks.

MENU FOR MAY 20, 2026: Hot Dogs, Chili, Slaw, Chips, Baked Beans, 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 May 10, 2026: Phillip Ferguson and Kevin Charles

Week of May 17, 2026: Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

Opening and Closing: Charlene Barber

Greeters and Ushers: Philip and L'Resu Thompson

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 119
- Worship Attendance: 192
- Nursery Attendance: 18
- WORSHIP TOTAL: **210!**
- Offering: \$29,214.00

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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ART CAMP

Register at www.fbcjefferson.org

14 JULY 2026

9 AM

The children will enjoy a variety of art activities
Please be sure that you send your children in clothes that can get messy.

 ***3YRS-5TH GRADE**

*3 YR OLDS MUST BE POTTY TRAINED

REGISTER YOUR CHILD HERE: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffwSuuwVJKPrJPdwrE-wFRbBLvwHltZjuy4aZVMUDSfrmAg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>



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**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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5 WAYS TO TITHE

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
Cheryl Broussard
Tom Fore
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Nancy McGhee
Connie Peebles
John White

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