



May 27, 2026

As another busy school year ends, we celebrate awards, promotions, and graduations. Summer offers a welcome change of pace and provides opportunities for travel and activities. While our routines may shift, our calling as Christians remains the same. Wherever our summer activities take us, vacations, camps, lakes, or ball fields, we must remember to take Christ with us. Spiritual growth and outreach don't take a season off. Commit this year to staying connected and growing in your faith through the summer months.

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: THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN PICTURES AND THE INFORMATION FORM IS SUNDAY, JUNE 14th! Please turn in your veteran's photo and information form to the church office no later than June 14th. 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.



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, May 27th:

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

Sunday, May 31st:

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

Monday, June 1st:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

Tuesday, June 2nd:

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

Wednesday, June 3rd:

- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall); Choir Practice (Choir Room); Connect Run/Walk (Adult II SS Classroom); Summer Fun at the Treehouse KICKOFF (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.

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 helps us share the good news.

Bible: Acts 27:13–44; Matthew 28:16–20

About This Week: Every adventure has unexpected setbacks and obstacles that make the journey harder than expected. This week, we'll see how Paul faced a terrifying shipwreck as a prisoner on his way to Rome but never stopped trusting God and sharing the good news with those around him. His story reminds us that no matter what challenges we face, true story—God helps us share the good news.

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)

REMINDER: 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.



Dear Parents, 

At First Baptist Church Jefferson, we are passionate about helping children grow into lifelong worshippers of Jesus. One way we encourage this spiritual growth is through our "5th Sunday Worship Experience."

Whenever a month has a 5th Sunday, our Kindergarten–5th grade children will join their families in the 11:00 AM worship service instead of attending Children's Church.

We believe these special Sundays provide meaningful opportunities for children to experience the life of the church alongside parents, grandparents, and the church family.



*Growing in Faith.
Serving in Love.
Changing the World.* 



WHY THIS MATTERS

Children learn faith not only by being taught, but by watching and participating.

By attending worship services regularly with adults, children begin to:

- Learn the importance and rhythm of corporate worship
- Observe biblical teaching and prayer in a larger church setting
- Hear worship music and Scripture read aloud
- Develop confidence and comfort in the sanctuary
- See parents and other believers actively worshipping God
- Understand they are a valued part of the church body today—not just "the future church"

These experiences help children build spiritual habits that can continue throughout their lives.



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."


MATTHEW 28:19




HELPING YOUR CHILD ENGAGE IN WORSHIP

Here are a few ways you can help make the experience meaningful:

- Sit together as a family
- Encourage your child to sing and participate
- Whisper brief explanations during the service when needed
- Allow them to follow along in the Bible or sermon notes
- Talk afterward about what they learned or noticed

 We understand that children are still learning, and grace is always welcomed. Wiggles, whispers, and questions are all part of helping young hearts grow in worship.

Thank you for partnering with us as we disciple the next generation and help our children grow in their relationship with Christ. 

TOGETHER, WE MAKE AN IMPACT

At FBC Jefferson, our children learn that faith in action changes lives. Through mission projects, acts of kindness, and outreach in our community and around the world, we are raising a generation that loves God and loves people.



LOVE GOD



LOVE PEOPLE



SERVE LOCALLY



REACH GLOBALLY



With gratitude,
Teresa Fleming
Director of Children and Missions

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

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.

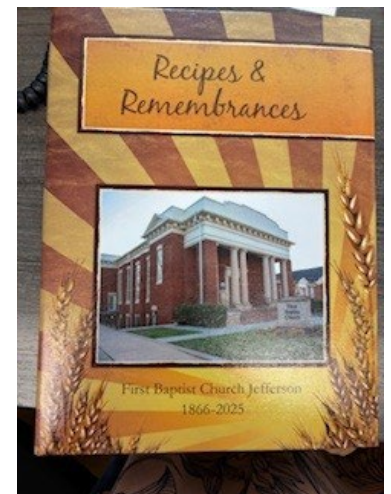
Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

May 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.

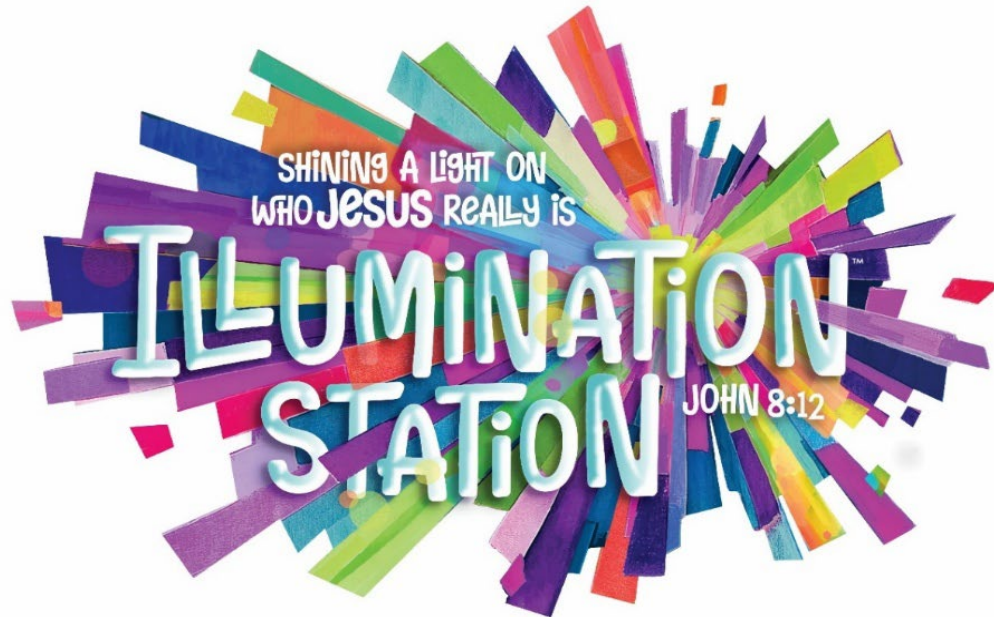
 **FUGE CAMPS**

FUGE Camp is coming up! June 22-26, 2026 – Erskine College, Due West SC!

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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfN5VV7vzGbXtVnM2w7egriglXlLip4cf4-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.

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 24, 2026: Ken Hall and Fred Gurley

Week of May 31, 2026: Tom Emory and Brian Ferguson

Opening and Closing: Charlene Barber

Greeters and Ushers: Philip and L'Resu Thompson


NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 100
- Worship Attendance: 148
- Nursery Attendance: 14
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 162

- Offering: \$13,097.00

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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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
Cheryl Broussard
Tom Fore
Harold Harbin
Vernell Hix
Ezra King

Jane Kinney
Nancy McGhee
Connie Peebles
GiGi Stamey
Bobisue Strickland
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)
Family of Dennis Cain
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
All US Veterans
Our Church Leadership & Staff