



June 3, 2026



While Matt and his family are on a much-deserved vacation, we thought we'd put a little information in the Pathfinder in Matt's usual spot about this Sunday's guest pastor, Chad Rising.

Chad received the call to ministry as a teenager and has served in multiple ministry positions. He and his wife Wendy met at Toccoa Falls College and have worked as ministry partners since their marriage in 1992. Chad has served as an Associate Pastor for Children and Youth and has served as Senior Pastor to two Sarepta Churches, Cave Springs in Pendergrass and Blacks Creek in Commerce. He brings 29 years of ministry experience that focused on evangelism, church revitalization, and missions. Chad currently serves as the Associational Missionary Strategist for SAREPTA Baptist Missions Network in Athens, GA.

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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PANTRY PARTY:

Pantry & More
SHOWER
— FOR —
Josh & Lauren
WILKINSON
OUR NEW
YOUTH MINISTER
AT
FBC JEFFERSON!!!

Let's show our
Love & Support ♥
as they get settled
into their new home!!!!

June 7th
— & —
June 14th

Drop off Gifts
(Before or After Church)

1 Adult II
SS Class | **2** A Table by the
Children's Wing
Entrance

Suggested Items

- PAPER PRODUCTS
- CANNED GOODS
- KITCHEN ACCESSORIES
- RECIPE WITH INGREDIENTS BASKET
- GIFT CARDS

♥ *Let's bless Josh & Lauren* ♥
AS THEY BEGIN THIS EXCITING NEW CHAPTER OF MINISTRY AND LIFE TOGETHER!

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. HAROLD HARBIN: Harold Harbin's funeral arrangements are as follows:

Visitation: Friday, June 5, 2026
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Evans Funeral Home
1350 Winder Highway
Jefferson, GA 30549

Funeral Service: Saturday, June 6, 2026
1:00 PM
Evans Funeral Home
1350 Winder Highway
Jefferson, GA 30549

Interment following funeral service: Saturday, June 6, 2026
Jackson Memorial Park
6825 Jefferson Road
Commerce, GA 30529

Harold's full obituary can be found at this link:
<https://www.evansfuneralhomeinc.com/obituary/MrHarold-Harbin>

SPECIAL BUS OFFERING: The Finish Line Is in Sight!

Help us reach our goal!



*\$91,502.41 raised
\$39,497.59 needed
to reach our
\$131,000 goal!*



Make your additional contributions towards the bus fund today!

Last year, our church stepped out in faith and purchased a bus to support the many ministries of FBC Jefferson. Because of the generosity of our church family, we were able to make this important investment in ministry without taking on long-term debt.

Our goal now is to replenish the funds that were used for the purchase so that they will be available for future ministry needs and opportunities. The total cost of the bus was **\$131,000**, and through your faithful giving, we have already restored more than **\$91,500**. That means we have only **\$39,497.59** remaining to reach our goal.

This bus is already being used to impact lives—transporting children, students, senior adults, and ministry groups as they grow in their faith and serve others. Every trip is a reminder that this was not simply a purchase; it was an investment in people and in God's work through our church.

We are planning to have a special offering for the Bus Fund on Sunday, June 21st, during the worship service. As we move closer to the finish line, would you prayerfully consider making a special gift toward replenishing the bus fund? Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us restore these resources and prepare for future ministry opportunities.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity. We are grateful for all God has done and excited to see how He will continue to provide.

Amount Remaining to Reach Our Goal: \$39,497.59

Together, let's finish strong!

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, 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)

Sunday, June 7th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service

Wednesday, June 10th:

- 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 Gathering (Josh and Lauren's House)

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.

June Sunday School: Take a moment to pause and get a closer look at the amazing world around us—trees, oceans, animals, and even you! What's even more amazing is that it was all created by God, for God. From the beginning of time, God created everything with care and purpose, showing incredible love for all of creation—especially us. The best thing we can do is give that love back by taking care of the world God has given us. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God made the world and everything in it, we are made in God's image, God made a plan to save us, and God helps us make good choices!**

BIG IDEA: God made the world and everything in it.

BIBLE: Genesis 1:1–25, 2:1–3; Psalm 33:4–9

THIS WEEK: Kids discover how God created the whole world. From sky-high mountains to the deepest oceans, nothing in our world happened by accident. This week, we'll see how God carefully created every part of the Earth, from the land and sky to plants, animals, and everything in between, filling it with beauty and purpose. Every waterfall, forest, and creature is a reminder that **God made the world and everything in it.**

Volunteers Needed for the following Children's Events:



SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION™

JOHN 8:12

We need VOLUNTEERS!

HELP US DECORATE FOR ILLUMINATION STATION VBS!

Many hands make light work! Join us as we prepare our space to welcome kids and shine the light of Jesus all week long.

JUNE 8-11 : **DECORATING TIMES** : **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME—WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP! ❤️

- **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**

Summer Fun at the Treehouse: Join us Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm for our Summer Kick-Off. After our short lesson, we will walk down to Swirlee's and enjoy a cool dessert.



FBC Jefferson Children's Ministry

Summer Fun at the TreeHouse!

Join us each Wednesday 6-7pm for Bible fun, worship and games!

June 3rd– Kick off Summer Fun– Bible Drills and a trip to Swirlee's

June 10th– Jesus is the Light of the World/Cross project

June 14-18th– Illumination Station VBS 6-8:30pm

June 24th– Game Night

Ages 3yrs - 5th Grade

Please contact Teresa Fleming at children@fbcjefferson.org / 706-367-8332 for any questions



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.

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:

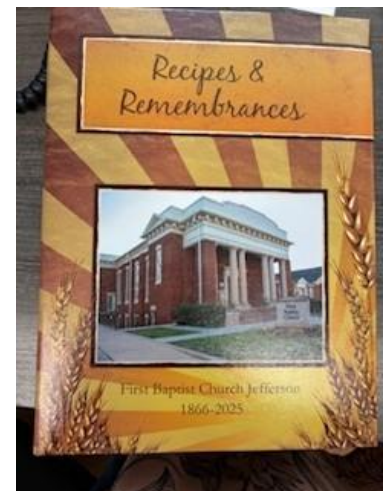
June 3rd – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
June 10th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
June 17th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
June 24th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
July 1st – Will not meet - Observing Independence Day July 4th week
July 8th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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.

Food Bank: In May 2026, the FBCJ Food Bank served the following in Jackson County:

- 154 families
- 547 people, including 193 under 18, 288 from the ages of 18 to 64; 66 people over the age of 65, and 17 new families.



Meal on Wheels: The FBC Student Ministry is scheduled to deliver each Wednesday in June. The Adult I Sunday School Class will deliver meals in July. If you or your Sunday School Class, women’s circle, or civic organization would like to help deliver on Wednesdays, please contact Barbara Gooch at 706-654-7731, or email her at bgooch02@yahoo.com. The Jackson County Senior Center depends on our help to

deliver to the seniors in our community who are in need on Wednesdays, so please, if you can deliver one of these dates, please let Barbara know!

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, contact Josh at 478-456-1382.

Students: Join Josh and Lauren at their house (192 College St) at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 10th for supper, fun, and fellowship!

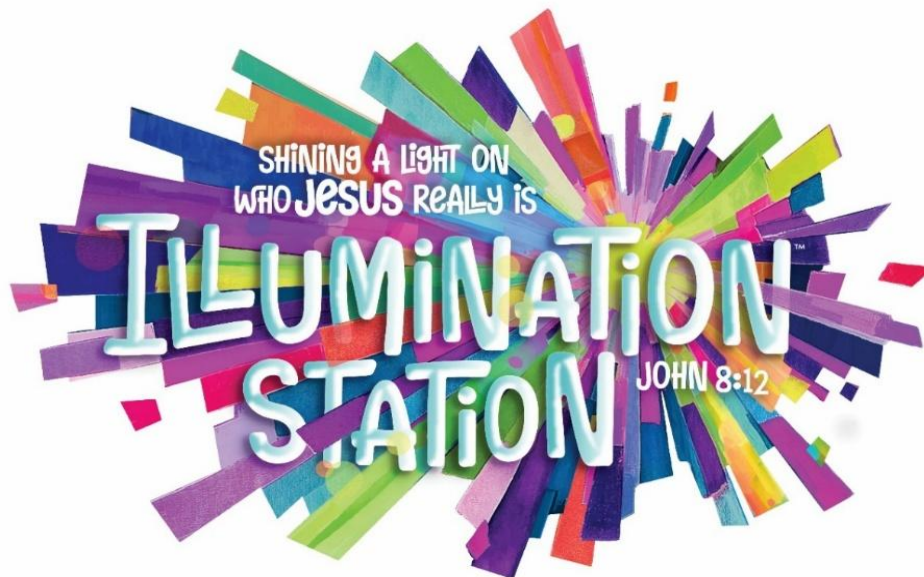
There will be a FUGE Camp meeting for all youth going to camp on Sunday, June 14th at 1:00 pm in the Student Center.

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/1FAIpQLSfN5VV7vzGbXtVnM2w7egriglLxLlip4cf4-KTy497ZdMSLPA/viewform>



VBS at FBC Jefferson is coming soon – June 14-18, 2026, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm each night!

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 31, 2026: Tom Emory and Brian Ferguson

Week of June 7, 2026: Philip Thompson and Steven Hix

Opening and Closing: Steve Ross


Greeters and Ushers: Mildred Gray and Alice Jarnigan

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 105
- Worship Attendance: 182
- Nursery Attendance: 12
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 194
- Offering: \$6,476.00

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 _____



FBC
JEFFERSON



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
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 (on hospice)

Tim Harris
Raye Dean Jackson
Eudene Johnson
Jack Purcell
Raynelle Sims
Helen Whitlock

We Share in Sorrow with

The family of Harold Harbin

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)
James Vogt (Karen & JT Vogts' son)

Additional Requests

Our Ministry Team and Their Families
Our Church-sponsored Missionaries
All US Veterans
Our Church Leadership & Staff