July 1, 2026

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9)

As I'm sure everyone has noticed, the summer heat has arrived. These type of days lends themselves to staying inside and staying cool. Sometimes the work that needs to be done is delayed in the hope of better conditions. Any outside work will be hot and difficult and is a test of willpower and endurance.

In our Christian walk, we can find ourselves in similar seasons; times when we delay the work or the calling that God has placed upon us, hoping for better conditions. It is in those difficult times that we must not lose heart in doing good. We must recognize that even though things might be presently difficult or spiritually dry, there is a time to reap if we do not grow weary.

In His Service,

Matt

SPOTLIGHT:

Committee Chairs: Please remember to reserve rooms for meetings with Karen in the church office.

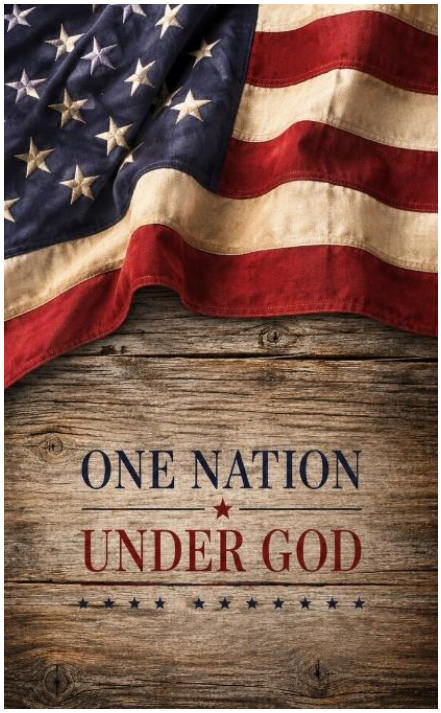
Church Office hours:

- 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Mondays through Thursday
- 8:30 pm – 12:30 pm Fridays

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day.

FBC Jefferson Shirts and tumblers sale continues: If you have already ordered a shirt or cup, they are ready for pickup in the church office or by contacting Matt. 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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Church Bus Fund Update – We're Almost There!

Praise God for His faithfulness and for the incredible generosity of our church family! Thanks to your faithful giving, we have now replenished more than $105,000 of the funds used to purchase our church bus. We have just over $25,000 remaining to reach our goal!

This bus is already making a difference by transporting children, students, and senior adults as they grow in their faith and serve others. Every gift helps us restore these ministry funds so they are available for future opportunities.

Would you prayerfully consider making a special gift to the Bus Fund? Together, we can cross the finish line and celebrate God's provision through the generosity of His people.

Amount Remaining to Reach Our Goal: $25,606.59

Welcome to Our Church Family! We are delighted to welcome Paxton Long into the membership of First Baptist Church Jefferson. Please join us in extending a warm FBC welcome to Paxton and encouraging him as he continues to grow in his faith and serve the Lord alongside our church family.

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, July 1st:

- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study; Summer Fun at the Treehouse; Student Gathering

Friday, July 3rd:

- Church Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day #250

Sunday, July 5th:

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

Monday, July 6th:

- 9:00 am – Atlanta Safari Park

Wednesday, July 8th:

- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study; Summer Fun at the Treehouse; Student Gathering; Connect Run/Walk Group

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.

July Sunday School: THEME: We Are Family: Nothing brings a family together—or stirs up some friendly drama—like a family game night! Just like in games, family life can have its own ups and downs, whether it's with our given or chosen families. In this 4-week series, kids will explore how Abraham's family navigated challenges and blessings while learning how we can care for our families, serve them well, and remember that we're all part of God's family. As they do, kids will learn that **we can believe God's promises**, **we can pray for our families**, **we can trust God to provide**, and **we're all welcome in God's family**.

BIG IDEA: We can believe God's promises.

BIBLE: Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18; Psalm 145:8–14

1. **THIS WEEK:** This week, kids hear how God called Abram to move away from home to Canaan with his family. A new board game promises oodles of family fun, but only if everyone gives it a fair shot! This week, we'll hear how God made a big promise to Abraham, asking him to faithfully step into the unknown. This promise was for his whole family and future generations, including us, so even when we don't know what's ahead, **we can believe God's promises**.

Volunteers Needed for the following Children's Events:

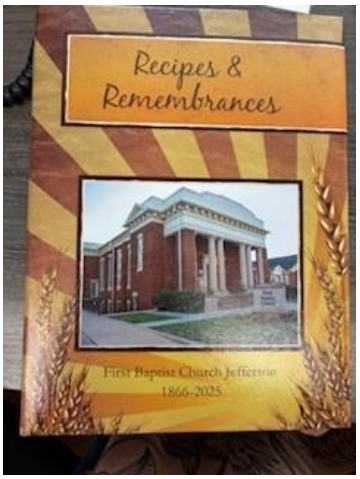
- **July 14th Art Camp:** Activity Leaders and Group Leaders

Safari Park: Monday, July 6th – Meet at the church at 9:00 am. Email (admin@fbcjefferson.org) or call the church office (706-367-8332) to reserve your spot to go!! $10 per person, under 2 is free!
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 Josh at 478-456-1382.

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:
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: 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: Our Faithful Followers Bible study has taken a break during the summer months but will resume after the beginning of the school year.

Meal on Wheels: Schedule by month:
July: Student Ministry
August: 24:15 SS Class
September: Adult II SS Class

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.

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 June 28, 2026: Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

Week of July 5, 2026: Ken Hall and Fred Gurley

Opening and Closing: Jim Hix

Greeters and Ushers: Melvin Porter and Louise Koontz

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 106
- Worship Attendance: 152
- Nursery Attendance: 20
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 172
- Offering: $6,953.00

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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Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Dean Andrews
Diane Ariail
Tom Fore
Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Nancy McGhee
Connie Peebles
GiGi Stamey

Homebound, Assisted Living, Etc.

Harold Andrews
Dianne Brooks
Glenn Bullock
Dan Edgar
Fred Glass
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 & Leasie Fleming (Teresa Fleming's in-laws)
Jeff Key (Katie Fulcher's dad)
James Vogt (Karen & JT Vogts' son)

We Share in Sorrow with

The family of Greg and Cheryl Broussard

Additional Requests

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