



July 29, 2026

As students, teachers, administrators, and support staff return to school, let us cover them in prayer. Pray for safety, wisdom, patience, and encouragement throughout the coming year. Ask God to help students grow not only academically, but also in character and faith.

The beginning of a new school year also brings fresh opportunities to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. A kind word, help in a time of need, or a simple act of encouragement can open the door to relationships and gospel conversations. May we remain attentive to the needs around us and ready to reflect the love of Christ.

Let us pray faithfully and look for ways God can use us to bless our schools and community this year.

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 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 \$107,000 of the funds used to purchase our church bus. We have less than \$24,000 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: \$23,940.37



Spark Conference:



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 29th:

- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study; Connect Run/Walk Group (Adult II SS Classroom);

Sunday, August 2nd:

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

Monday, August 3rd:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

Tuesday, August 4th:

- 3:30 pm – Mary Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, August 5th:

- Back to School Bash (Ed Building)

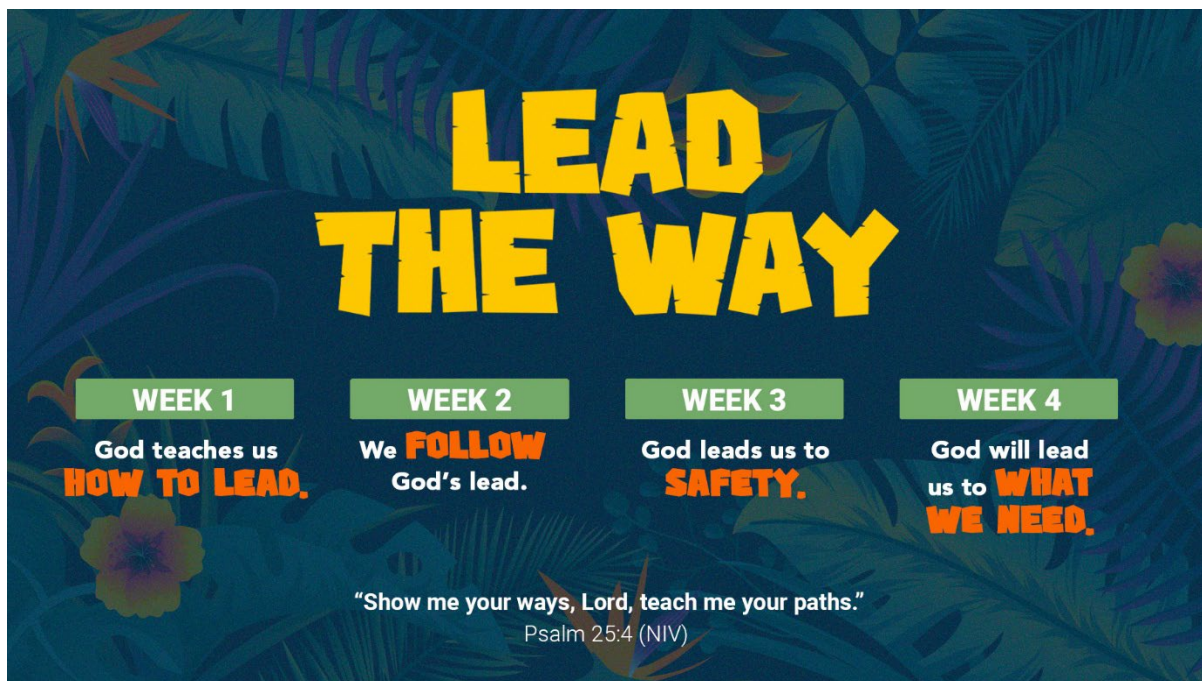
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study; Connect Run/Walk Group (Adult II SS Classroom); Choir (Choir Room)

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.



August Sunday School: THEME: *Lead the Way*: In the jungle, every day is an unpredictable adventure! But to safely navigate the vines, animals, and tricky terrain, we'll need a guide to help lead us. This four-week series follows the life of Moses and his journey to leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Through his story, we'll discover how **God teaches us how to lead**, and learn how to **follow God's lead** as **God leads us to safety** and **to what we need**.

BIG IDEA: God teaches us how to lead.

BIBLE: Exodus 2-3:15; Romans 12:9-21

MEMORY VERSE: "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4 (NIV)

THIS WEEK: This week, kids see how God called Moses to lead and rescue the Israelites. The jungle is full of surprises and, sometimes, so is God's plan! This week, God speaks to Moses through a burning bush and calls him to do something huge—help rescue the Israelites from Egypt. Moses didn't feel ready, but God showed him how to lead one step at a time. When we listen and learn, **God teaches us how to lead.**

FBCJ Next Gen Back to School Bash!! August 5th 5:30-7:00 pm

Join us for a fun time celebrating the beginning of a new school year. Kids Pre-K to 12th grade are invited. Dinner will be served. Please wear a bathing suit or clothes to get wet in. Don't forget your towel!

Children PK-5th grade please email Teresa Fleming (children@fbcjefferson.org) if your children will be attending. Youth 6th-12th grade please email Josh Wilkinson (josh@fbcjefferson.org) if you will be attending.

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

August 5th – 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

August 12th - 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 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:

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 July 26, 2026: Tim Peacock and Greg Keith

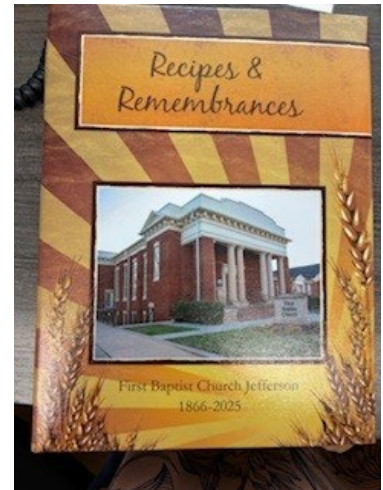
Week of August 2, 2026: Phillip Ferguson and Kevin Charles

Opening and Closing: Greg Laughinghouse

Greeters and Ushers: Greg Keith and Joey Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 122
- Worship Attendance: 147
- Nursery Attendance: 10
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 157
- Offering: \$6,669.35



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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

The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with a white border. On the left side, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the FBC Jefferson logo. The logo consists of the letters 'FBC' in a large, bold, serif font, with 'JEFFERSON' in a smaller, all-caps, serif font to its right. Below the text is a circular emblem containing three white crosses of increasing size. To the right of the logo, the title '5 WAYS TO TITHE' is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below the title, there are five horizontal teal bars, each containing a white checkmark icon in a circle on the right. The text for each bar is as follows:

- 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
Diane Ariail
Mary Ann Brooks
Tom Fore

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Nancy McGhee

Homebound, Assisted Living, Etc.

Dianne Brooks
Glenn Bullock
Dan Edgar
Fred Glass
Tim Harris

Raye Dean Jackson
Eudene Johnson
Jack Purcell
Raynelle Sims
Helen Whitlock

Friends & Family

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)

We Share in Sorrow with

Dean Andrews and family, in the death of her husband, Harold Andrews

Additional Requests

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