



August 5, 2026

School is back in full swing, and we are excited to see many church ministries resume for the fall. Our choir and WMU circles began meeting again this week, weekly Sunday night Student Gatherings have resumed, the Children and Students are having a Back-to-School Bash tonight, Wednesday night meals will return on August 12th, a Men's Bible Study will begin September 1st, and Faithful Followers will begin on September 2nd. It is a wonderful time to get plugged into the many wonderful ministries taking place each week across the church campus. This Sunday I will be preaching at the Homecoming Service at Beaverdam Baptist, and while I will miss being here, I'm excited for Josh to have an opportunity to preach. Challenge yourself to show the love of Jesus to someone this week in a tangible way.

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

MENS' & LADIES' CUT SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

FBC SHIRTS AND TUMBLERS ARE FOR SALE!

- SHIRTS - \$22**
- TUMBLERS - \$10**
(WHITE OR BLUE)

CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PLACE AN ORDER.

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 \$108,000 of the funds used to purchase our church bus. We have less than \$23,000 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: \$22,942.37

Ms. Raye Jackson's 90th birthday: Ms. Raye Jackson's 90th birthday is coming up on August 11, 2026. She would LOVE to hear from her church family on this special day! Please send birthday cards to her at the following address:

Ms. Raye Jackson
Manor Lake Room 408
3769 Kallie Circle
Dawsonville, GA 30534



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, 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)

Sunday, August 9th:

- 8:30 am – Administrative Board Meeting (Church Office)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering (Student Center)

Tuesday, August 11th:

- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, August 12th:

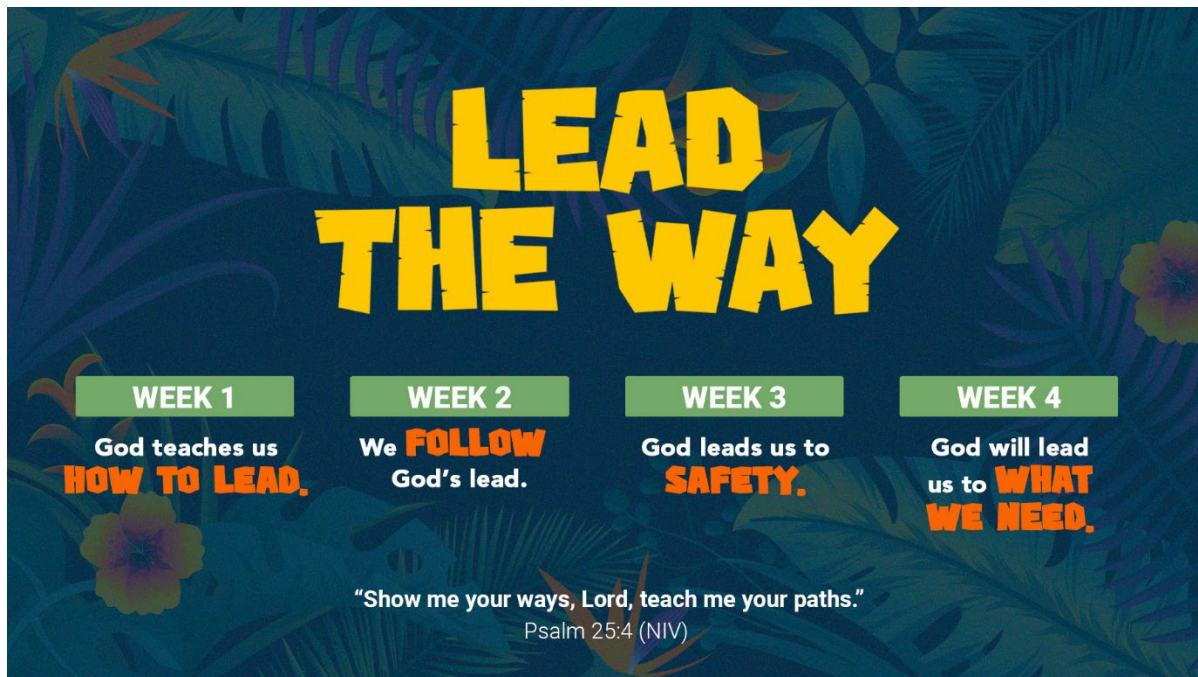
- 5:30 pm – Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study; Connect Run/Walk Group (Adult II SS Classroom); Choir (Choir Room); Summer Fun at the Treehouse (Ed Building)

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: We follow God's lead.

BIBLE: Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:1-14; 1 Peter 1:13-21

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

THIS WEEK: This week, kids see how God protected the Israelites during the ten plagues and the Passover. Sometimes the path gets wild—like frogs falling from the sky or rivers turning to blood! This week, God sent ten plagues to show Pharaoh that it was time to let the Israelites go, and God protected the people who followed the plan. Even in chaos, when we trust where God is going, **we follow God's lead**.

FBCJ Next Gen Back to School Bash!! TONIGHT!!! 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 is invited. Perfect place to safely run/walk with others.

Connect Run/Walk Upcoming events:

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

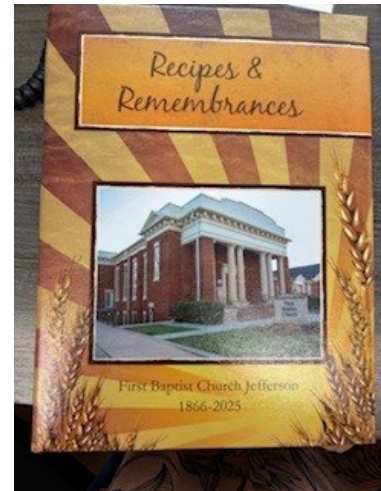
August 12th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

August 19th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
August 26th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
September 2nd - TBA

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 will begin meeting again on Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Men's Ministry: The Men's Ministry will begin having a Bible study on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. The first meeting will be on Sep. 1st. We invite all men to come and enjoy this time of study and fellowship.

Deacons of the Week:

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

Week of August 9, 2026: Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

Opening and Closing: Greg Laughinghouse

Greeters and Ushers: Greg Keith and Joey Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 118
- Worship Attendance: 155
- Nursery Attendance: 13
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 168
- Offering: \$13,668.50

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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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.

