



August 26, 2026

We often think that making a difference for the gospel requires doing something dramatic. But throughout Scripture, God repeatedly uses simple acts of obedience to accomplish far more than we can see.

Paul reminds us, **“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”** (Ephesians 2:10, NASB 1995). Those “good works” are often much more ordinary than we imagine. They may be a conversation, an invitation, a meal, an encouraging word, or simply taking the time to care about someone.

Rosaria Butterfield’s story is a powerful example. Before becoming a Christian, she was a university professor and outspoken critic of evangelical Christianity. After she wrote an article critical of Christians, a pastor named Ken Smith sent her a thoughtful letter. He did not attack her or try to win an argument. He simply asked sincere questions and opened the door for conversation.

That letter eventually led Ken and his wife, Floy, to invite Rosaria into their home. Over the next couple of years, they shared many meals and conversations with her. They listened to her, cared for her, answered her questions, and allowed her to see the Christian faith lived out in their home. Along the way, Rosaria began reading the Bible seriously, and God eventually brought her to faith in Christ.

Ken and Floy could not have known what God would do when they wrote a simple letter. They obediently took the opportunity God put in front of them.

The same is true for us. We may never know what God is doing through a small act of obedience. So pay attention to the opportunities God puts in front of you. What seems small to us may become a part of something much bigger in His hands.

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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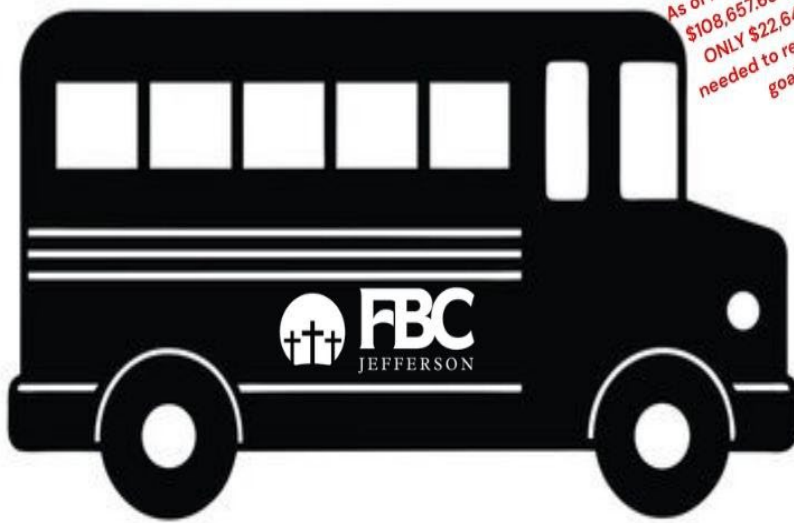
Church Bus Fund Update – We're Almost There!

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 \$108,600 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.

Help us reach our goal!



As of August 10, 2026:
\$108,657.63 Raised
ONLY \$22,642.37
needed to reach our
goal!



Make your additional contributions towards the bus fund today!

Amount Remaining to Reach Our Goal: \$22,342.37

Spark Conference:



WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! We want to showcase all the **AWESOME** things happening at FBC Jefferson on the front of our weekly bulletin—and we need your help! Whether it's a Sunday School class, ministry event, fellowship, mission project, or just a fun moment together, snap a few pictures while you're there! Our goal is to have fresh photos to share each week. Simply send your pictures to Karen at admin@fbcjefferson.org or text them to her. So pull out those phones, start snapping, and help us capture life at FBC Jefferson!

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday, August 26th:

- 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); CiA (Children in Action) Kickoff (Ed Building); Student Bible Study (Student Center)

Sunday, August 30th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 4:00 pm – Spark Conference

Tuesday, September 1st:

- 6:30 pm – Men's Ministry Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, September 2nd:

- 10:00 am – Faithful Followers Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 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); CiA (Children in Action) (Ed Building); Student 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.

August Sunday School: THEME: *Grow in Knowledge of the Lord*

Key Verse: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." — **2 Peter 3:18**

Lesson Focus: In this Sunday School lesson, children will learn that following Jesus means continuing to **grow in their faith and in their knowledge of Him**. Just as our bodies grow and change, our relationship with Jesus can grow stronger as we learn God's Word, pray, worship, and follow Him.

What Children Will Learn: Children will explore the meaning of the key words in 2 Peter 3:18:

- **Grow** — becoming stronger and more mature in our faith.
- **Grace** — God's love and kindness toward us that we do not have to earn.
- **Knowledge** — learning more about Jesus and getting to know Him personally.
- **Jesus Christ** — God's Son, our Lord and Savior, who loves us and shows us how to live.



Bible Truth: God wants us to keep growing in our relationship with Jesus. The more we learn about Him, the more we understand His love and grace—and the better prepared we are to live in a way that honors Him.

Putting It Into Practice: Children will be encouraged to think about ways they can grow closer to Jesus each day. Reading or listening to the Bible, praying, attending Sunday School and worship, showing kindness, and obeying God are all ways we can continue to grow.

Take-Home Truth:

I can grow closer to Jesus by learning about Him, trusting Him, and following Him every day.

Introducing Our New 2026 Children in Action Theme

MISSIONS EXPEDITIONS: SAFARI ADVENTURE



We are excited about missions discipleship this year as we gear up for an adventure exploring how God has chosen us to be part of His mission. We are especially eager to dig into this year's theme: **Mission Explorers!**

We will be focusing on four big ideas from the theme verse:

- 1 . God chooses us to carry out His mission. (*"I chose you."*)
- 2 . The Holy Spirit helps us look like Jesus. (*"go and produce fruit"*)
- 3 . We can pray boldly, like Jesus. (*"whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you."*)
- 4 . We can love like Jesus. (*"Love one another."*)

As we explore God's mission this year, children will learn about missionaries serving in diverse settings such as workplaces, churches, universities, prisons, and military bases. They'll learn how God is at work in places like Florida, Italy, California, East Asia, and beyond through missionaries sharing the gospel, planting churches, and caring for people in need. **Join us TONIGHT at 6:00 pm for our Children in Action Kick-Off! For ages 3 years to 5th Grade!**

College Ministry: Please prayerfully consider supporting our college students as they prepare to attend **Cross Conference (Cross Con)** in St. Louis, Missouri, over New Year's! On Sunday, September 13th, following the worship service, our college students will be serving smoked chicken quarter plates for \$12 each to help raise funds for their trip. **Tickets are available in advance from any college student, Josh, or by contacting the church office.** Enjoy a great meal while helping our college students take part in this meaningful opportunity!



HELP SEND OUR

**COLLEGE +
YOUNG ADULTS**

TO

ST. LOUIS

FOR CROSSCON 27



**SMOKED CHICKEN PLATES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
12–1 PM • FBC Jefferson Kitchen**

\$12
PER PLATE

DINNER INCLUDES
Smoked chicken
Green beans + mac
n' cheese
Roll + dessert

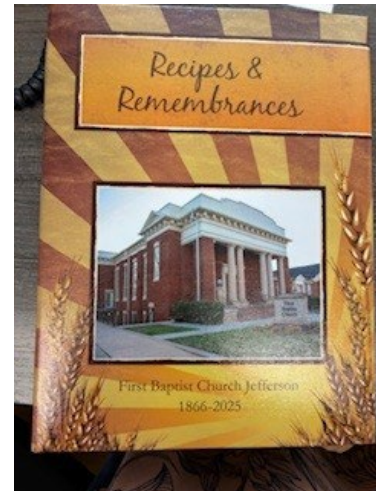
Connect Run/Walk Group: Connect Run/Walk Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Connect is for anyone interested in running/walking with others to grow and improve spiritually and physically, and to follow the teachings of the Lord. We will have a small devotion, prayer concerns, and praises. 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 26th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
September 2nd - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
September 9th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
September 16th - 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 will begin meeting again on Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Student Ministry: Our student ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Sunday afternoons from 5:30-7:00 pm, as well as 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings for Bible Study, all open to 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.

18th Annual Turkey CAN Run 5K: 🦃🏃 IT'S TURKEY CAN RUN TIME! 🏃🇺🇸



Get ready for the **18th Annual Turkey CAN Run 5K** this Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, 2026, beginning at 8:00 am!

Before the turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie, come run or walk with us for a great cause. The Turkey CAN Run benefits the **FBC Jefferson Food Bank**, helping us provide food for individuals and families right here in our community.

Last year, we had over **1,300 registered participants** and collected more than **16,000 canned goods!** Let's make our 18th year even bigger! 🙌

And remember—you don't have to run to be part of the Turkey CAN Run! Members of FBC Jefferson are invited to support this important ministry through a **monetary donation**. Every gift, no matter the amount, helps our Food Bank continue serving those in need in our community.

-  Run it
-  Walk it
-  Volunteer
-  Donate canned goods
-  Make a monetary donation
-  Cheer on your friends and family!

There's a way for **everyone** to be part of the Turkey CAN Run! 🦃 Run with a purpose. Give with a purpose. Make a difference.

Wednesday Night Meal: MENU FOR AUGUST 26, 2026: Club Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit, Dessert, Drinks.

MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2026: Baked Spaghetti, Bread, Dessert, Drinks.

Call Karen in the church office to add your family's name to the weekly list!

The church gathers each Wednesday to share fellowship over a meal, address the church's prayer concerns and study the Bible. If you are interested in participating in the meal, please note the following:

- The cost for each meal is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (11 years old and younger). The cost for families is capped at \$25.00.
- If you are not on the permanent list and plan to eat, please call Karen in the church office by each Monday by noon.
- If you are on the permanent list and can't make it this Wednesday, please call Karen in the church office for your name to be struck for the week and the church does not incur unnecessary costs.

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.

WMU Salad Supper: The WMU Salad Supper will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speakers will be Brandon and Brianna Hawkins, missionaries to Taiwan. They have been in the US on furlough but will be leaving shortly to return to the mission field.



They have 2 daughters, Sarah and Madeline, and have family in the Hoschton area. They have visited our church several times. They will tell us about their work with the Taiwanese people. All ladies are invited to attend.

Deacons of the Week:

Week of August 23, 2026: Tom Emory and Brian Ferguson

Week of August 30, 2026: Philip Thompson and Steven Hix

Opening and Closing: Greg Laughinghouse

Greeters and Ushers: Greg Keith and Joey Blackstock

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 127
- Worship Attendance: 166
- Nursery Attendance: 10
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 176
- Offering: \$9,729.45

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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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

Tom Fore
Ezra King

Jane Kinney

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)
Sharon Fox (Patrick Fox's sister)

Barry Farmer (Sandra Farmer's husband)

Additional Requests

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