



September 2, 2026

On September 13th, we will have an Attendance Emphasis Sunday. This is a day in which each person is asked to make a special effort to attend Sunday School and worship. If you do not currently attend Sunday School, it's a great opportunity to visit a class and enjoy the time of learning and fellowship. Each class is encouraged to have breakfast or snacks to enjoy together. We will also be conducting our deacon election at the end of the service, and all voting members are encouraged to participate. After a long hot summer and a holiday weekend, it's a great time to gather and worship together.

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 Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor 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 \$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.

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

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, 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)

Sunday, September 6th:

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

Monday, September 7th:

- Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th:

- 6:00 pm - WMU Salad Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, September 9th:

- 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.

September Sunday School: *THEME: Are We There Yet?*

BIG IDEA: We can choose to be thankful.



BIBLE VERSE: Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:5-16

THIS WEEK: This week, kids hear how God helped Moses bring water from a rock. Walking through the desert sounds pretty exhausting—hot sun, dry mouths, and not a water bottle in sight! This week, we hear how God helped Moses bring water from a rock, reminding us that even when things feel tough, there's still something to be thankful for. When we remember how God takes care of us, we can choose to be thankful.

Memory Verse: I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. — Isaiah 43:19b



CHILDREN IN Action (CiA)

MISSIONS EXPEDITIONS: SAFARI ADVENTURE

Missionary Lydia Greear of Jacksonville, Florida: The Lord chose Lydia Greear to go into the corporate world as a Chaplain for North Florida businesses. She shares the gospel of Jesus through both life and work conversations with employees and company leadership.

Badge:



Mission Explorers learn about people, so they know how to show God's love and tell others about Jesus. We will work as teams to create an Outreach Plan for two business in Jefferson to encourage, serve and pray for their workers.

Live Action Project:

Mission Explorers teams will create postcards based on their Outreach Plan for each business. We will deliver these so they can share them with their staff.

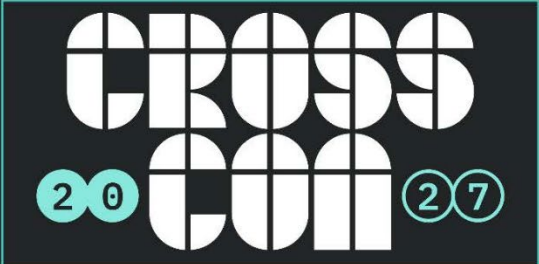
HELP SEND OUR

**COLLEGE +
YOUNG ADULTS**

TO

ST. LOUIS

FOR CROSSCON 27



SMOKED CHICKEN PLATES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
12–1 PM • FBC Jefferson Kitchen

\$12
PER PLATE

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

College Ministry: NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE SMOKED CHICKEN PLATES – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH! 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 20th, 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!



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:

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
 September 23rd - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

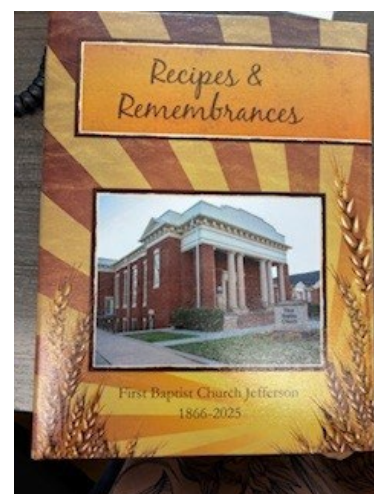
Get your name on the Connect Run/Walk Group email list – contact Barbara Gooch by email (bgooch02@yahoo.com).

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.

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.

Missions Committee: FBC Jefferson Missions Committee would like to welcome "The Hawkins" as our new missionary family we will be supporting yearly. Brandon and Brianna Hawkins have lived in Taiwan as missionaries for over five years with their daughter’s Sarah and Madeline. They serve as SEND missionaries, which gives them a great platform for reaching young adults and doing discipleship with them. Brandon and Brianna love SEND’s mission of discipling believers who will build strong churches. They have been in Hoschton visiting family



and raising support before leaving the US on September 15th to return to the mission field. Brianna will be our guest speaker at our WMU Salad Supper on September 8th. Please be in prayer for them as they faithfully serve Him.



Brandon, Brianna, Sarah, & Madeline

Hawkins

Serving Youth & Youth Leaders
in Taiwan



*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"*

Brandon, Brianna, Sarah, & Madeline

Hawkins

Serving Youth & Youth Leaders
in Taiwan

SCAN FOR UPDATES



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CONTACT
bhawkins@send.org

SCAN TO GIVE



send.org/give/missionaries/hawkins



SEND International
PO Box 510
Farmington, MI 48333
248.877.8210
info@send.org

Operation Christmas Child: An OCC Project Leader Workshop will be hosted at our church September 12th from 10:00 am -12:00 pm here at FBC Jefferson. If you volunteered with us last year at our Drop Off Center or if you want to learn more about OCC, please join us.



Operation Christmas Child
Broad River Team

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

2026

Calling All Operation Christmas Child Project Leaders!
We invite you to join us as we celebrate and prepare for the upcoming National Collection Week!

Come connect with fellow volunteers, share ideas and encouragement, and get inspired for the exciting season ahead. It's a wonderful opportunity to build relationships, learn from one another, and celebrate the impact God is making through Operation Christmas Child. Attendees will enjoy special giveaways, free ministry materials, fellowship with other volunteers, and light refreshments!



Saturday Sept. 12th, 26
from 10:00am-12:00pm



First Baptist Church Elberton
132 Heard Street
Elberton, GA
Contact- Sandra Brady (706) 988-9401



First Baptist Church Jefferson
246 Washington St.
Jefferson, GA
(Event will be in the Fellowship Hall)
Contact- Jill Hansard (770) 906-7479

Select from
TWO
LOCATIONS
Same Date & Time



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

MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2026: Taco Salad, Dessert, Drinks.

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

Wednesday nights are a wonderful time to gather as a church family for **fellowship, prayer, and Bible study**. We invite you to join us for dinner and stay for the evening's activities!

- **Meal Cost:** \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 11 and under. **Family maximum is \$25.**
- **Joining Us for Dinner?** If you are not on the permanent meal list, please call Karen in the church office **by noon on Monday** to make your reservation.



Wednesday NIGHT MEAL

Fellowship. Prayer. Bible Study.

All are welcome!



MEAL COST:

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ages 11 and under.
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JOINING US FOR DINNER?

If you are not on the permanent meal list,
please call Karen in the church office
by noon on Monday to make your reservation.



NEED TO CANCEL?

If you are on the permanent list but
will not be attending that week, please
let Karen know so we can plan accordingly
and avoid unnecessary meal costs.

Come enjoy a good meal, warm fellowship, and time together with your church family!

- **Need to Cancel?** If you are on the permanent list but will not be attending that week, please let Karen know so we can plan accordingly and avoid unnecessary meal costs.

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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 30, 2026: Philip Thompson and Steven Hix

Week of September 6, 2026: Tim Peacock and Greg Keith

Opening and Closing: Steve Kinney

Greeters and Ushers: Tom and Debbie Emory

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 117
- Worship Attendance: 146
- Nursery Attendance: 8
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 154
- Offering: \$3,514.00

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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

★ YOU ARE NOT ALONE. HELP IS HERE. ★

SUICIDE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Supporting Veterans. Saving Lives.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2025



7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM



COMMERCE CIVIC CENTER

110 State St.
Commerce, GA 30529



OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Veterans, their families and friends, caregivers,
and anyone who interacts with or supports
Veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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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

Richard Feller
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

Susie Duncan (Keith Dutton's aunt)
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