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**September 9, 2026**

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This coming Sunday, our church family has two important opportunities before us.

One of these important events is our deacon election. Deacons play an integral role in the pastoral ministry of our church, serving alongside our ministry staff in caring for the needs of our congregation and helping strengthen the ministry of the church. I encourage each of us to make this a matter of prayer. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom and to show us whom He would have serve in this important ministry.

This will also be our Attendance Emphasis Day. We want to encourage everyone to make a special effort to be present for both Sunday School and worship that morning. Our Sunday School classes are also encouraged to have breakfast together as a time of fellowship before studying God's Word. These are simple but important opportunities to strengthen the relationships within our church family and to encourage one another in our walk with Christ.

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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#### **BUS FUND UPDATE — WE'RE ALMOST THERE!**

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have replenished more than \$108,660 of the funds used to purchase our church bus! We now have **LESS THAN \$22,000 TO GO!**

We are so close to reaching our goal, and now is the time to finish strong! Every gift—large or small—will help us restore these funds and ensure FBC Jefferson is financially prepared for future ministry opportunities.

Please prayerfully consider making a special gift to the Bus Fund. Together, we can close this final gap and reach our goal!

**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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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 13<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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)
- 7:00 pm – Foundation Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**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](mailto:children@fbcjefferson.org), or call the church office at 706-367-8332.

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

***BIG IDEA: We can love God and others.***

***BIBLE VERSE: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Matthew 22:34-40***

**THIS WEEK:** *This week, kids hear about the ten commandments and God's rules for living. In life, you need more than just a map. You need a guide for how to live and get along with others. This week, God gives the Israelites the Ten Commandments to help them love God and love each other on the journey. Even when we're in the middle of the wilderness, we can love God and others.*



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

**Trunk or Treat and Movie Night in Arcade:** FBC Jefferson will be supporting the **City of Arcade at their Trunk-or-Treat and Movie Night on October 24 at 5:30 pm** due to the city of Jefferson not hosting a fall event this year. We need volunteers to decorate a vehicle and make it a special time to share candy and Jesus. We will also have a few games and make and take crafts for the kids to enjoy. If you can volunteer

your time or decorate your trunk please let Teresa Fleming know as soon as possible.



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

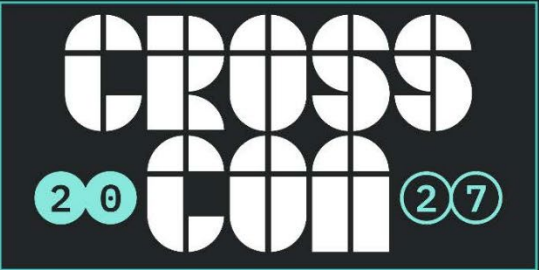
HELP SEND OUR

**COLLEGE +  
YOUNG ADULTS**

TO

**ST. LOUIS**

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**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

**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 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom  
September 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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](mailto: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.

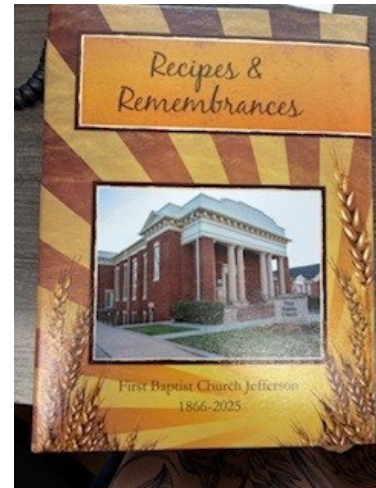
**Food Bank:** In January, the FBCJ Food Bank served the following in Jackson County:

- 150 families
- 537 people, including 177 under 18, 292 from the ages of 18 to 64; 68 people over the age of 65, and 7 new families.

**MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY:** All men are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come grow in God's Word, strengthen your faith, and enjoy fellowship with other men.

**Operation Christmas Child:** An OCC Project Leader Workshop will be hosted at our church September 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



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



## 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 9, 2026: Taco Salad, Dessert, Drinks.**

**MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2026: Pizza, 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!*



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Family maximum is **\$25**.



## JOINING US FOR DINNER?

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**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.

### Deacons of the Week:

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

**Week of September 13, 2026:** Phillip Ferguson and Kevin Charles

**Opening and Closing:** Steve Kinney

**Greeters and Ushers:** Tom and Debbie Emory

## NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 95
- Worship Attendance: 124
- Nursery Attendance: 10
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 134
- Offering: \$13,820.40

## 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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**770-633-8486**  
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Online at [www.pushpay.com](http://www.pushpay.com)



Online at [www.fbcjefferson.com](http://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