



September 16, 2026

Generosity is one of the beautiful ways God displays His grace through His people. Scripture reminds us, “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7), but generosity is about far more than money. It is seen in the giving of our time, our encouragement, our hospitality, our service, and our care for one another.

One of the great blessings of our church family is that generosity is already such a strong part of who we are. Again and again, we witness people quietly helping others, meeting needs, giving their time, sharing meals, supporting ministries, encouraging friends, and stepping in wherever help is needed. That spirit of generosity is a tremendous gift.

There is also a special blessing in being on the receiving end of generosity. A kind word at the right moment, a meal during a time of need, someone giving their time to help, or a simple act of thoughtfulness can remind us that we are loved by both God and His people. Generosity strengthens relationships and helps us experience the grace of God in very practical ways.

Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Yet one of the wonderful truths of Christian fellowship is that we are often blessed in both directions. We have the joy of giving, and we also have the joy of seeing God care for us through the generosity of others.

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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We are SO close to paying off our church bus!

We currently owe just over **\$12,000** to complete our payments. Every gift helps us finish strong!

Spaghetti Lunch

Hosted by our WMU Groups

Come enjoy a delicious lunch and help us pay off the bus!



Sharing Christ... Changing Lives



Sunday, October 11, 2026

Immediately Following the Worship Service

MENU INCLUDES:
Spaghetti with sauce, BBQ bread, salad, cookies, and a drink



Church Bus Fund

A donation jar will be available near the kitchen, and each family is invited to give an amount of their choosing toward a payment on the church bus.

GOOD FOOD • GREAT FELLOWSHIP • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

BUS FUND UPDATE — WE'RE ALMOST THERE!: We are **SO close** to meeting our goal of paying off our church bus before the end of 2026! We currently have just over **\$12,000 remaining**, and every gift brings us one step closer.

Our **WMU groups** are excited to help by hosting a **Spaghetti Lunch** for our church family on **Sunday, October 11th**, immediately following the worship service.

Come enjoy a delicious lunch of **spaghetti with sauce, BBQ bread, salad, cookies, and a drink**—and help us move closer to paying off the bus!

There is **no set cost for lunch**. A donation jar will be available near the kitchen, and each family is invited to give an amount of their choosing toward the church bus.

Come hungry, enjoy some great fellowship, and help us **finish strong and pay off the bus!**

Committee Chairs: Budget season is fast approaching! The Finance Committee has set a deadline of October 15th for all 2027 budget requests. Please email Gail in the church office (financial@fbcjefferson.org) to see your 2026 YTD spending, or to send your financial requests. The church office will then forward all requests to the Finance Committee.

Preschool Hours: School is back in session! The FBCJ Preschool will be in session **from 8: 00 am - 1:00 pm each day** for older students beginning this school year. Please do not enter the preschool facility (upstairs or downstairs) during their operating hours. If you have an **urgent** need, please ring the doorbell under the portico and ask for Katie Fulcher (director). She will meet you at the door and will gladly escort you to your destination. Katie's presence with you will indicate to the staff and students that it is ok for you to be in the building for a short time. Thank you so much for helping keep our preschool safe and honoring our preschool protocol.

Results of the 2026-2027 Deacon Selection: Serving three-year terms: Joe Blackstock, Jordie Crow, Melvin Porter, and John White. Thank you for your commitment and faithful service.

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 16th:

- 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)

Thursday, September 17th:

- 6:30 pm – Cabinet Meeting (Church Office)

Sunday, September 20th:

- 8:30 am – Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 12:15 pm – Smoked Chicken Lunches ready!
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Tuesday, September 22nd:

- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, September 23rd:

- 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 turn to God when we're lost.

BIBLE VERSE: Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:4-9

THIS WEEK: This week, kids hear about the golden calf and the trouble it caused. When things feel uncertain, it's easy to take a wrong turn—just like the Israelites did in the desert. This week, they got impatient and made a golden calf, forgetting the God who had been with them the whole time. But God didn't give up on them, and just like them, we can turn to God when we're lost.

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: 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. Along with smoked chicken plates, the Student Ministry will be selling homemade whole apple pies at lunch for \$10 each!!**

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 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 16th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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

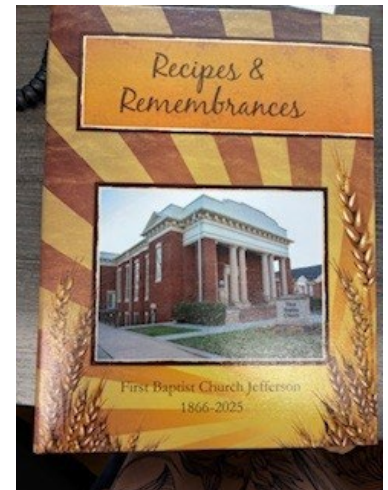
September 30th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

October 7th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
October 14th - 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.



FBC Fall Women's Fellowship & Quilting

Sunday, October 18th
3:30 p.m.

FBC Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by:

Women's
Ministry
Committee



All women are invited to attend this event to help put together quilts to be given to those in need.




Please bring your favorite fall finger food.

FBC Fall Women's Fellowship & Quilting:

All women are invited to join us for a special afternoon of fellowship, food, and service on Sunday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the FBC Fellowship Hall.

We'll spend the afternoon enjoying time together while helping put together quilts that will be given to those in need. No quilting experience is necessary—just come ready to fellowship and lend a helping hand!

Please bring your favorite fall finger food to share. This special gathering is sponsored by the Women's Ministry Committee. Come enjoy a cozy fall afternoon while helping us share warmth and love with others!

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.

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



YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Church family, help us finish the Student Center.

Donate an item from our Amazon Wish List and help create a welcoming space where students can gather, worship, grow in Christ, and invite friends to belong.

SCAN TO GIVE

**Choose an item.
Bless a student.**

Every gift helps bring the vision for our Student Center to life.

AMAZON WISH LIST
<https://a.co/03XL8mFq>



- 👤 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.

Beautiful Rug Up for Auction during the 18th Annual Turkey Can Run!!

We are excited to offer this beautiful **8' x 10'** rug from Merino's Rugs in Jefferson for auction! Featuring a traditional design with a warm **creamy beige background, rich deep red, chocolate brown, muted olive green, taupe, and black accents**, this rug would be a beautiful addition to any home.

Best of all, proceeds from the auction will benefit the FBC Jefferson Turkey CAN Run 5K, supporting the FBC Jefferson Food Pantry and its ministry to families in our community.

Bid on a beautiful rug while helping us **fight hunger right here at home!** You may see the rug and bid on it in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Meal: MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2026: Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Drinks.

MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2026: Chicken Strips, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert, Drinks.

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

FBC JEFFERSON

Wednesday NIGHT MEAL

Fellowship. Prayer. Bible Study.
All are welcome!

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.

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.

*Good Food.
Great Fellowship.
Stronger Faith.*

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

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.
- **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 13, 2026: Phillip Ferguson and Kevin Charles

Week of September 20, 2026: Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

Opening and Closing: Steve Kinney

Greeters and Ushers: Tom and Debbie Emory

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 132
- Worship Attendance: 137
- Nursery Attendance:
- WORSHIP TOTAL:
- Offering: \$8,049.75

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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



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

Richard Feller
Tom Fore
Mark & Karen Miller

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