



September 23, 2026

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

As we enter the fall season, life seems to pick up speed. Calendars fill quickly with school activities, sports, church ministries, and seasonal events. While this can certainly make life feel busy, it also gives us many opportunities to strengthen relationships and build new ones.

Over the coming weeks, there will be plenty of chances to connect with others in our church family. Whether it is through Sunday School, Bible studies, special events, or worshipping together, these moments help us grow closer as the body of Christ.

Fall is also a wonderful season to look beyond our church family. Many of the activities we enjoy are easy opportunities to invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to join us. An invitation to a meal, Bible study, fellowship event, or worship service may seem like a small gesture, but God can use a simple invitation in a significant way.

As the season gets busy, let's be intentional about the relationships God has placed around us. Enjoy the fellowship and look for opportunities to invite others to experience the life and community of our church family.

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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A Note of Thanks: What a HUGE SUCCESS our College Ministry Chicken Plate Lunch was this past Sunday! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who purchased plates, made donations, helped prepare and serve the food, and supported our college students in any way. Your generosity and encouragement mean so much!

Because of your support, our college students are one step closer to attending **CROSS CON** in St. Louis over New Year's—an opportunity for them to grow in their faith and be challenged to live for Christ.

Thank you, FBC Jefferson, for once again showing what it means to love, encourage, and invest in the next generation. We couldn't have done it without you! – Josh and the College Ministry

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!**



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to paying off our
church bus!

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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!

Sunday, October 11, 2026

*Immediately Following
the Worship Service*

MENU INCLUDES:

Spaghetti with sauce, BBQ bread,
salad, cookies, and a drink



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

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.

Welcome

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Slaman and Lisa Dean



Deborah Hughes

We are so glad you are here!
Thank you for visiting and being a part
of our church family.



KNOW | GROW | GO

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Welcome Our New Members!

We are excited to welcome **Deborah Hughes and Slaman & Lisa Dean** as the newest members of our FBC Jefferson family!

All three have been familiar faces at FBC Jefferson, faithfully attending and worshipping with us, and we are thankful they have now chosen to officially make FBC Jefferson their church home.

We are grateful God has brought Deborah, Slaman, and Lisa into our church family. When you see them, be sure to give them a warm welcome and let them know how glad we are to have them with us!

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 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)

Sunday, September 27th:

- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Tuesday, September 29th:

- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, September 30th:

- 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 go to God when we need rest.

BIBLE VERSE: Exodus 33:7-23; Matthew 11:25-30

THIS WEEK: This week, kids hear how Moses went to spend time with God and saw God's glory. Wandering the wilderness takes a lot out of you—it's easy to feel tired and unsure of what's next. This week, Moses goes to spend quiet time with God and finds rest in God's presence, even before the journey is over. No matter how far we have to go, we can go to God when we need rest.

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: Come Grow With Us!

College students are invited to connect, grow in their faith, and build meaningful friendships through our College Ministry at FBC Jefferson!

Sunday School: Sundays at 11:00 AM

Tuesday Night Gathering: Tuesdays from 7:00–9:00 PM at Josh & Lauren's home - join us for dinner, Bible study, and fellowship!

Whether you're home for college, commuting, working, or attending school nearby, we'd love for you to be part of this community as we grow together in Christ.

Come, bring a friend, and join us!

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 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

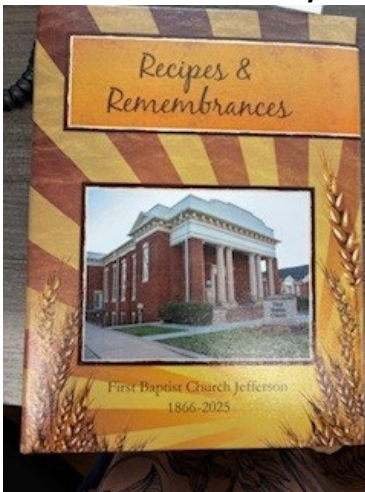
October 21st - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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: 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!

The poster features a red maple leaf in the top left corner. The title 'FBC Fall Women's Fellowship & Quilting' is written in a mix of serif and script fonts. Below the title, the date and time 'Sunday, October 18th 3:30 p.m.' and the location 'FBC Fellowship Hall' are listed in red. To the right is a large, colorful patchwork quilt. Below the quilt, it says 'Sponsored by: Women's Ministry Committee'. At the bottom, it says 'All women are invited to attend this event to help put together quilts to be given to those in need.' with a red maple leaf. In the bottom left corner, there is a stack of colorful fabric squares and the text 'Please bring your favorite fall finger food.' in green script.

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FBC Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by:
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*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.*

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! 🙌



STUDENT CENTER REVAMP

HELP BUILD A SPACE WHERE STUDENTS BELONG



BEFORE



THE VISION

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>



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.

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

MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2026: Chili, Dessert, Drinks.

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



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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 20, 2026: Steve Ross and Christopher Howard

Week of September 27, 2026: Ken Hall and Fred Gurley

Opening and Closing: Steve Kinney

Greeters and Ushers: Tom and Debbie Emory

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 117
- Worship Attendance: 144
- Nursery Attendance: 10
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 154

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

Keith Ariail
Joe Bauman
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

Alex Farmer (Sandra Farmer's son)

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