



October 7, 2026

It is Fall Break, and for many families, it brings a welcome pause from the normal routine. School is out, many activities take a break, and things slow down just a bit. It is a good change of pace that helps us to recharge and reset.

Rest is part of the natural rhythm of life and one that we often overlook. Often in the Gospels, Jesus stepped away to rest and to spend time alone with God. It was important to the vibrancy and impact of His ministry. Even God the Father rested on the 7th day of creation, not that he needed to, but to set an example for us.

Don't feel guilty about taking a break. Rest is not laziness. It's an important part of our lives that allows us to continue serving with energy and passion for the long haul.

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

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.

FBC JEFFERSON

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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

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.

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, October 7th:

- 6:00 pm – Connect Run/Walk Group (Adult II SS Classroom); Choir (Choir Room)

Sunday, October 11th:

- 8:30 am – Administrative Board Meeting (Church Office)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 12:00 pm – Spaghetti Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm – Student Gathering

Monday, October 12th:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

Tuesday, October 13th:

- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, October 14th:

- 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 Fleming at children@fbcjefferson.org, or call the church office at 706-367-8332.

October Sunday School: *THEME: On the Right Track*

BIG IDEA: Courage comes from knowing God's words.

BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1, 24:14-25; Psalm 78:1-7

***THIS WEEK:** This week, kids hear about how God encouraged Joshua to lead the Israelites. Race car drivers need to know the track and trust their team—just like we need to know and trust God’s words. This week, God puts Joshua in charge of leading the Israelites and tells him to be strong and brave by remembering everything God taught. We can find courage too, because courage comes from knowing God’s words.*

Memory Verse: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” — Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)



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: We are still running and walking tonight, even though it's Fall Break. It's going to be a wonderful evening for some exercise with friends! 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:

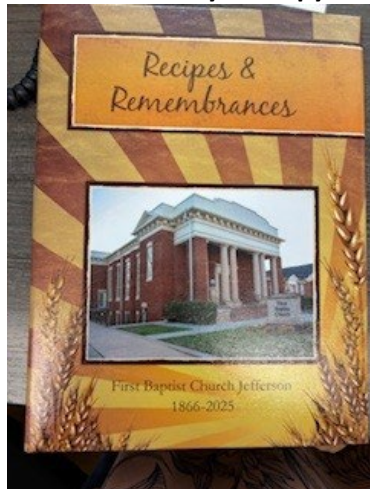
October 7th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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 18th 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.

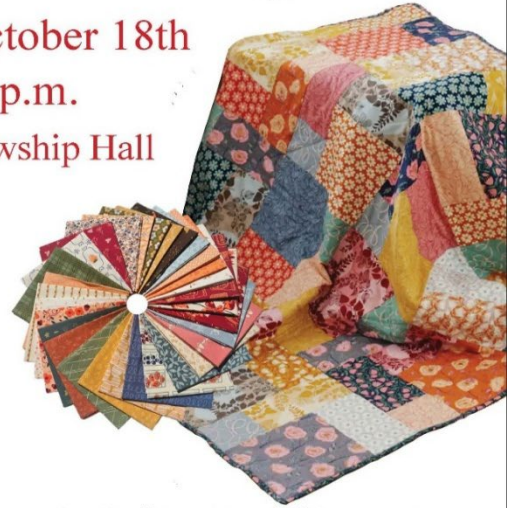


FBC Fall Women's Fellowship & Quilting

**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.*

- 🏃 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

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

MENU FOR OCTOBER 14, 2026: Spaghetti, Bread, 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.
- **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!

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 October 4, 2026: Tom Emory and Fred Gurley

Week of October 11, 2026: Steven Hix and John White

Opening and Closing: Debbie Smith

Greeters and Ushers: Steve Ross and Tommy Cragg

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 97
- Worship Attendance: 122
- Nursery Attendance: 6
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 128

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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

SCARECROW 5K SCRAMBLER



Celebrating the 250th
Jefferson, GA 2026
Saturday, October 31

5th Annual

Jefferson Civic Center, 65 Kissam Street, Jefferson, GA 30549

Race day registration and packet pickup starts at 7:00AM

5K Race begins at 8:00AM

Awards ceremony begins at 9:00AM

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!



REGISTER HERE



<https://runsignup.com/scarecrowscrambler5k>



Cancer Is Hard Enough

During breast cancer treatment, everyday needs like housing, food and transportation can become an added source of stress for patients and their families. The Cancer Foundation helps reduce that burden by providing financial assistance for non-medical expenses to eligible cancer patients across Northeast Georgia.

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, help us make sure members of our community know that support is available. Whether you are facing cancer yourself or know someone who is, you don't have to do it alone. **Need help or want to learn more?**
<https://cancerfoundationofnega.org/>

The Cancer Foundation



A Foundation Where Donations
Help Your Local Neighbors



We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help **alleviate the financial burden** of cancer for eligible patients in Northeast Georgia.

OUR PROGRAMS



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Provides eligible cancer patients up to \$1,000 annually for non-medical bills like housing, utilities, transportation, and more.



PATIENT PANTRY

Provides shelf stable food items via weekly pick-up and mobile pantries to help fight food insecurity.



TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

Helps with gas cards, rideshare, public transportation, and mileage reimbursement for treatment.



SERVING JACKSON COUNTY

and 25 others across Northeast Georgia



SINCE 2022 IN JACKSON

we have served over **231 clients** and provided over **\$158K** in financial assistance.

You are the hope.
TOGETHER, WE CAN FIGHT AND WIN.



 www.cancerfoundationofnega.org

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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
Vernell Hix

Ezra King
Jane Kinney
Mark & Karen Miller

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