October 21, 2026

One of the most important qualities we can possess as followers of Christ is availability. We often think about the importance of our abilities, talents, and resources when it comes to serving God. However, even the greatest abilities accomplish very little for the Kingdom of God if we are unwilling to make ourselves available to Him.

Throughout Scripture, we see God using ordinary people who were willing to answer His call. When God called Isaiah, his response was simple: “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8). Isaiah did not know everything God would ask of him, but he was willing to make himself available.

God has uniquely gifted each of us with talents, abilities, experiences, and opportunities that can be used for His glory. The question ultimately becomes not, “Am I capable of being used?” but rather, “Am I willing to be used?”

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

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 21st:

- 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)

Saturday, October 24th:

- 5:30 pm – Trunk or Treat in Arcade

Sunday, October 25th:

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

Tuesday, October 27th:

- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, October 28th:

- 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: With God, there is victory!

BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 5:13-6:25; Psalm 100

THIS WEEK: This week, kids hear how the Israelites marched around the city of Jericho. Winning a race isn't just about being fast—it's about staying focused and following the the instructions from your crew chief. This week, the Israelites listen carefully to God's plan and march around the city of Jericho, even when it seems unusual. Because they trusted and obeyed, the walls came down. When we follow God's lead, with God, there is victory!

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

Children in Action:

Missionary Jason & Lizzy Davis of Rome, Italy serve as International Mission Board missionaries. They partner with national believers in a local church context to plant Italian-speaking churches. They make the gospel known throughout their community by opening their home for meals and making sure true friendship points others to Jesus.

Bible: Children will learn through the story of Samuel what it means to listen to God and obey Him. They will also discover what it means to focus on God's voice while recognizing distractions. 1 Samuel 3:10

Prayerwalking Badge/Live Action Project

On October 28th we will go on a Prayerwalk in our neighborhood around the church. Our missionary Jason Davis often prayer walks

through neighborhoods in Rome. As he walks, he prays for people, homes and families around him. Mission Explorers will learn that Prayerwalking helps us notice people, care for our community, and share the love of Jesus through prayer and encouragement.

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**. LAST CALL!! - 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!

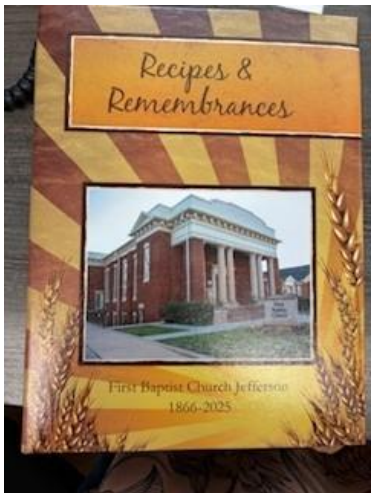
Whether you're home for college, commuting, working, or attending school nearby, we'd love for you to be part of this community as we grow together in Christ.

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 21st- 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
October 28th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

November 4th- 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
November 11th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
November 18th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom
November 25th - No Connect Run/Walk - preparing for Turkey CAN Run



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.

Faithful Followers Bible Study: Faithful Followers Bible Study will hold their last study of the Fall 2026 semester on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00 am in the Fellwoship Hall. They will begin meeting again for the Spring 2027 Bible Study on Wednesday, January 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

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.

Men's Ministry Cookout & Bonfire: Sunday, November 1st at 5:00 pm at Melvin & Donna Porter's house (168 Hardman Road, Jefferson). Please contact Karen in the church office by Thursday, October 29th to RSVP, as we need a head count so we'll have enough food.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): We are excited to be an OCC Drop-

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2026 Operation Christmas Child

DROP-OFF LOCATION

Shoebox Drop-Off Dates/Hours

Mon. Nov 16th: 9am-11am
Tues. Nov 17th: 3pm-6pm
Wed. Nov 18th: 9am-11am
Thur. Nov 19th: 3pm-6pm
Fri. Nov 20th: 10am-2pm
Sat. Nov 21st: 9am-12pm
Sun. Nov 22nd: 1pm-4pm

For more information or volunteer opportunities contact Teresa Fleming
children@fbcjefferson.org
(O)706-367-8332 Cell- 706-424-6957

246 Washington Street
Jefferson GA

Off Location again this year for our community. Volunteers are needed to help receive shoeboxes during National Collection Week November 16-23rd. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Teresa Fleming -children@fbcjefferson.org or 706-424-6957.

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.

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 OCTOBER 21, 2026: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert, Drinks.**

MENU FOR OCTOBER 28, 2026: Grilled Chicken Salad, Bread, 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 18, 2026: Tim Peacock and Steve Ross

Week of October 25, 2026: Joe Blackstock and Ken Hall

Opening and Closing: Debbie Smith

Greeters and Ushers: Steve Ross and Tommy Cragg

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 93
- Worship Attendance: 135
- Nursery Attendance: 11
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 146
- OFFERING TOTAL: $16,048.75

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
Caroline Fox
Vernell Hix
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)
Penny Chestnut – Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer – Josh's Mentor fom ABAC BCM

Additional Requests

Our Ministry Team and Their Families
Our Church-sponsored Missionaries
All US Veterans
Our Church Leadership & Staff