



October 28, 2026

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

November 1st is recognized by many Christians as All Saints' Day, a time to remember and give thanks for the faithful believers who have gone before us. It is an opportunity to reflect on the lives of those who have influenced our faith and left a lasting impact on the church.

Hebrews 12:1 reminds us that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" and encourages us to run with endurance the race set before us. We are blessed to stand on the shoulders of generations of faithful Christians who prayed, served, sacrificed, and shared the Gospel. Their lives remind us that the impact of faithful service often extends far beyond our time here on earth.

As we remember those who have gone before us, may we thank God for their example and seek to follow in their footsteps of faithfulness. One day, we too will leave a legacy for those who come behind us. May that legacy be one of unwavering faith, love for others, and wholehearted devotion to Jesus 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

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!

A Note of Thanks: To the Members of Jefferson First Baptist,
Many of you have reached out to me after the death of my father, John W. Helms. His life ended tragically. My mother found him and she is working through that trauma. We are focusing on the good days and there were a lot of those in 90 years of life. We have faith that God will sustain us because God is faithful. The comfort of the Holy Spirit is with us. Also, thank you for the flowers. Mom is still enjoying them. Peace and blessings, John Michael Helms

A poster for Fall Back Daylight Saving Time. It features a large, ornate clock on the right side, with its hands pointing to approximately 1:50. The clock is surrounded by autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The background is a light, warm tone with scattered leaves. The text "FALL BACK" is written in large, bold, serif letters, with "FALL" in a darker brown and "BACK" in a lighter, golden-brown. Below this, the text "Daylight Saving Time Ends" is written in a bold, serif font. A dark brown banner with a gold border contains the text "Sunday, November 1, 2026" in a white, serif font. Below the banner, the text "Set your clocks BACK one hour before bed Saturday night, October 31." is written in a serif font. A small, stylized leaf icon is centered below this text. The text "Enjoy an extra hour of rest. See you Sunday!" is written in a cursive, italicized font. At the bottom, the FBC Jefferson logo is displayed, consisting of a dark circle with three white crosses inside, followed by the text "FBC" in a large, bold, serif font and "JEFFERSON" in a smaller, bold, serif font below it. The entire poster is framed by autumn leaves and berries.

Honoring Our Veterans • Sunday, November 8th: Join us for worship at **11:00 a.m.** as we recognize our veterans and express our gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Following worship, an **invitation-only luncheon and recognition program** will be held in the **Fellowship Hall**. We look forward to honoring those who have served our country!

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH:

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)

Sunday, November 1st:

- 9:30 am – All Saints' Service (Paved Parking Lot)
- 10:00 am – Sunday School
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 5:00 pm – Men's Cookout & Bonfire at Melvin and Donna Porter's house (168 Hardman Road, Jefferson)

Monday, November 2nd:

- 9:00 am – Morning Glory Circle

Tuesday, November 3rd:

- 3:30 pm – Mary Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm – College Gathering

Wednesday, November 4th:

- 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.

November Sunday School:



GOD GAVE THE PEOPLE THE LAND

Joshua 7-11

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Joshua's name means "The LORD is salvation." God fought for Joshua and the Israelites, saving them and giving them victory over their enemies. Sinners can look to God for victory over sin and death. God brought us salvation by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is a miracle? A miracle is something God does that usually cannot be done so that we can know He is all-powerful.

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 77:14

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE:

Fellowship

Children in Action:



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.

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

November 4th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

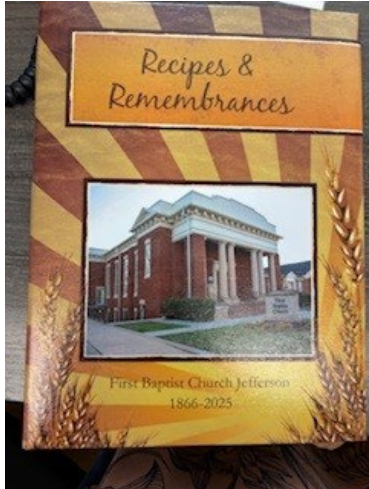
November 11th - 6:00 pm – Adult II SS Classroom

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 Fellowship Hall.

They will begin meeting again for the Spring 2027 Bible Study on Wednesday, January 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

Food Bank: In September, the FBCJ

Food Bank served the following in Jackson County:

- 152 families
- 496 people, including 143 under 18, 284 from the ages of 18 to 64; 69 people over the age of 65, and 14 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.

Men's Ministry Cookout & Bonfire:

NOTICE: THE MEN'S COOKOUT AND BONFIRE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED to

Sunday, November 8th at 5:00 pm at

Melvin & Donna Porter's house (168 Hardman Road, Jefferson). Please contact Karen in the church office by Thursday, November 5th to RSVP, as we need a headcount so we'll have enough food.



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**

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): We are excited to be an OCC Drop-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 28, 2026: Grilled Chicken Salad, Bread, Dessert, Drinks.

MENU FOR NOVEMBER 4, 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.
- **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!

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Fellowship. Prayer. Bible Study.
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*Good Food.
Great Fellowship.
Stronger Faith.*

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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 October 25, 2026: Joe Blackstock and Ken Hall

Week of November 1, 2026: Jordie Crow and Melvin Porter

Opening and Closing: David Rees

Greeters and Ushers: David Rees and Ken Hall

NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

- Sunday School Attendance: 95
- Worship Attendance: 124
- Nursery Attendance: 12
- WORSHIP TOTAL: 136
- OFFERING TOTAL: \$6,670.50

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

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



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>



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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 from ABAC BCM

We Share in Sorrow with

The family of Jack (d. 09/24/26) & Marlene (d. 07/18/2026) Cavender

Additional Requests

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