



JULY 2026

BEACON

WE LEAD PEOPLE INTO LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS
WITH CHRIST AND EACH OTHER.

Dear *Church,*

June was a full and meaningful month. I had the privilege of traveling first to Kenya with a team from our church to spend time with our ministry partners at Oasis for Orphans. As always, we returned encouraged by their faithful work. From there, I traveled to Jacksonville for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, where it was life-giving to reconnect with friends, celebrate what God is doing through churches across the world, and be reminded that we are part of something much larger than ourselves.

July promises to be just as full. We begin the month by worshiping together on July 5 with our FCI family and our Hispanic congregation, celebrating the unity we share in Christ. On July 12, we'll welcome our CBF field personnel partners, Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, who serve in Poland and Ukraine. You'll have the opportunity to hear firsthand how God is at work in a part of the world that continues to experience both hardship and hope.

Our Oklahoma youth and adult mission team departs to work alongside our partners there on July 5, and before the month is over, our building will once again be filled with laughter, music, and eager children during Vacation Bible Camp July 20-24.

In the middle of this month, I'll take a week of vacation with my niece and nephew. The beach is calling us. I'm grateful our church values both meaningful work and healthy rhythms of rest, and I'm looking forward to making a few memories with them before returning refreshed.

As we move through another busy month, my prayer is that every worship service, mission trip, conversation, and act of service will help lead people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other. Thank you for being a church that continues to join God in bringing hope, healing, and the love of Christ to our community and to the world.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

JULY 3 & 4

Office Closed for Holiday

JULY 5-11

Oklahoma Mission Trip

JULY 5

Combined Worship with FCI

JULY 12

CBF Field Personnel Visit

JULY 20-24

Vacation Bible Camp

JULY 26

FBC 101, 10:15 a.m.;
Church Swim Party,
Memorial Pool
7:30-9:00 p.m. Free



SUNDAYS

July 5 - Combined Worship with FCI Wild Hospitality

Preacher: Roxy Antonio

July 12 - Poland Partners Seeds in the Wild

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

July 19 - Youth Mission Trip Report The Waiting Grove

Preacher: Rev. Cara Harrington

July 26 - VBC Sunday Treasures of the Rainforest

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield



Just as rainforests are full of hidden life, unexpected growth, and surprising resilience, so too is the life of faith. From Abraham's call to Peter's bold steps, from seeds scattered in wild places to rivers flowing with God's provision, we'll discover how faith takes root, flourishes, and bears fruit in the untamed spaces of our lives. Together we'll explore how God meets us in storms, wilderness, and wonder—cultivating a wild, courageous, and life-giving faith that cannot be contained.



JULY 5 | 9 a.m. Join us for a combined worship service with our sister congregation Familia Cristiana Internacional. FCI Pastor Noah Angel will baptize new members, we will enjoy music from the FCI and FBC Praise Teams, and Roxy Antonio will give the sermon.

JULY 12 | Join us as we welcome our Mission Partners Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel serving in Poland. They will bring greetings in worship and then will share in more detail from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for all ages. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
ENCOURAGER
CHURCH VISIT



Gennady and Mina Podgaisky
Kraków, Poland
Commissioned February 2002

SUNDAY, JULY 12
9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am | WORSHIP
10:15 am | BIBLE STUDY
GROUPS

Join us in person or online at
facebook.com/fbcjc or
youtube.com/fbcjc

MUSIC REHEARSALS

Wednesdays; Sanctuary
Orchestra 5:20–6:00 p.m.
Choir 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Praise Team 7:15–8:00 p.m.

Contact Alice Satterfield,
Interim Worship Leader, at
alice@fbcjc.org.

ONLINE WORSHIP & PODCAST

For recordings, check out these options.

- Church Center App
- [Youtube.com/fbcjc](https://youtube.com/fbcjc)
- [Facebook.com/fbcjc](https://facebook.com/fbcjc)
- Podcasts - Search "First Baptist Jefferson City, Missouri" on your favorite streaming service.



YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-25)

Join us every Sunday this summer from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in room 211 with Garrett Carney (garrett@fbcjc.org).



Follow DWELL on
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the latest updates:

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DON'T FORGET FBC JC WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

Summer is here, and for many of us, that means vacations, road trips, and time away with family. We love seeing you enjoy that time—it's such an important way to rest and recharge.

As you head out, though, we want to remind you not to forget about your church family at FBC JC. Even when you're away, the ministry here keeps moving—serving, teaching, and caring for people week in and week out.

One really simple way to stay consistent is by setting up a recurring gift through Church Center. It takes just a couple of minutes, and then you don't have to think about

it while you're traveling. Your giving continues automatically, helping support everything happening at FBC JC while you're gone.

If you haven't tried it yet, this is a great time to get it set up before your next trip. It's an easy way to stay faithful and connected, no matter where you are.

Thanks so much for being a part of what God is doing here. We're grateful for you—and we can't wait to see you back when you return!

Safe travels!

LOOK AHEAD TO AUGUST

August	Faith in the Round (Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:15 a.m.)
August 9	Dr. David May, New Testament Professor, will be with us for worship and <i>Faith in the Round</i>
August 16	Church Picnic, 4 - 6 p.m. Memorial Park Pavilion
August 23	Back to School Sunday, Promotion Sunday
August 30	Quarterly Business Meeting, 11:30 a.m.



SYMPATHY

Family and friends of **Don Willcoxon**

Family and friends of **Linda Lee**

Family and friends of **Phyllis Lesh**

Family and friends of **Betty Blythe**

Norris Gale and family in the death of his
brother-in-law

David Gale and family in the death of his uncle

Margaret Gale-Wells and family in the death of her uncle

Family and friends of **Stanley Knowles**

Reta McDonald and family in the death of her nephew

Family and friends of **Joyce Phillips**



RESERVED
PARKING

Sharman Banks purchased the Lead Pastor's parking spot for Sundays this month. Thanks for your generous donation to the Youth Mission Trip.



PRAYER
REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, contact the office or visit our website or app to submit a request.

GET INVOLVED



**JOIN THE
BEREAVEMENT
SERVE TEAM**

SCAN ME



Our Bereavement Ministry Team hosts a funeral meal for the family and friends of a member who has passed. Team members are contacted to provide a side dish and/or dessert for the meal and/or to help serve it. An email is sent to team members when a meal is requested, and they can indicate whether they are available to help and in what capacity. Scan the code or sign up in the App under Groups. Team Leaders: Bev Carney, Donna Downing



**CROCHET &
COFFEE**

NEW & EXPERIENCED CRAFTERS
OF ALL AGES/GENDERS WELCOME.
SUPPLIES AND COFFEE PROVIDED.

BRING A SNACK TO SHARE, IF
YOU'D LIKE!

SATURDAY, JULY 18 | 9-11 A.M.

ENTER DOOR 5 ON MONROE ST.

REFUGE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)



NEW TO FBC JC? REGISTER FOR FBC 101



**FBC
101**

Enjoy some coffee & light snacks after
worship, where you'll meet the staff, hear the
story of First Baptist, learn what we're about,
and discover ways to connect.

PREREGISTER



Enjoy some coffee & light snacks after worship on Sunday, July 26, where you'll meet the staff, hear the story of First Baptist, learn what we're about, and discover ways to connect. This course is for people new to FBC JC or guests who are ready to learn more about the church.

Preregistration is helpful but not required.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after the conclusion of the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Take the stairs or elevator near the coffee bar in the lobby, down one floor to the Fellowship Hall (3rd Floor).

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SEVENTEEN YEARS OF LIFE-GIVING FRIENDSHIP: FIRST BAPTIST RETURNS TO KENYA

Last month, a group from First Baptist traveled to Kenya for what has become our church's longest-term mission outreach. Seventeen teams have traveled to an orphanage in Kenya since 2009. This was the largest team to make the trip. The thirteen men and women were a mix of first-timers and veterans of previous trips.

Christina Hudson, a member of our church's Mission Leadership Team, was on her second trip to the orphanage called *The Well*. "My first year going, Pastor Melissa explained that the mission trip isn't about going and saving these children. We are asked to go with an open mind and heart to continue growing our relationships with the children and the staff. What I didn't know was how life-giving the experience would be."

The Well provides children with a refuge, meals, and exceptional education. Currently, there are two dozen children who are living full-time at *The Well* and over sixty "guardian children." Those who live at *The Well* have a loving "Madam" and "Sir" who provide them with full-time support and care. Guardian children come from the surrounding community, many of them living in extreme poverty.

The Well is one of two orphanages operated throughout Kenya by an organization called *Oasis for Orphans*. Since taking over operations several years ago, *Oasis for Orphans* has built new dorms, added sports programs with a full-size basketball court, and welcomed more children and families.

"It has been incredible to not only see the progress that has been made at *The Well's* facilities," says Hudson, "but also to see the children grow and have dreams of their own. I was able to reconnect with a sweet girl whom I became close to on my first trip there. Through her time at *The Well*, she's been inspired to get her teaching degree and come back to *The Well* to teach."



Ryan Kormann and Christina Hudson make new friends at *The Well* on the Kenya Mission trip May 31 - June 10, 2026.

It doesn't take long for first-time team members to understand the struggles faced by *The Well* and the surrounding community.

"It doesn't take long to see the incredible impact *The Well* is having on the children inside its walls with their smiling faces, high fives, and hugs just minutes after arrival," says Ryan Kormann of his first mission trip ever.

As the week progressed, there was a bittersweet mix of loving the children while gaining a deeper understanding of the hardships they face when they leave *The Well* each day, and the challenges they will face in the future. They don't have toys lying around, hot baths, new shoes, or name-brand clothes, but what they do have is an incredible love for God. It shows through the Bible verses they know, their positive attitudes, and the warm welcome they received.

Oasis for Orphans hopes to expand by building a high school. Our FBC JC team continues to encourage, love, and deepen our understanding of global issues and God's work around the world.

You can learn more about *Oasis for Orphans* and make a direct donation to their work at o4o.org.



KIDS

BIRTH - GRADE 5

SUNDAYS FOR KIDS

Children in grades K-5 gather in Room 203 at 10:15 a.m. for games and snacks before heading to their classes. K-2 meets in Room 201. Grades 3-5 meet in Room 204.

Bible Teaching groups meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Extended Care during worship is available for children ages birth through 3-year-olds on Sundays beginning at 8:45 a.m.



FOOD 4 KIDS | Help provide nutritious lunches for children

Once again, First Baptist Church will be joining the fight against hunger by participating in Food 4 Kids this summer. We'll be providing kid-friendly, nutritious lunches and snacks to children during the summer months when school is not in session. First Baptist Church volunteers are needed for the week of August 3-7.

To sign up to volunteer or learn more, scan the QR code.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24
For Kids ages 3 - Rising 6th Graders

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:45 am: Breakfast Served

8:15 - 11:45 am: VBC

Free

Registration at fbcjc.org/events



YOUTH

GRADES 6 - 12



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**MISSION TRIP
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION!**



July 5

Load for Oklahoma at 8 a.m.

July 11

Return to FBCJC at 9 p.m.

July 19

Service at 9 a.m. to hear the youth recap their week on mission trip

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for a fun summer evening on July 24! Meet at 7:00 p.m. at Adrian's Island for outdoor games and volleyball, then we will walk to the Capitol Lawn to watch the *Angels in The Outfield*. Pizza will be provided for everyone.

Mark your calendars and invite a friend! Parents can plan to pick up students around 10:30 p.m.

GAMES AND MOVIE NIGHT

JULY 24

MEET AT ADRIAN'S ISLAND AT 7:00 TO PLAY OUTDOOR GAMES THEN WALK TO THE CAPITOL FOR A MOVIE:



**ANGELS
IN THE
OUTFIELD**



PIZZA WILL
BE PROVIDED

CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

July 26

Swim Party at Memorial Pool. Admission is free! 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

August 16

Church Picnic, 4 - 6 p.m. Memorial Park Pavilion

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

SAVE THESE DATES

August 2 So Long Summer Hangout

August 23 Promotion Sunday

August 29 The AMAZING Race! (Details Coming)



Final Refuge event before promotion! If you need transportation, please meet at the lower church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. and return around 8:15 p.m.

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, July 27
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Program: Author Richard McGonegal

Lunch catered by Annie's Station
Honey Glazed Chicken
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Tossed salad
Rolls
Iced tea, coffee
Dessert

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Harriet Woods (7/5)

Pat Gann (7/10)

Karl Drewel (7/21)

SEND A CARD!

Our Homebound members love to receive cards! If you'd like to send a birthday card, contact Mary at mary@fbcjc.org or 573.634.3603 for addresses.

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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes



ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
May 31	139	205
June 7	132	207
June 14	132	216
June 21	132	189
June 28	148	216

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2026		2025		Increase (Decrease)	
	May	Year to Date	May	Year to Date	May	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$100,400	\$423,197	\$88,438	\$436,140	\$11,962	(\$12,943)
Other Revenue	(\$1,392)	\$31,382	\$27,919	\$82,619	(\$29,311)	(\$51,237)
Total Revenue	\$99,008	\$454,579	\$116,357	\$518,759	(\$17,349)	(\$64,180)
Total Expenses	\$94,113	\$502,613	\$112,680	\$542,232	(\$18,567)	(\$39,619)
Net Operating Total	\$4,895	(\$48,034)	\$3,677	(\$23,473)		



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