

MAY 2026

BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

There are moments when I step back and look at who we are as a church, and I see something steady and quietly beautiful taking shape among us. Not perfect, not finished, but alive in ways that matter.

I see it in the way we are learning to be clear about who we are and why we are here. We are not everything to everyone, and that is a gift. We are clear about leading people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other. We are a people called to love God and others, to grow in faith, and to serve with open hands and hearts. That kind of clarity does not limit us; it frees us.

I see it in the relationships that continue to take root. Around tables, in groups, in hallways before and after worship, we are becoming a community where people are known, carried, and reminded that they do not have to walk alone.

I see it in the ways we are learning to work together. Ministry here is not the work of a few but the shared calling of many, each bringing their gifts and making the whole stronger.

I see it in your persistence. In a world that changes quickly and often feels uncertain, you keep showing up with faith, hope, and a willingness to trust God with what comes next.

And I see it in our willingness to adapt without losing who we are. We are paying attention, listening for where God is leading, and stepping forward with courage.

By God's grace, this is what a thriving church looks like. And I am grateful to be part of it with you.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

MAY 3

Graduate Sunday

MAY 16

Crochet & Coffee
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Refuge Room

MAY 18

Friendship Club
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

MAY 25

Office Closed for Holiday

MAY 31 - JUNE 10

Kenya Mission Trip



SUNDAYS

May 3 – Easter 5 (Graduate Sunday)

Rooted in Promise

John 14:1-14

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

May 10 - Easter 6

Not Alone

John 14:15-21

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

May 17 - Easter 7

Lifted in Prayer

John 17:1-11

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

May 24 - Pentecost

Family on Fire

Acts 2:1-21

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

May 31 - Trinity Sunday

Sent Together

Matthew 28:16-20

Preacher: Rev. Cara Harrington



Roots & Wings names the life of faith as both grounding and sending. We are rooted in the steady, sustaining love of God, shaped by the life we share in the household of faith, and held by the prayers of Christ himself. And from that place of belonging, we are given wings—the Spirit meeting us where we are and sending us into the world with courage, compassion, and purpose. This is the journey of learning where we belong in God’s family, and trusting that the same Spirit who holds us also leads us outward into lives of love and witness.



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.

UPCOMING



To schedule your appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter the code **FBCJeffCity** or scan the QR code.

American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, MAY 12
1:30 - 5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



CROCHET & COFFEE

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

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

ENTER DOOR 5 ON MONROE ST.

SATURDAY, MAY 16 | 9-11 A.M.
REFUGE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)




CALLING COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Are you or a family member who is a member of FBC JC graduating from college this month? We want to celebrate you! Complete this online form by **May 18**. We will share their accomplishment in our June Beacon. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2zsbxkem> or scan the QR code to the right.



Save
The
Date

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| May 31-June 10 | Kenya Mission Trip |
| June 17-19 | CBF General Assembly in Florida |
| July 5 - 11 | Oklahoma Mission Trips |
| July 20-24 | Vacation Bible Camp |
| July 26 | Church Swim Party |
| August | Faith in the Round (Sunday mornings) |
| August 16 | Church Picnic |
| August 23 | Back to School Sunday |



Family and friends of Kwei Su

SYMPATHY



RESERVED
PARKING

Vonda Greenwalt 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.

WEDNESDAYS

- 5:20 - 6:00 p.m. | Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | First Friends (3rd Floor Preschool)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | First Kids (2nd Floor)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | MIDWEEK, Grades 6-8 (2nd Floor)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Adult Book Study (Room 326)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. | Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. | MIDWEEK, Grades 9-12 (2nd Floor)

Programming for KIDS and YOUTH will end on Wednesday, May 6.



BIBLE STUDY







Sondra Allen will continue the study on The Gospel of Mark on Wednesday, May 27.

Join other adults for this study, which includes a video study, group discussion, and teacher instruction.

Join us in Room 326 (Blue Wing, just inside Door 3)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | For care situations on the weekends or after 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, call or text: 573.400.4142. A Care Team member from the church will respond to your call or text as they are able.

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MISSIONS

THRIVING PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONCLUDES 16th YEAR

In May, First Baptist and South Elementary School will celebrate our 16th year as business partners through the JC Chamber of Commerce's Partner-in-Education program. The 2025-2026 year has been as busy as ever.

Students, parents, and teachers enjoyed the Back-to-School bash held in September. FBC provided and served the food. This event will be held again at the start of the next school year, and volunteers will be needed!

Earlier this year, literacy night was a successful event that promoted reading and instilled a love of books. Students and parents were invited to the classrooms to read a book and to complete a related project. Pizza was served, and students could select a book to take home. Thanks to the FBC volunteers who assisted with the event.

Each quarter, FBC provides items requested by teachers for learning enrichment activities. This year, students were able to plant and grow turf, plants, or flowers using supplies provided in the teacher boxes.

Many other items to supplement learning are made available because of the generosity of First Baptist. Additionally, the children who attend First Kids on Wednesday nights learn about the mission, help fill the boxes, and often send a special note or gift to the teachers.

FBC's South School Partnership Coordinator is Cherri Williams, and she is always appreciative of volunteers to help with various South School projects.

We need volunteers to help serve the teacher appreciation luncheon on May 7. Please get in touch with Cherri if you would like information as projects come up. Cherri Williams (573) 230-7362 or cherriwllms@yahoo.com.

***TOP PHOTO** | Teacher Danielle Davidson is battling cancer. The staff of South shows support for Danielle in many ways, including purchasing t-shirts. We invite the church to continue to pray for Danielle during her cancer battle.



Scan the QR code to join the South School Serve Team for updates and opportunities to serve.

KEYS TO HOPE WORK DAYS

We're back to work on the new Transformational Housing apartments at the corner of State and Jackson Streets. Show up on Fridays sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and bring a friend if you can! They don't need to be from First Baptist - just someone willing to lend a hand and ready to serve our community. Join our group to stay updated on volunteer opportunities.



Questions? Join the Transformational Housing Work Group in the Church Center App.

UPCOMING

CHURCH SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO OKLAHOMA

REGISTER AT [FBCJC.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.fbcjc.org/events)

We are excited to announce our upcoming Mission Trip to Geary and Watonga, Oklahoma, to serve Native tribal communities our church has partnered with since 2023. This trip will provide us with a unique opportunity to serve and support this area in partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Our primary focus will be on church projects for Watonga Indian Baptist Church and All Tribes Baptist Church in Geary, OK. These projects will be vital in aiding the churches' efforts and showing the love and support of the broader community.

This year's trip is in partnership with our Youth Mission Trip. Our teams will travel, lodge, work, and eat together a lot of the week.

This mission trip is not only a chance to serve but also an opportunity to grow in faith, community, and compassion. We hope you'll join us in making a difference in the lives of people in Central Oklahoma.

A background check will be required of each participant.

Trip cost: \$325 (covers lodging, transportation, meals, and a t-shirt). Deposit of \$75 due at registration. Some scholarships/discounts are available upon request.

Registration ends May 10.

Questions? Please contact Team Leaders Ken Enloe or Mike Schroer, or the church office.





KIDS

BIRTH - GRADE 5



SUNDAYS FOR KIDS

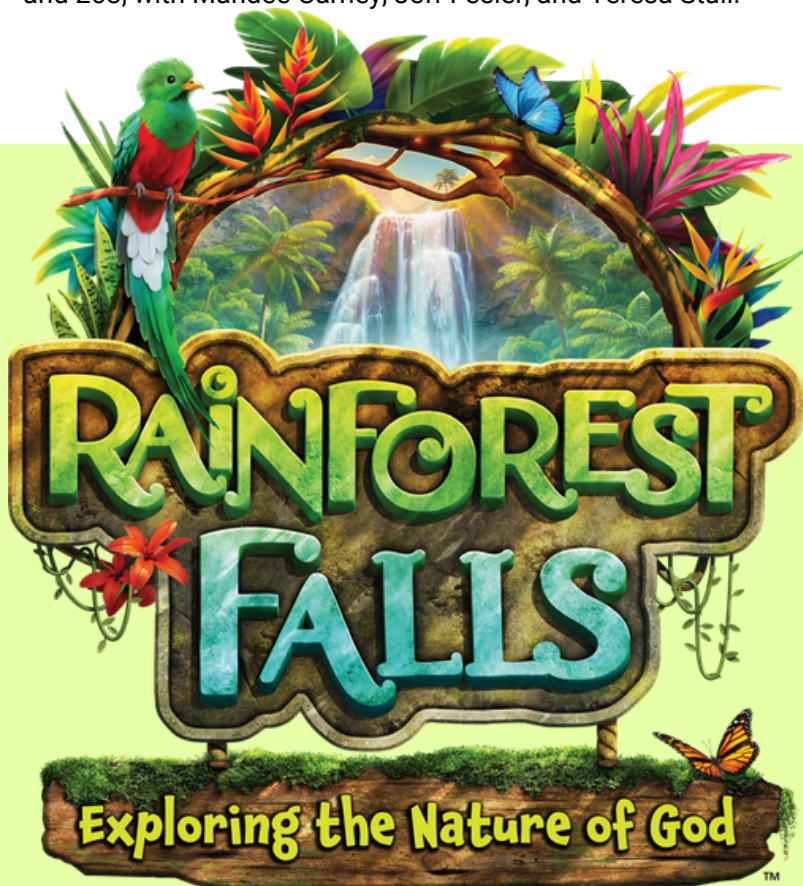
Children in grades K-5 gather in Room 203 at 10:15 a.m. for games and snacks before heading to their classes. K-2 meets in Room 201. Grades 3-5 meet in Room 204.

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.

WEDNESDAYS | 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

First Friends is for preschool children and meets in the 3rd-floor preschool room. They enjoy music time, games, and mission activities with teachers Christina Hudson and Camille McClelland. First Kids meets on the 2nd floor, Rooms 202 and 203, with Mande Carney, Jeff Feeler, and Teresa Stull.



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are Interested In volunteering to serve, contact Mande Carney today at mandecarney@gmail.com.



YOUTH

GRADES 6 - 12

CONNECT WITH US

TEXT UPDATES
Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123

  [refugejc](#)

 [refugejc.com](#)

 mark@fbcjc.org



MIDWEEK ON WEDNESDAYS

Games, Worship, Small Groups
Grades 6-8 | 6:00-7:00 pm
Grades 9-12 | 7:30-9:00 pm

Join us on Wednesday nights in May as we wrap up the school year with our final Midweeks!

- May 6th** – Our last Midweek gathering of the school year
- May 13th** – Annual End of Year BBQ at [McClung Park](#)

We'd love to see you there as we celebrate the close of the 2025-2026 school year together!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2026

Registration is now open for our July Youth Mission Trip to Central Oklahoma. Register online now at [fbcjc.org/events](#) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Registration extended to May 10th. Total cost is \$325 for current 6th through 12th graders.

GRADUATE CELEBRATIONS

May is an exciting month full of celebrations honoring our graduating seniors!

May 3rd, we'll recognize our seniors during the Sunday service, followed by a special brunch open to all seniors, their families, and Refuge youth.

June 2-7, we'll take our annual Senior Trip—a meaningful time for small groups to connect, reflect, and make lasting memories together before graduation. Information at [fbcjc.org/events](#).

SUNDAYS | 10:15-11:15 am

Every Sunday, we dig deep into God's word and grow in our faith.

INVEST in Our Mission

Memorial Day: Honoring Legacy, Shaping the Future

Memorial Day invites us to pause and remember. We honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country, reflecting on their sacrifice, courage, and the lasting impact they made on generations they would never meet. At its heart, Memorial Day is about legacy—how a life, faithfully lived, continues to matter long after it is gone.

As people of faith, we understand that legacy is not only about what we leave behind materially, but about how we care for those we love, uphold our values, and steward the blessings God has entrusted to us. *One meaningful way to do this is through thoughtful estate planning.*

Creating a will is an act of love, responsibility, and faith—one that brings peace of mind and clarity to our families while reflecting our deepest priorities as our assets are distributed in accordance with our specific wishes. We can name the family members and organizations we wish to continue supporting, including our church as we invest in futures.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) offers our members a special gift: access to a free, simple will-creation service. In about 20 minutes, you can create your legacy and ensure peace of mind for you and your loved ones. This service is designed to be easy to use and accessible, helping you take an important step that is often postponed.

This Memorial Day, take a meaningful step toward shaping your legacy. Creating your will is simple, thoughtful, and free through this special gift and allows you to put plans in place that reflect your values and care for those you love.

Visit <https://partner.freewill.com/cbf> to get started!



WAYS TO GIVE TO FBC JC

If you have questions, want to explore giving options, or would simply like to talk, our accounting office and Stan Farmer, our Church Administrator, are always available and glad to assist. You can reach them at 573.634.3603, stan@fbcjc.org, or accounting@fbcjc.org.

You may also set up regular giving through the Church Center App or online at www.fbcjc.org/give.



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In the App



301 E. Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101



On Sundays in the Offering Boxes

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, May 18
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Program: Shannon Cerneka

Lunch catered by Bandana's
Pulled Pork
Turkey
Baked Beans
Tossed salad
Rolls
Iced tea, coffee
Dessert

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Nellie Sloan (5/4)
Denny Hodges (5/8)
Betty Blythe (5/16)
Ethelmae Champ (5/17)
Lois Jeffries (5/29)

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.

INVEST IN
Life-Giving Relationships

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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes



ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
March 29	144	240
April 2	Maundy Thursday - 121	
April 5	145	352
April 12	156	220
April 19	NA	243
April 26	143	231

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2026		2025		Increase (Decrease)	
	March	Year to Date	March	Year to Date	March	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$89,048	\$259,412	\$105,027	\$289,040	(\$15,979)	(\$29,628)
Other Revenue	\$6,357	\$26,409	\$26,819	\$46,726	(\$20,462)	(\$20,317)
Total Revenue	\$95,405	\$285,821	\$131,846	\$335,766	(\$36,441)	(\$49,945)
Total Expenses	\$95,425	\$307,348	\$132,081	\$327,810	(\$36,656)	(\$20,462)
Net Operating Total	(\$20)	(\$21,527)	(\$235)	\$7,956		

