

SEPTEMBER 2026

BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

This September, we are beginning something I pray will shape the life of our church for years to come.

Our mission at First Baptist is to **lead people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other**. But those kinds of relationships do not happen by accident. They are formed over time, through the people with whom we share our lives, the choices we make, and the habits and rhythms that quietly shape who we are becoming as we make space for God and others.

That is why this fall we are introducing our Life-Giving Practices, ten simple, intentional ways of living that can help us stay close to Christ and connected to one another. We will pray often, stay rooted in Scripture, receive the gift of rest, make space for quiet, open our tables and our lives, help where we can, share what we have, stay connected to one another, and learn to tell the story of what God has done. Beginning September 6, we will begin to explore these practices in worship.

I also want to encourage you to join one of our new ten-week Life-Giving Practices groups that launch the week of September 13. Each week, groups will gather to talk about the practice introduced on Sunday, try it together, and encourage one another as we learn to make these practices part of everyday life. Read more on page 5 and sign up today for a group. Most are in the evenings during the week but there is a Noon virtual option on Wednesdays as well as a 1:00 p.m. Thursday in-person option.

Faith is more than something we believe. It is a life we practice, together, empowered by the Spirit of God. Over time, these shared practices can form the kind of relationships our mission describes. I hope you will join us this fall and see what Love can do.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

September 2

Wednesday Kids & Youth
Programming Begins

September 6

First Sunday Fellowship
after worship and before
groups (Fellowship Hall)

September 13

Life-Giving Practices Fall
Groups launch

September 14

Deacon & Spouse BBQ

September 18

South School Back to
School Bash

September 25

Project Homeless Connect



SUNDAYS

September 6 – Proper 18

Life-Giving Practices

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

September 13 – Proper 19

We Pray Often

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

September 20 – Proper 20

We Stay Rooted in Scripture

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

September 27 – Proper 21

We Receive the Gift of Rest

Rev. Cara Harrington, Guest Preacher



This fall, we are stepping into a shared way of life built on simple, steady practices that shape who we are becoming together. These are not about adding more to already full lives, but about paying attention to the rhythms that keep us close to Christ and connected to one another.

Week by week, we will explore practices like prayer, Scripture, rest, generosity, and community—not as ideals to admire, but as invitations to live differently in the middle of ordinary life. These are our shared practices that lead to life-giving relationships with Christ and each other. View all ten practices at www.fbcjc.org/life-giving-practices.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS

BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16!

Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

All are welcome to join in as we prepare for our December 13 performance. Contact Alice Satterfield, Interim Worship Leader, at alice@fbcjc.org.

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 EVENTS



VOLUNTEER WITH PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

On Friday, September 25, 2026, we will help host the annual Project Homeless Connect from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our goal is to connect local individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the assistance, resources, and services they need.

Several volunteers are needed on Thursday, September 24th, for setup, and on Friday, September 25th, to make this year's Project Homeless Connect a success! If you are unable to volunteer but would still like to help, consider purchasing items from their [Amazon Wishlist](#).



Learn more and sign up at www.jcmo-phc.org or visit the PHC Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/jcmo.phc.

LOOK AHEAD TO OCTOBER

- October 4 FBC 101 at 10:15 a.m.
- October 4 First Sunday Fellowship after worship service
- October 11 National Homelessness Sunday
- October 11 Pet Blessing Service, 4 p.m., Green Parking Lot
- October 24 Keys to Hope Conference (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- October 25 Keys to Hope Conversation after worship service



SYMPATHY

Family and friends of **Aloha Gerbes**
 Family and friends of **Eric Dunlap**
 Family and friends of **Harriet Woods**
Dennis Dykes and family in the death of his son



RESERVED
PARKING

Mike and Donna Downing 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 4:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN GREEN PARKING LOT

Bring your pets to be blessed!
A special gift for those who have lost a pet.
Plus, treats for everyone!

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

This monthly group exists to support people who are caring for someone they love. Caregivers may be caring for a spouse with cancer or dementia, an aging parent, an adult child with disabilities, or a loved one living with chronic illness. Caregiving may be a daily responsibility or something that happens more occasionally, and many people doing this work may not even think of themselves as "caregivers."

Members of this group will come alongside caregivers so they do not have to carry the weight of caregiving alone. Through prayer, encouragement, friendship, and practical acts of care, the group will offer support that responds to the particular needs of caregivers and their families.

Group Facilitator: Carol Collins. To join the group and learn about their meetings, visit fbcjc.org/groups.

A LETTER FROM REV. JEANIE MCGOWAN, ASSOC. PASTOR OF ENGAGEMENT

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

According to Ecclesiastes 3, there is a right time for everything on the earth...a right time to hold on to and another to let go. (The Message). Some things are harder to let go of than others. God continues to lead us, even when we might prefer a different lesson and leading.

For me, this season of life is saying it's time to let go. That means letting go of some things that have been and still are precious to me and meaningful to my life. If I listen closely, I can hear God calling and saying, "Jeanie, you have a ministry that is more important at this time than any other way you might be serving—and that is caring for and encouraging the man who has stood by you, encouraged you, waited patiently for you and helped you in oh so many ways over the past nearly 65 years—your husband."



And so, with a deep sadness, I feel it's time to resign my volunteer position as Associate Pastor of Engagement, as well as most of the other responsibilities I carry at FBC. I will continue, as long as there is the energy for it, to lead the Friendship Singers. It is a gift to know that our Assistant Director, Tanya McMillan, is there to jump in whenever I need her! It has been a joy and a delight to work with our staff led by Pastor Melissa, to dream and plan for the future of this beloved church! What a blessing!

Thank you all, FBC family, for the prayers, the words of encouragement and support you have been in this season and many before! I cannot find the words to express how much I love this family. I see God's fingerprints all over the place touching lives and blessing us as we move forward. God placed a love for this church in my heart many years ago and that has not dimmed in the least. Please continue to pray for my Keith as he is healing from surgery. We have felt the prayers.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

This fall, we will offer six weekday groups that will spend ten weeks exploring simple, meaningful practices that help lead us into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other. One of those six groups will be a virtual-only option, offered on Wednesdays at Noon. Groups will begin the week of September 13.

Beginning September 13, each Sunday in worship will introduce one of our ten Life-Giving Practices, and during the week, groups will gather to take the conversation further, practice it together, and discover how to make it part of the rhythm of everyday life.

These groups aren't about adding more to your schedule or giving you more things to accomplish. They are about learning life-giving practices that help us make room for God and for the life-giving relationships we were created for.

Learn more about the practices and group options at www.fbcjc.org/life-giving-practices.

TEN LIFE-GIVING PRACTICES



We pray often

Because we want to stay in conversation with God.



We stay rooted in Scripture

Because we trust it will keep shaping us.



We receive the gift of rest

Because we need to remember we are not God.



We make space for quiet

Because the world is loud and God often is not.



We leave space for longing

Because we are learning God is enough.



We open our tables and our lives

Because we believe people matter more than our plans.



We help where we can

Because love looks like something in real life.



We share what we have

Because everything we have is a gift.



We stay connected to one another

Because faith was never meant to be lived alone.



We tell our story

Because we've seen what God can do.

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MISSIONS

SOUTH SCHOOL BEGINS ANOTHER YEAR

First Baptist and South Elementary School are beginning our 17th year as business partners through the JC Chamber of Commerce's Partner-in-Education program.

Each quarter, FBC provides items requested by teachers for learning enrichment activities. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for South School in August! The teachers are so appreciative. Did you know that these kinds of donations come from teachers' own pockets when students are unable to bring supplies or when those supplies run out early in the school year?

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH | September 18, 4 - 6 p.m.

Students, parents, and teachers will enjoy the Back-to-School bash on September 18. FBC provides and serves the food. Volunteers are needed to help wrap the hot dogs and to help on the serving line. Contact Cherri Williams at 573.230.7362 if you'd like to help or join the South School Serve Group at fbcjc.org/groups or scan the QR code to the right.

***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.



GET INVOLVED

FBC's South School Partnership Coordinator is Cherri Williams.



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

Guest Speaker

Kevin Nye



KEYS TO HOPE

Getting It Right in the Call to End Homelessness

LUNCH PROVIDED
REGISTER AT
FBCJC.ORG/EVENTS





24 October
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Cost: \$10/person

Join us for a conversation on the call to end homelessness with Guest Speaker Kevin Nye. Kevin is a writer and advocate working to end homelessness by applying best practices. He has written on the intersections of homelessness and faith for Religion News Service, Sojourners, Red Letter Christians, and more. He has presented at national conferences on homelessness.

Kevin will also present on Sunday, October 25, from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with content beyond the October 24 event.



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 meet in Room 201. Grades 3-5 meet in Room 204.

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

Extended Care during worship is available for children ages birth to kindergarten on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. until Bible Teaching groups end at 11:15 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, Camille McClelland, Margaret Gale-Wells, and Kay Brejcha.

First Kids meets on the 2nd floor in Rooms 202 and 203 with Mande Carney and Jeff Feeler. During First Kids, our children learn about mission work locally and all around the world. They also help serve in lots of different ways.

First Friends and First Kids begin September 2.



SERVE AS AN EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEER

Extended Care volunteers assist with childcare for kids ages 3 and under during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Volunteers rotate throughout the year and must complete a background check and training.

For questions, contact Ally Rose at preschool@fbcjc.org.



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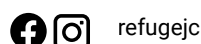
GRADES 6 - 12



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TEXT UPDATES

Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123



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MIDWEEK RETURNS SEPT 2

Wednesday nights will kick off on Wednesday, Sept. 2!

6 - 7 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6 - 8)

7:30 - 9 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

We can't wait for the new school year with you!



SMALL GROUPS

As we kick off a new year at Refuge Student Ministry, we are excited to begin our first teaching series, LifeLines.

Throughout this series, we'll explore what the New Testament teaches about friendships and the relationships that shape our lives. Our prayer is that students will discover how God uses healthy, Christ-centered friendships to encourage, strengthen, and guide them in their faith journey.

One of the most important parts of Refuge is our small groups. We have seen firsthand how meaningful it is when students find a place where they belong. As young people navigate the challenges and joys of growing up, small groups provide a supportive community that helps them grow in their faith and walk through difficult seasons together. We encourage parents to partner with our small group leaders by getting to know them and keeping open communication. Please don't hesitate to share any concerns or important information that will help us better support your student as we minister to them this year.



SAVE THESE DATES

Sept 30 Game Night

Nov 13-15 Fall Retreat

Dec 6 Soups, Sweaters, & Songs

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:15-11:15 a.m. - Basecamp

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

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, September 28
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Program: "Songs and Stories"
with Pat Bartlett, Pianist

Lunch catered by Lehman's
Lasagna
Chicken Alfredo
Green Beans
Baby Carrots
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Friendship Singers resume
rehearsals and performances
in September.

Mondays at 10 a.m.

September 14 Rehearsal
September 21 Oak Tree Villa
September 28 Timbers
Assisted Living

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

No September Birthdays

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

www.fbcjc.org/give



In the App



301 E. Capitol Avenue
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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes



ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
Aug 2	143	223
Aug 9	110	218
Aug 16	129	203
Aug 23	123	243

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2026		2025		Increase (Decrease)	
	July	Year to Date	July	Year to Date	July	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$50,667	\$550,023	\$69,919	\$590,951	(\$19,252)	(\$40,928)
Other Revenue	\$42,995	\$103,469	\$16,580	\$109,627	\$26,415	(\$6,158)
Total Revenue	\$93,662	\$653,492	\$86,499	\$700,578	\$7,163	(\$47,086)
Total Expenses	\$133,158	\$802,192	\$109,805	\$764,294	\$23,353	\$37,898
Net Operating Total	(\$39,496)	(\$148,700)	(\$23,306)	(\$63,716)		



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