

OCTOBER 2025

BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

One of our core values as a church is to welcome warmly. Hospitality is not just about smiling faces or handshakes—it's also about ensuring people can find their way around. A simple yet powerful way we achieve this is through clear signage that helps both guests and members know where to go.

Over the past year, we've updated our "digital front door" through our new website and church app. Now it's time to ensure that when people arrive on campus, they can find their way easily and feel at home from the very first step. Over the next month, you'll notice new signage appearing both inside and outside our building after months of work with Firehouse Design, a local design company.

Our large (and confusing) complex will be organized into color wings, similar to a large hospital. The Education Building, where preschool and children's programs are held (floors 1–4), will be the Green Wing. The lower parking lot and elevator in this wing will be the Green Lot and Green Elevator, respectively. The green color will be on the signs and accent walls in the stairwell.

The Administrative Building on the east side (floors 3–6, including the church offices) will be referred to as the Blue Wing, featuring the Blue Lot located east of the building and the Blue Elevator. The blue will be on signs and accent walls in the stairwells.

Exterior doors will be clearly numbered. Large parking lot directional signs will be attached to the exteriors of the main building and gym, directing people to the green and blue parking lots. I am deeply grateful to our maintenance team, who have worked tirelessly to prepare our building. Their effort reflects the care and excellence we want to bring to all we do as we welcome warmly in Christ's name.

Pastor Melissa



UPCOMING

SEPT 29 - OCT 3

Friendship Singers Mission
Trip to Chicago

OCT 12

Pet Blessing, 4 pm, Lower Lot

OCT 13

Office Closed;
Birdies & BBQ Golf
Tournament

OCT 14

Lunch & Learn, 12:15 pm;
Kenya Mission Trip Mtg
6 pm, Conference Room

OCT 19

Mission JC

OCT 26

Writers Workshop, 11:30 am
Rhymers Ridge Family Trip,
1:00 pm

SERMON SERIES

October 5

Disciples Take Their Faith Home

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Preacher: Melissa Hatfield

October 12

Disciples Make the Best of
"Babylon"

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Preacher: Melissa Hatfield

October 19

Mission JC

October 26

Disciples Don't Judge

Luke 18:9-14

Preacher: Melissa Hatfield



Christ's followers are known not as much by what they believe as by what they do. Faith practices, along with theological beliefs, are crucial to Christianity. This fall, we'll explore what disciples do and be challenged to live out Jesus's exciting call, "Follow me."

"Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove." James 2:18b (MSG)

WEDNESDAYS @ FBC JC

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)

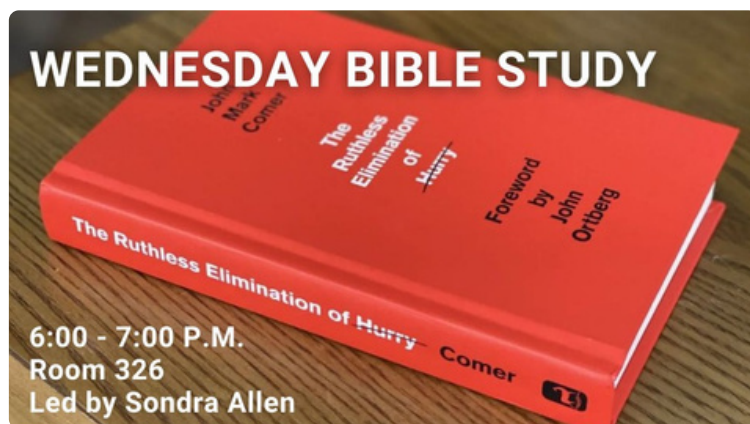
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | MIDWEEK, Grades 6-8 (2nd Floor)

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)



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

Now is a great time to join the
choir or orchestra!

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

WRITING WORKSHOP

Sunday, Oct 26
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
fbcjc.org/events

< **Devotions and More for All: Writing Through Story**
Please join the FBCJC Writing Team, including North Carolinian Theresa McClellan, for a writing workshop designed to inspire both new and experienced devotion and story writers.

Bring a pen and paper, or a laptop—no other supplies are needed. You'll be provided with a bit of workshop, some time to write, and hopefully lots of inspiration to get your stories and thoughts on paper.

Registration is open now through October 19 at fbcjc.org. A light lunch will be provided.

7:00 A.M. - LEAVE FBC JC
8:30 A.M. - TEE TIME

\$70 GREEN FEE

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 20
WHO REGISTER. TEAMS
FORMED THAT DAY. BBQ
AFTERWARD. DUTCH TREAT.



**Birdies &
BARBECUE**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
DEER CHASE GOLF COURSE
LINN CREEK, MISSOURI
TWO-PERSON SCRAMBLE

**2026
MISSION
TRIP**

May 31 - June 10



INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 14
6:00 PM
Office Conference Room

PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 4:00 P.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN LOWER PARKING LOT

Bring your pets to be blessed!
Plus, treats for everyone!
We will also honor the pets we've lost.

American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, NOV. 17
1:30 - 5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



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



SYMPATHY

Elizabeth Odum in the death of her aunt

Mary Huhn in the death of her brother



RESERVED
PARKING

Ken and Alice Satterfield 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 to submit a request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission JC is a morning of worship through service to our neighbors. It began in 2013 with one church, FBCJC, canceling its Sunday services to serve the community. Last year, the event featured over 450 volunteers, including representatives from ten churches, and offered nearly 50 projects. Hundreds of people wearing red Mission JC T-shirts serve through various activities, including yard work, cleaning at schools, picking up trash, helping shut-ins, planting trees, tying blankets, serving meals, writing notes of encouragement, and much more!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19! Projects are available for all ages. You can sign up as an individual, a family, or a group beginning Sunday, September 21. It is also a great opportunity to get to know other church members through service.





Mission JC Details

- Sign up today at missionjc.org
- Event Date: Sunday, October 19
- Event Location: **First Baptist Church Gym**
- Event Times:
 - 8:00 a.m. - Doors open; doughnuts and juice are provided by Hawthorn Bank. T-shirts will be available for those who do not have one. T-shirts are provided free of charge to participants, or a \$10 donation.
 - 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. - Commissioning Service
 - 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Service Projects



^ Make purchases of needed supplies from our Amazon wish list, and they will be delivered to First Baptist in time for Mission JC! Scan the QR Code!

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COMMON GROUND

Each month, a benevolence offering is collected at FBC. 100% of donations remain in the community, and most of it is distributed by Common Ground. The mission of Common Ground is to provide an innovative and relationship-focused approach to addressing the needs of clients in poverty. Through the development of a strong network of community-based partners and services, Common Ground strives to help individuals and families achieve sustainable freedom from poverty.

The ministry began through a collaboration of downtown churches, including FBC JC, to establish fairness and consistency in addressing various requests for assistance. Clients must live within the Jefferson City Public School district, and time limits are in place to determine when and what type of assistance a client may receive. Common Ground employs an executive director, a benevolence coordinator, a benevolence assistant, and a Families Forward coordinator. The reception desk is manned by volunteers from local churches, including FBC JC, on Wednesdays. Each client receives individualized attention and care.

Families Forward is a year-long housing program that provides clients with rental assistance and offers them the opportunity to work closely with advocates to enhance their financial management and life skills. Continued support from the community is essential to the mission of Common Ground.

Benevolence provided by Common Ground during the second quarter of 2025: 60 clients received identification documents to access resources, employment, or housing; 81 received bus passes; 12 received gas vouchers for out-of-town medical appointments; 9 received furniture vouchers for the Habitat ReStore; 41 received rental assistance to prevent eviction; and 90 received utility assistance to prevent disconnection.

To learn more about volunteering with Common Ground, contact Steve Whitlock, Marlene Medin, or the church office.

LUNCH & LEARN

CONVERSATIONS ON HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

OCT 14 & NOV 11 12:15 - 12:45 P.M.

BRING YOUR LUNCH. DRINKS AND DESSERTS PROVIDED.

OCTOBER 14 PRESENTER

Officer Martika Hitt, Jefferson City police department
Crisis Intervention Team





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 to kindergarten on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. until Sunday school ends at 11:15 a.m.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 / RHYMERS' RIDGE

MEET AT RHYMER'S RIDGE AT 1 P.M.
\$5/PERSON (UNDER AGE 3 FREE!)
SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 20 AT FBCJC.ORG/EVENTS



MISSION JC - Oct 19

First Baptist will hold its annual Mission JC on Sunday, October 19. On this Sunday, we don't worship at the church, but rather in the community through service. You can read more on page 5 of this newsletter.

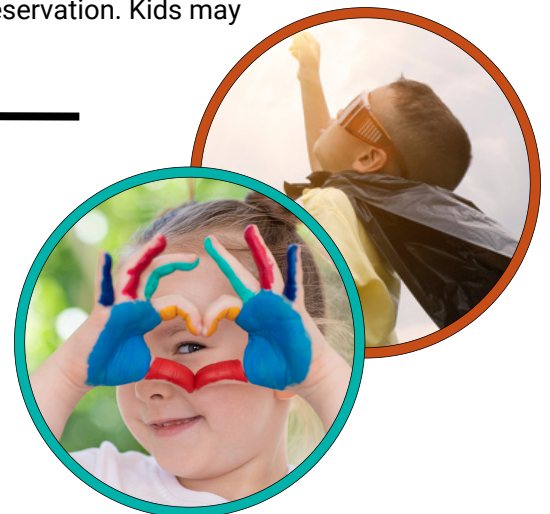
Childcare for those ages three and under will be provided exclusively for FBC members. Please contact Ally Rose, Preschool Coordinator, by Thursday, October 16, to make a reservation. Kids may be dropped off starting at 8 a.m. on the 19th at the 3rd Floor Preschool Center.

WEDNESDAYS FOR KIDS

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 Mandee Carney, Jeff Feeler, and Teresa Stull.





YOUTH

MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS EACH WEEK



GRADES 6 - 12

6 - 7 P.M. MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 - 8)

7:30 - 9 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

CONNECT WITH US

TEXT UPDATES

Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123



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refugejc.com



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< When life feels dark—like nothing is going right and nothing ever will—it's easy to feel lost and hopeless. But just like the sun, moon, and stars light up the darkest sky, God's light shines in our lives even in the hardest moments because God's presence carries us, no matter what we face. In this 4-week series from Jeremiah and Lamentations, we'll explore how God meets us in our pain and brings light to guide us through. We'll learn that, even still, God's promises are true, God is good, God is with us, and God gives us hope.



Mission JC is Sunday, October 19! We cancel our regular Sunday worship service to go out and worship through serving our community. Sign up is open at missionjc.org.

8:00 a.m. | FBC Gym doors open

8:30 a.m. | Kick Off Service

9:00 a.m. - Noon | Over 50 projects throughout the city

REFUGE FALL RETREAT

NOV 14-16 at
LOGAN VALLEY

More Information
Coming Soon!



SUNDAYS | 10:15-11:15 a.m.

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

Sign up to bring
3-dozen donuts for Basecamp
10:15 a.m. Sundays



SAVE THE DATES

December 7

Soup, Sandwiches, Songs

SENIOR ADULTS

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, October 27
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Program: "When We Were Young" with Jeanie McGowan and Friends

Menu: (Prepared by Rand Swanigan and John Bosch)
Pork Steak
Grilled Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Green Beans
Blackberry or Apple Cobbler

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Monday, October 6: Concert at Heisinger Bluffs 10 am.

Sunday, October 12: Sing for Worship at FBC 9:00 am, rehearse at 8:30 am.

Monday, October 20: Concert at Adams Street Nursing Home at 10 am.

Monday, October 27: Concert at Primrose Retirement Community, 10 am.
Sing for Friendship Club: 11:30 am.

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Smith (10/1)
Azelenne Evans (10/24)
Karen Morris (10/25)
Stan Knowles (10/29)
Billie Mackay (10/30)

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.



The important ministry of the church continues as we fulfill our vision to be Christ's love and hope in our community and around the world. Our faithful giving is a spiritual discipline we practice as we trust God's abundant provision. We are grateful to partner with you and with God in Kingdom work.

WAYS TO GIVE TO FBC JC

www.fbcjc.org/give



301 E. Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101



On Sundays in the Offering Boxes

ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
Sept 7	124	236
Sept 14	144	216
Sept 21	132	229
Sept 28	130	213

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2025		2024		Increase (Decrease)	
	August	Year to Date	August	Year to Date	August	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$77,891	\$668,843	\$104,823	\$790,647	(\$26,932)	(\$121,804)
Other Revenue	\$7,916	\$108,827	\$4,096	\$92,107	\$3,820	\$16,720
Total Revenue	\$85,807	\$777,670	\$108,919	\$882,754	(\$23,112)	(\$105,084)
Total Expenses	\$100,049	\$846,017	\$88,377	\$911,662	\$11,672	(\$65,645)
Net Operating Total	(\$14,242)	(\$68,347)	\$20,542	(\$28,908)		



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