

APRIL 2026 BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

There are some people whose work is so steady, so faithful, that you almost forget how much of your life has been shaped by it. Until you stop and look back and realize just how many doors they unlocked, how many lights they turned on, how many inches of snow and ice they've removed, how many quiet, behind-the-scenes moments made everything else possible.

For 35 years, Robin Stull, our Maintenance Director, has been that kind of presence among us.

Long before most of us arrived, whether on a weekday, Sunday, or special event, Robin was already here. Making sure the heat was on in the winter, the air was working in the summer, and that everything was ready for worship, for learning, for gathering. It's often the kind of work that doesn't always get noticed, but without it, we would notice immediately.

And alongside him, Teresa has shared in this life of faithful service, supporting and walking with him through all these years.

On Sunday, April 19, we will take time to do what we don't always do well enough. We will say thank you. We'll recognize Robin and Teresa during our 9:00 a.m. worship service and then continue the celebration with a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m.

We invite you to not only attend the celebration, but also to shower Robin and Teresa with cards expressing your gratitude. Beginning Sunday, March 29, a basket will be in the lobby to collect cards. You may also drop them off at the church office during the week, mail them to the church office, or bring them to the reception. If you include a monetary gift of appreciation, please make checks payable to Robin Stull, not FBC JC.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper Service, 7 p.m.

APRIL 5

Easter Sunday

APRIL 6

Office Closed

APRIL 14

Lunch & Learn, 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

APRIL 19

Creation Care Sunday;
Robin Stull Retirement Celebration

APRIL 25

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

APRIL 26

Kids Sunday, 9:00 a.m.;
Quarterly Business Mtg, 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS

April 5 – Easter Sunday

Hope for When Life Falls Apart

John 20:1–18

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

April 12 – Easter 2

Hope for When You Doubt

John 20:19–31

Preacher: Rev. Cara Harrington

April 19 – Easter 3

Hope for When You Can't See Clearly

Luke 24:13–35

Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

April 26 – Easter 4 (Children's Sunday)

Hope for Every Season

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Preacher: Lucy Washburn, former youth



Easter isn't just one Sunday. It's real hope for your real life — every week. In this series, we'll explore how the risen Christ meets us right where we are: when life falls apart, when doubt creeps in, when failure weighs heavily, and when we wonder what the next season of life holds. Come discover that resurrection isn't just an old story — it's good news for your real life today.



Join us Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday service. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "command" or "mandate". It refers to the new commandment given by Jesus to his disciples to "love one another" after washing their feet at the Last Supper, a pivotal event commemorated on Maundy Thursday.

We will worship together through music, reflection, and the Lord's Supper as we remember together the command to love and the evidence of love as Christ journeys to the cross.

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



**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR
ROBIN STULL**
HE'S HANGING UP HIS TOOL BELT!

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP
10:00 A.M. RECEPTION



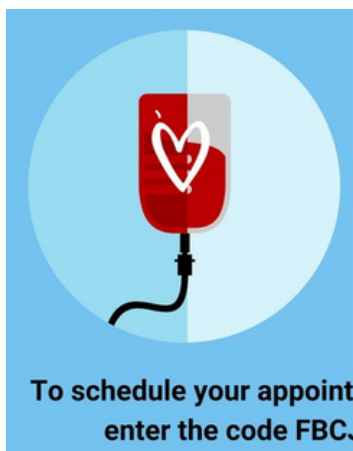
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OF ALL AGES/GENDERS WELCOME.
SUPPLIES AND COFFEE PROVIDED.

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

ENTER DOOR 5 ON MONROE ST.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 9-11 A.M.
REFUGE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

TUESDAY, MAY 12
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.

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SAVE THE DATES

May 12	Blood Drive
May 16	Crochet & Coffee
May 24	Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red!)
May 31-June 10	Kenya Mission Trip
July & August	Faith in the Round (Sunday mornings)
July 20-24	Vacation Bible Camp
July 26	Church Swim Party
August 16	Church Picnic



SYMPATHY

Travis Wingrath and family in the death of his dad



RESERVED
PARKING

Matthew & Karen Werdehausen
purchased the Lead Pastor's
parking spot for Sundays this
month. Thanks for your generous
donation to the Youth Mission Trip.



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)



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL of MARK

6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Room 326

BIBLE STUDY

Sondra Allen will continue the study on The Gospel of Mark on Wednesday, April 8.

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

Keys to Hope Lunch and Learn Programs

In an effort to broaden understanding of housing insecurity and homelessness, FBC has hosted five lunch-and-learn programs since September.

The final program will be on Tuesday, April 14, and will feature a conversation with persons currently or formerly unhoused. Pastor Melissa Hatfield and Pastor Trevor Dancer of First United Methodist will lead the panel discussion. The series is open to all and is planned to accommodate a work lunch hour. We begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and end at 12:45 p.m. Participants may bring their own lunch. Drinks and dessert are provided.

Claudia Young, a FBC member, was our first speaker last September. She explained that her position as Executive Director of the Missouri River Regional Library means she has dealt directly with the unhoused population for many years. Claudia emphasized the need for compassion toward the unhoused, balanced with adherence to and enforcement of library rules.

In October, Officer Martika Hitt with the Jefferson City Police Crisis Response Team explained that the team's primary goal is to respond to mental health crisis calls in the community – including those involving unhoused individuals. As her unit's activities have grown, the rest of the police force has increasingly been freed to concentrate on traditional law enforcement.

Sarah Hamilton, the Room at the Inn director, discussed the low-barrier winter homeless shelter at FBC for our November Lunch & Learn. The shelter can accommodate 20 persons each night and is often at capacity. It is sometimes forced to turn people away. She praised community support, both in volunteers and donations of meals and supplies. Housing the Community, Jefferson City, the parent organization of JCRATI, is currently pursuing a larger, permanent facility to provide space for a day center and expanded shelter.

At our February conversation, Melinda Jennings from the Salvation Army shared about their vital work with persons unhoused in our community. They are a family shelter, and continue to see increased need. Along with shelter, they provide meals three times a day and various programs to help people secure housing and employment.

In March, Compass representatives explained that its role in Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) serves people with severe mental health conditions and disorders. A team of specialists provides a range of home-based treatment and support services to promote treatment compliance. These professionals work closely with clients, including unhoused persons, and can meet with them wherever they are in the community to provide services.

KEYS TO HOPE WORK DAYS RETURN

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? Contact Ron Medin or join the Transformational Housing Work Group in the Church Center App.



UPCOMING *Events*

Sunday, April 19, is Creation Care Sunday, in honor of Earth Day, held annually on April 22.

Our Creation Care Team encourages everyone to wear green to bring attention to our call to care for creation. You are also encouraged to bring your own cup or bottle for water or coffee. There are refill stations around the church.

The Team will also collect Christian literature on April 19 and 26 to donate to Love Packages, a nonprofit that ships these materials to a network of distributors worldwide. The

following are acceptable items to bring to collection tables in the lobby: Bibles; Christian books and paperbacks; Daily Devotional, reference, commentaries, CDs and DVDs; and Sunday School curriculum for all ages. Visit <https://lovepackages.org/needed-materials/> to see what is accepted. (VHS and Guideposts magazines are on the NO list.)



CHURCH SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO OKLAHOMA

REGISTER AT [FBCJC.ORG/EVENTS](https://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 1.

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

Garrett Carney Hired as Summer Intern

We are excited to announce Garrett Carney as our Summer Ministry & Facilities Intern in partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). The position will be funded through our Personnel Budget and a \$1,800 contribution from CBF.

Garrett, the son of Bart and Mande Carney, served in leadership while in our Refuge Youth Ministries program and brings many gifts to our work and ministry this summer. The focus of Garrett's work will be college, youth, and facilities. Mark Leesman will be his direct supervisor.

Garrett will begin in late May after completing his freshman year at the University of Missouri-Columbia and will serve through early August. As part of the Student Serve program through CBF, Garrett will attend two retreats with other Student Serve participants to help prepare and debrief his ministry internship. Welcome, Garrett!



Garrett Carney



KIDS

BIRTH - GRADE 5

KIDS SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 26, our children will lead us in worship! They will participate in several ways as we celebrate the gifts and joy they bring to our congregation.

Former youth, Lucy Washburn, will bring the message as we bear witness to this congregation's commitment to faithfully forming our young people.

Don't forget to bring your coins for our noisy offering.



KIDS

BRING YOUR
COINS FOR
A NOISY
OFFERING!



SUNDAY

APRIL 26, 2026

Our children will lead us in worship!

9:00 am | Worship

10:15 am | Bible Study Groups

SAVE THE DATE - VBC 2026



Registration for VBC will open in May!

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.



YOUTH

GRADES 6 - 12

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 April and May for two exciting series: More Life and Another Look. These gatherings are designed to inspire and connect as we dive into meaningful discussions and growth 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 ends April 30th. Total cost is \$325 for current 6th through 12th graders.



SAVE THESE DATES

April 1	No Midweek (Holy Week)
May 3	Graduate Sunday
May 13	End of Year BBQ

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TEXT UPDATES

Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123



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mark@fbcjc.org



SUNDAYS | 10:15-11:15 am

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

DNOW PHOTOS

Pictures from our amazing DNOW weekend are posted online at [flickr.com/refugejc](https://www.flickr.com/photos/refugejc/).



Invest in Our Mission

As You Prepare Your Taxes, Consider a Gift That Makes an Eternal Difference

As tax season arrives, many of us take time to reflect on the past year—our work, our blessings, and the ways God has provided. This season is a meaningful opportunity to support First Baptist Church with a financial gift. Your faithful giving allows our church to live out our mission of **leading people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other.**

From weekly worship and discipleship opportunities to missions, outreach, and care for those in need, every gift helps make ministry possible. When you give, you are investing in lives being changed and hope being shared—both here and beyond our walls.

For some, tax time brings an opportunity to make a special or year-end-style contribution as you finalize your income tax return. Charitable gifts to the church may be tax-deductible, and thoughtful giving can be both a good stewardship of your resources and a faithful partnership in God's work. (As always, we encourage you to consult your tax professional regarding your personal situation.)

Most importantly, giving is an act of worship. Scripture reminds us that *"God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift is large or small, it is received with gratitude and used prayerfully to further the mission God has entrusted to First Baptist Church.

As you complete your taxes and plan for the year ahead, please prayerfully consider donating to the church. Your generosity strengthens our ministry today and helps prepare us for the opportunities God has in store tomorrow.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your continued support of First Baptist Church.



Invest In Our Church For Today and All Our Tomorrows

WAYS TO GIVE TO FBC JC

If you have questions, want to explore 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
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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, April 27
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Program: Mike Michaelson

Lunch catered by Lehmen's
Stuffed Pork Chops with wild rice
Seasoned Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed salad
Rolls
Iced tea, coffee
Dessert

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Performances

Tuesday, April 7: Day trip to St. James Veterans Home and Westphalia Nursing Home.
Leave lower lot at 7:45 am

Monday, April 13: St. Joseph's Bluffs Concert at 10 am

Sunday, April 26: sing at Cornerstone Baptist Church at 10:30 am

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Pam Smith (4/6)
Ray Bly (4/14)
Norma Calvert (4/26)

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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ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
March 1	152	245
March 8	144	232
March 15	167	264
March 22	142	211
March 29	NA	NA

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2026		2025		Increase (Decrease)	
	February	Year to Date	February	Year to Date	February	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$121,449	\$170,364	\$113,508	\$184,013	\$7,941	(\$13,649)
Other Revenue	\$813	\$20,051	(\$745)	\$19,906	\$1,558	\$145
Total Revenue	\$122,262	\$190,415	\$112,763	\$203,919	\$9,499	(\$13,504)
Total Expenses	\$103,865	\$211,923	\$84,403	\$195,729	\$19,462	\$16,194
Net Operating Total	\$18,397	(\$21,508)	\$28,360	\$8,190		



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