

AUGUST 2026

BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

As we move toward a new season together, I look forward to what I believe will be one of the most meaningful emphases in the life of our church. This fall, we will focus on two simple ideas that are at the heart of who we are becoming: *Life-Giving Groups* and *Life-Giving Practices*.

At First Baptist, our mission is **to lead people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other**. We believe those relationships don't happen by accident. They grow over time as we share life and intentionally make room for God to shape us.

Beginning in September, we'll launch a new season of Life-Giving Groups. Some will gather around Bible study, others around support or simply building friendships. Each group offers something we all need: a place to belong, to be known, and to grow alongside others.

At the same time, our fall sermon series will introduce ten Life-Giving Practices. Together we'll explore some ancient spiritual disciplines in fresh ways. These aren't meant to become another list of things to accomplish. They're simple rhythms that help us become the kind of people God is forming us to be. Weekday groups will be launched that follow along with the series.

Everything works together. Groups give us the place to practice our faith. The practices give shape to the life we share.

As August gives way to September, I hope you'll begin praying now about taking a next step. Join a Life-Giving Group. Commit to worship. Practice these rhythms alongside others. My prayer is that we'll discover anew what life with Christ looks like when it's lived in community. After all, the deepest life is rarely found alone. It is discovered together, one faithful, life-giving step at a time.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

August 2, 9, 16, & 23

Faith in the Round
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

August 3-7

Food for Kids

August 5

Wed Study Group Resumes
6 - 7 p.m., Room 326

August 16

Church Picnic, 5 - 7 p.m.
Memorial Pavilion

August 23

Back to School Sunday

August 30

Quarterly Business Mtg,
11:30 a.m., Sanctuary



SUNDAYS

August 2 - Lord's Supper

When Hunger Meets Provision
Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

August 9

When Fear Meets Courage
Preacher: Dr. David May

August 16

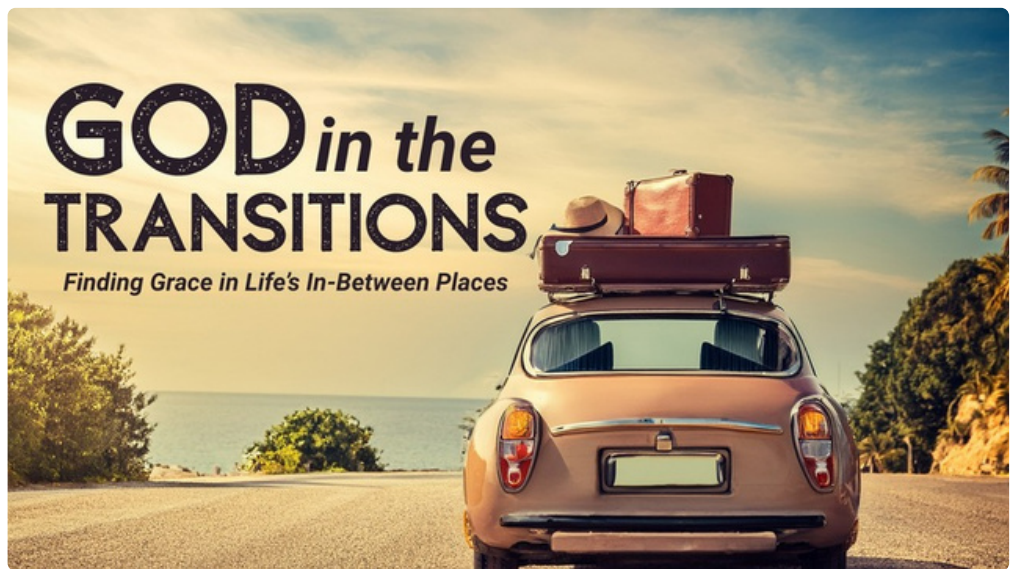
When Love Leads to Belonging
Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

August 23 - Back to School Sunday

When Questions Lead to Identity
Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield

August 30

When Loss Leads to Life
Preacher: Rev. Melissa Hatfield



Life is full of transitions—moving from what was to what will be, with all the uncertainty, questions, and growth that come in between. Whether it's the start of a new school year, a change in family or work, or a shift in faith, these in-between seasons can feel unsettling. The good news is that God is not only at the destination—God is present in the journey. In this series, *God in the Transitions*, we'll discover how God meets us where we are and leads us into new beginnings. Join us as we discover grace in life's in-between places.



AUGUST 2, 9, 16 & 23
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

All adults are welcome for
a shared time of teaching
with various leaders.

Refreshments served.

August 2 - Rev. Melissa Hatfield

An Introduction to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

August 9 - Dr. David May

Politics and the Gospels - First Century Style

August 16 - Rev. Kristie McGonegal

A Few Parables to Ponder

August 23 - Rev. Dr. Brian Kaylor

The Bible According to Christian Nationalists

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
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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



CHURCH PICNIC

Meal and drinks provided
Bring a dessert to share
Activities for all ages

Sunday, August 16
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Park

CHURCH PICNIC | Sunday, August 16, 5 - 7 p.m. at Memorial Park Pavilion. The church will provide the meat and side dishes. Bring a non-refrigerated dessert to share! We'll have music and activities for all ages.



WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

Resumes August 5
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Teacher: Sondra Allen
Room 326

FORGOTTEN GOD

Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit
by Francis Chan

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP | August 5 brings the return of our Wednesday Study Group with Sondra Allen. All are welcome from 6 - 7 p.m. in Room 326 as we discuss Francis Chan's book, *Forgotten God*.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
9:00 AM WORSHIP
10:15 AM BIBLE GROUPS

Blessing over students and staff!
Promotion Sunday for children & youth!
Bring donations for South!



SOUTH SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

• Black expo markers	• Individually wrapped snacks, such as Welch's fruit snacks, goldfish, Cheez-Its, or varieties of potato chips
• Large bottles of hand sanitizer	• Large boxes of skittles, goldfish, jolly ranchers
• Black sharpies	• Kleenex tissue
• Fiskar brand scissors	• Paper towels
• 10 packs of classic color washable markers	
• Pencil top erasers	

LOOK AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

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| September 2 | Wednesday Children & Youth Activities Resume |
| September 6 | First Sunday Fellowship after service before Sunday Groups |
| September 13 | Fall Life-Giving Study Groups Begin |
| September 11 | Common Ground Trivia Night |
| September 14 | Deacon and Spouse Barbecue |
| September 18 | South School Back to School Bash |





SYMPATHY

Ron Craft and family in the death of his stepfather
Amy Blaha and family in the death of her sister
Jim Hill and family in the death of his mother
Jim Hill and family in the death of his brother



RESERVED PARKING

Ron Craft 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.

MISSION JC UPDATE

CELEBRATING GOOD THINGS AND MAKING ROOM FOR NEW THINGS

In 2013, we took a bold risk by spending a Sunday worshipping through service rather than gathering for a Sunday service. We called it MISSION JC. Little did we know what God would do with this event, as God invited other churches and neighbors to join us. Over the past 12 years, a sea of red shirts from more than 11 congregations filled the community as neighbor cared for neighbor.



We celebrate the life-giving community service and relationships that occurred since 2013 because of the dedication and hard work of countless leaders and volunteers. Good things happened for the glory of God and the good of the world.

And even good things have a season. MISSION JC doesn't just happen. It takes hours of hard work from volunteers and community leaders. For the past few years, we've noticed a change in participation from other congregations, and some have begun their own days of service in the community. We celebrate that. And ServeJeffCity continues to thrive each April in their work with many organizations that often overlap with ours. Again, we celebrate that!

We recognize that MISSION JC has served its season. So, we are retiring the event and making room for new things God might do that continue to demonstrate our core value of service and helping others.

One of the ten Life-Giving Practices we will introduce this fall is "We Help Where We Can." This has been a long-held value of our church and continues. We believe love becomes real when we notice the need before us and respond with compassion, even when it costs us. As always, we will continue to be a congregation that serves locally, nationally, and globally.

The Missions Leadership Team is looking ahead to Fall 2027 for a new day of serving together for our church family. While it won't be called MISSION JC and it won't involve other congregations, we will continue the heartbeat of MISSION JC: worshipping through service and helping where we can as a community of faith.

To all who have given hours to MISSION JC over the years, we say THANK YOU! You planted many seeds. You demonstrated what Love can do. You worked together for the glory of God and the good of the world.

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MISSIONS

KEYS TO HOPE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 24 AND 25

Join us for a conversation on getting it right in the call to end homelessness with Guest Speaker Kevin Nye.

On Saturday, October 24, the conversation is for anyone in the church and community who is interested in healthy and informed approaches to ending homelessness. The conference begins at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and concludes at 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

On Sunday, October 25, Kevin will present from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall during our Sunday Group time. This conference will focus on a faith and Biblical call to care about and advocate for an end to homelessness. Refreshments will be served. Community members are also welcome to join us for this free Sunday event.

The \$10 fee for the Saturday conference covers your event fee and includes lunch. Registration is required at fbcj.org/events or scan the QR code.

If the cost is a hardship for you, please select "Scholarship Attendee" when you register for the event, and there will be no charge.



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 has written two books: *Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness* (2022) and *Hope for the Mission: Getting It Right in the Call to End Homelessness* (2026).

Kevin currently lives with his wife and son in Minneapolis, MN, where he works as Housing Director at an organization addressing youth homelessness.

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 still needed for the week of August 3-7.

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





KIDS

BIRTH - GRADE 5

SUNDAYS FOR KIDS

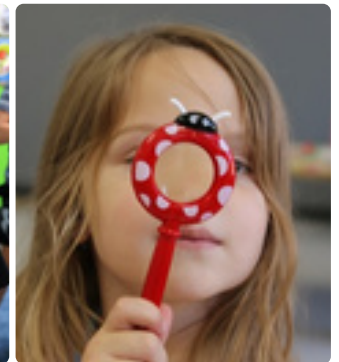
Children in grades K-5 gather in Room 203 at 10:15 a.m. for games and snacks before heading to their classes. K-2 meet in Room 201. Grades 3-5 meet in Room 204.

Bible Teaching groups meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. each Sunday. Extended Care during worship is available for children ages birth through 3-year-olds on Sundays beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Our KIDS will promote on Sunday, August 23, Back to School Sunday!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to every volunteer who gave their time, energy, creativity, and love to make Vacation Bible Camp possible! Thank you to our teachers, group leaders, decorators, registration team, games and recreation leaders, music team, food service volunteers, storytellers, craft leaders, and everyone who served behind the scenes. A special word of thanks goes to Mande Carney and Landra Collins, whose faithful leadership, countless hours of planning, and joyful coordination brought this entire week to life. Because of the dedication of more than 65 volunteers, 107 children experienced the love of Christ through a week filled with laughter, learning, worship, and friendship. We give thanks for every life touched and every seed of faith planted. God is so good, and we are grateful to be part of what God is doing through this church family.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

ALLY ROSE

Preschool Coordinator



STAFF ANNIVERSARY

This summer, Ally Rose celebrates 10 years as our Preschool Coordinator! We are deeply grateful for Ally's ministry to our preschool kids, their families, and our volunteers. On Sunday, August 2, we will recognize Ally in our 9:00 a.m. worship service. There will be a basket in the lobby if you wish to share a card of appreciation with Ally.



YOUTH



GRADES 6 - 12

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TEXT UPDATES

Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123



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To start the new school year, get ready for the Amazing Race, August 26th. Teams will be forming soon. Look for more details to come.

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!



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.



^ Join us on August 23 for our Back to School Sunday! Staff and students will be prayed over in service, enjoy some donuts, and welcome our next sixth graders!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We had a fantastic trip to Oklahoma! You can view the photos from our trip at www.flickr.com/refugejc and a video summary of our trip at youtube.com/refugejc.

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, August 24
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Program: The Kenya Adventure: Members of the 2026 Kenya Mission Team

Lunch catered by Lehman's Pot Roast
Chicken Breast with Wild Rice
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Salad and Rolls
Dessert

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Bob Dugger (8/3)
Colleen Riley (8/20)
Mary Anthony (8/24)

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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In the App



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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes



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ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
July 5	165	266
July 12	111	219
July 19	138	231
July 26	120	213

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2026		2025		Increase (Decrease)	
	June	Year to Date	June	Year to Date	June	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$77,520	\$499,356	\$84,893	\$521,032	(\$7,373)	(\$21,676)
Other Revenue	\$27,001	\$58,474	\$10,428	\$93,047	\$16,573	(\$34,573)
Total Revenue	\$104,521	\$557,830	\$95,321	\$614,079	\$9,200	(\$56,249)
Total Expenses	\$158,997	\$666,294	\$112,258	\$654,490	\$46,739	\$11,804
Net Operating Total	(\$54,476)	(\$108,464)	(\$16,937)	(\$40,411)		



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