

SEPTEMBER 2025

# BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

As the summer winds down and school buses begin to roll again, many of us find ourselves craving a sense of rhythm. Vacations, late nights, and long summer days have their own joys, but September often invites us back into steady patterns of life. One of the most life-giving rhythms we can reclaim this fall is the rhythm of gathering as God's people.

At FBC JC, our mission is straightforward: *to lead people into life-giving relationships with Christ and with one another.*

We believe we are made for relationships, and that they flourish best in community. Worship, Bible study, service, fellowship—these are not just calendar events. They are sacred spaces where God shapes us, encourages us, and reminds us that we do not walk this journey alone.

This fall, I want to invite you back into the rhythm of church life. If summer carried you away from regular worship, now is the perfect time to re-center. If you've been searching for a place of belonging, come and see what God is doing here. Bring a neighbor, a friend, or a family member who could use some encouragement and life-giving relationships. This newsletter is full of opportunities to connect with others through worship, service, and small groups. Together, let's rediscover the joy of gathering, the strength of community, and the hope we find in Christ.

May this September not only be the start of a school year or a new season on the calendar, but also the beginning of renewed rhythms of faith, fellowship, and life-giving relationships. We hope to see you and worship alongside you and your family soon!

*Pastor Melissa*



## UPCOMING

### SEPTEMBER 1

Church Office and Building  
Closed for the Holiday

### SEPTEMBER 3

Wednesdays resume for Kids  
and Youth

### SEPTEMBER 9

Lunch & Learn on  
Homelessness in JCMO;  
12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### SEPTEMBER 26

Project Homeless Connect,  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### SEPT 29 - OCT 3

Friendship Singers Mission  
Trip to Chicago



# SERMON SERIES

## September 7

Disciples Take Faith Seriously

Luke 14:25-33

Preacher: Melissa Hatfield

## September 14

Disciples Seek People for Christ  
and Church

Luke 15:1-10

Preacher: Melissa Hatfield

## September 21

Guest Preacher: Dianne McNary,  
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
Offering for Global Missions  
Coordinator

## September 28

Disciples Practice Generosity

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Preacher: Deborah Scott



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)**



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am | WORSHIP

10:15 am | BIBLE STUDY  
GROUPS

Join us in person or online at  
[facebook.com/fbcjc](https://facebook.com/fbcjc) or  
[youtube.com/fbcjc](https://youtube.com/fbcjc)



## ONLINE WORSHIP & PODCAST

For recordings, check out these options.

- Church Center App
- Youtube.com/fbcjc
- 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](http://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.

Contact Theresa at  
[TMC3226@embarqmail.com](mailto:TMC3226@embarqmail.com) with questions.

Registration is open now through October 19 at [fbcjc.org](http://fbcjc.org). A light lunch will be provided.



## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

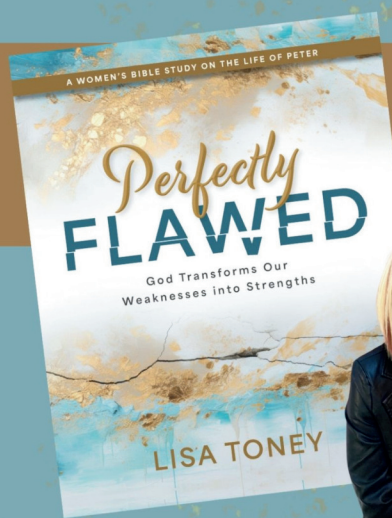
- Fridays, 8 am - Noon.
- Building rehab with Transformational Housing.
- Contact the office for details.

## PET LOSS & GRIEF

It's real. We care.

If you've recently lost a pet, share your pet's name, photo, and your mailing address with our Creation Care Team. We want to honor your pet and care for you.

Email Marilyn Medley at  
[whipp2010@hotmail.com](mailto:whipp2010@hotmail.com) or  
call/text 573.694.6302.



## Women's BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAY NIGHTS  
STARTS SEPT. 15  
6:30 P.M.  
ROOM 101**



SYMPATHY

Family and friends of **Bernice Lilley**

**Larry and Paula Gilmore** in the death of his son

Family and friends of **Vernell Williams**

Family and friends of **Frank Enloe**



RESERVED  
PARKING

**Keith and Jeanie McGowan**

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 email [prayerteam@fbcjc.org](mailto:prayerteam@fbcjc.org).





# SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

SUNDAYS | 10:15 - 11:15 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL (3<sup>RD</sup> FL)

FAITH IN THE ROUND will continue through September 14. Coffee will be provided each Sunday, along with treats on occasion.

**SEPTEMBER 7** - WHAT MADE JESUS MAD? (Sondra Allen)

**SEPTEMBER 14** - BAPTIZING AMERICA: HOW MAINLINE PROTESTANTS HELPED BUILD CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM (Brian Kaylor)

## 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)

## 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](mailto:alice@fbcjc.org).

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

6:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
 Room 326  
 Led by Sondra Allen

We are all busy. Some of us can't remember the last time we took a break or even had free time. Our busyness can feel productive, but it is a toxic distraction, sapping our spiritual, physical, and emotional vitality. It may seem like we have no choice but to live at a frantic pace, but God has a better path for us. Join pastor and author John Mark Comer in this five-part series as he addresses one of the greatest threats to our spiritual lives: hurry. Instead of allowing our calendars and screens to control our lives, Jesus offers us a new rhythm of life, one that is overflowing with grace, peace, and beauty.

## CONNECT WITH US

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## MISSION JC RETURNS - Sunday, October 19

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. More details are available at [missionjc.org](http://missionjc.org).

### Mission JC Details

- Registration Begins: September 21 at [missionjc.org](http://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



## VOLUNTEER WITH PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT(PHC)

PHC will be held on Friday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are always in high demand!

**Volunteers are needed on Thursday afternoon, September 25,** to help with set-up. Set-up includes organizing backpack donations, preparing the various areas for the event day, and any other necessary last-minute preparations.

**Volunteers on Friday, September 26:** We need volunteers to check in our guests, manage locations throughout the event campus, assist with lunch, provide transportation, and more.

Training sessions are scheduled at First United Methodist Church on any of the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 17 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 26 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Learn more and sign up at [www.jcmo-phc.org](http://www.jcmo-phc.org) or visit the PHC Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/jcmo.phc](http://www.facebook.com/jcmo.phc).



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# LUNCH & LEARN

CONVERSATIONS ON HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

SEPT 9 | OCT 14 | NOV 11 12:15 - 12:45 P.M.

BRING YOUR LUNCH. DRINKS AND DESSERTS PROVIDED.

## PRESENTERS

SEPT 9 | CLAUDIA YOUNG, MISSOURI  
RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR

OCT 14 | OFFICER MARTIKA HITT,  
JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

NOV 11 | SARAH HAMILTON, JEFFERSON  
CITY ROOM AT THE INN

As part of our Keys to Hope initiative to address housing insecurity in our community, FBC JC is providing these free conversations for anyone in our church and community interested in learning more about homelessness in JCMO.



301 E. CAPITOL AVENUE - FELLOWSHIP HALL (3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR)

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# 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.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Preschool Center.

## WEDNESDAYS FOR KIDS RESUMES SEPTEMBER 3 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 Pam Harlan.

First Kids meets on the 2nd floor, Rooms 202 and 203, with Mandee Carney, Jeff Feeler, and Teresa Stull. In September, our theme is The Gift of Friendship, based on Matthew 5:14-16. We will also create Survival Kits for College Students and learn more about Project Homeless Connect.







# YOUTH

GRADES 6 - 12

## MIDWEEK LAUNCHES SEPT 3

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

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

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

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#### TEXT UPDATES

Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123



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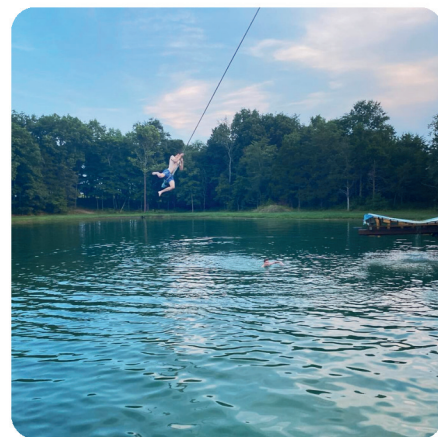


Think about your favorite adventure stories where friends go on epic journeys, face challenges, and stick together through it all. Those stories make you wonder: Do I have friends like that? Am I that kind of friend? We all want solid friendships with people who stick with us, no matter what life brings, and the Bible provides us with wisdom on how to build those relationships.

In this 4-week series from the Old and New Testaments, we'll explore what God has to say about how we can have—and be—good friends. We'll see how every friend influences you, how wise friends help guide you, that good friends are worth fighting for, and that you'll always have a friend in Jesus.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Werdehausen family for hosting our So Long Summer Hangout! We had a blast and are ready for a new Refuge school year!



### 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

October 19

November 14-16

December 7

Mission JC Sunday

Youth Fall Retreat

Soup, Sandwiches, Songs



# SENIOR ADULTS

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, September 22  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Program:** Steve Devries and Precious Puppy "No More Bullying Program"

**Menu:** (Lehman's Catering)  
Baked Ham  
Turkey  
Hash Brown Casserole  
Baby Carrots  
Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert

## FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Friendship Singers rehearsals resume on Monday, September 8. All rehearsals are held in the Choir Room and any adults 60+ are welcome to join!

Monday, Sept. 8 at 10 am

Monday, Sept. 15 at 10 am

Monday, Sept. 22 at 10 am

Monday, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3 -

Chicago Mission Trip

## HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

No September  
Homebound 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](mailto: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](http://www.fbcjc.org/give)



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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes

## ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
Aug 3	147	261
Aug 10	153	239
Aug 17	151	238
Aug 24	149	212

## REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2025		2024		Increase (Decrease)	
	July	Year to Date	July	Year to Date	July	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$69,922	\$590,954	\$69,339	\$685,824	\$583	(\$94,870)
Other Revenue	\$2,817	\$83,488	\$6,375	\$88,011	(\$3,558)	(\$4,523)
Total Revenue	\$72,739	\$674,442	\$75,714	\$773,835	(\$2,975)	(\$99,393)
Total Expenses	\$104,877	\$739,772	\$105,898	\$821,341	(\$1,021)	(\$81,569)
Net Operating Total	(\$32,138)	(\$65,330)	(\$30,184)	(\$47,506)		



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