

JANUARY 2026

BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

As we turn the page toward 2026, it feels important to name both where we have been and where we are going. Over the past two years, we have laid strong foundations for the future. We moved to new database and financial systems to strengthen communication, engagement, and efficiency. We launched a new website and app to help people connect more easily. We installed new interior and exterior signage to make our building more welcoming and easier to navigate. These were meaningful steps, and they matter. Now, we are ready to look ahead.

In 2026, we will focus on helping people take clear, meaningful **next steps** in their faith. We believe discipleship happens best when people know where they are and can see where God might be leading them next. This year, we will evaluate what is bearing fruit, name what is missing, and build a simple, accessible pathway that invites people into deeper life with Christ and one another. That path will include growing as disciples, serving generously, giving faithfully, professing faith, being baptized, sharing the story of God's work in their lives, and learning to lead others along the way.

One key part of this work is developing more teachers. Strong, faithful Bible study leaders help shape disciples and deepen community. To that end, we are offering a **Level Up: Teach** workshop on February 1. If you are grounded in your faith and love the Word of God, this may be your invitation to consider leading a Bible study at FBC. The workshop will cover how to prepare and lead a simple Bible study, why Bible study matters in our church, and how to use available resources. A light lunch will be served. Registration is open through January 26 at www.fbcjc.org/events.

Thank you for being a church that keeps growing, learning, and stepping forward together.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

JAN 1

Office Closed for the Holiday

JAN 7

Wednesday Activities Resume

JAN 17

Crochet & Coffee, 9-11 a.m.
Refuge Room

JAN 19

Office Closed for the Holiday

FEB 1

LEVEL UP: Teach
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Room 101
(Registration ends Jan 26)

SUNDAYS

January 4

Light for New Beginnings

John 1:1-18

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

January 11

Light That Names Us Beloved

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

January 18

Light That Brings Joy

John 2:1-11

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

January 25

Light That Sends Us Out

Matthew 4:12-23

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

February 1

Light That Shapes Us

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Melissa Hatfield



As a new year begins and winter stretches long, we turn to the Gospel stories of Epiphany – when Christ's light is revealed in surprising and life-giving ways. Along the way, we are reminded that this light names us beloved, brings us joy, calls us to love, and ultimately transforms us with hope. In a season when days are short, and spirits may feel weary, we find strength in the One whose light no darkness can overcome.

ROBIN STULL RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

After 35 years of service as our Maintenance Director, Robin Stull has announced his retirement. His last day of employment will be the end of April. We will honor Robin and Teresa in our service on Sunday, April 19, followed by a brunch reception at 10:15 a.m. during the Bible Teaching hour.

Mark your calendar. More information coming later.



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
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- Podcasts - Search "First Baptist Jefferson City, Missouri" on your favorite streaming service.

UPCOMING



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**LEVEL UP:
TEACH**
A workshop for
adults interested in
teaching adults.

Sunday, February 1
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Room 101 | Lunch provided

Register at fbcjc.org or in the app
by January 26.

You are strong in your faith and love the Word of God. Maybe it's time to consider leading a Bible study at FBC. On Feb. 1, 2026, we will show you how to do it.

This workshop is designed to help people learn how to prepare and lead a simple Bible study. It will include suggestions from current teachers on how they prepare. You will learn why we teach the Bible at FBC JC and what purpose Bible study groups serve. You will get an overview of the Bible study materials available through the church and how to use online and video resources like RightNow Media to prepare your own Bible studies.

A light lunch will be served. Register by January 26 at fbcjc.org/events.

CREATION CARE TEAM MEETING

Our next meeting is January 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 326. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about our team and 2026 initiatives. We care for creation as an expression of loving God, loving neighbors, and following Jesus.

LUNCH & LEARNS RESUME IN FEBRUARY

Our monthly Lunch & Learns around homelessness resume on February 10, March 10, and April 14. In February, we will hear from the leadership at the Salvation Army Center for Hope. The conversation begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks and dessert provided. Bring your lunch if you need to eat over a lunch hour!



SYMPATHY

Family and friends of **Barbara Heller**

Beth DeVries in the death of her mother

Karla Foster in the death of her mother



RESERVED
PARKING

Doug and Carol Kaylor 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.

WEDNESDAYS —

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5:20 - 6:00 p.m. | Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Pickleball (Gym)
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)

PICKLEBALL

WEDNESDAYS | 6 - 8 PM
FBC GYM
COME & GO
ALL SKILL LEVELS



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL of MARK

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

BIBLE STUDY —

Sondra Allen will begin a study on The Gospel of Mark on Wednesday, January 7.

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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UKRAINE

As a member of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), First Baptist embraces the invitation to utilize connections and resources to go deeper in ministry and seek the transformation of God's world.

In 2025, FBC became an encourager church with Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, who now work from Poland in support of Ukrainian refugees. The Podgaiskys served as field personnel in Kiev, Ukraine, for nearly 20 years. When the war broke out, the Podgaiskys relocated to Poland, where they continue to aid Ukrainian people who are in distress from the war.

The situation in Ukraine is critical. Due to the destruction of power plants in Ukraine, there are regular electricity shortages in Kyiv and across many other regions in the country. The Podgaiskys provide funds for utilities, firewood, water, food, clothes, blankets, hygiene, and medical supplies. They help churches with local and regional outreaches and children and youth camps. They continue to provide psychological, emotional, and spiritual help for refugees in Poland. Gennady Podaisky says, "One of the simplest and best things we can do to help Ukrainian refugees is to validate and help process people's feelings, fears, and losses."

You can support the Podgaiskys and the Disciples Church in L'viv with Pastor Elisey Pronin by giving to our Ukraine fund at fbcjc.org/give or by check. 100% of funds given to the Ukraine fund are passed on to our partners there.

During these cold winter months, there is room for 20 adults in the Jefferson City Room at the Inn (JCRATI). Located on the upper level of our gym, JCRATI will operate daily from 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. through the first part of March 2026.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WORK A SHIFT
BRING A MEAL
PURCHASE SUPPLIES
FBCJC.ORG/JCRATI
FOR INFO AND
SIGN-UP LINKS.



2026 KENYA MISSION TRIP

- May 31 - June 10, 2026
- Cost: \$2,500 estimate (does not include passport, immunizations, souvenirs, or airport meals)
- [A \\$1,000 deposit is due by January 31, 2026. The trip closes on January 31.](#)
- Register and pay at fbcjc.org/events.
- Contact Rand Swanigan or Melissa Hatfield with questions.



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.

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.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT
was a blast in
December!

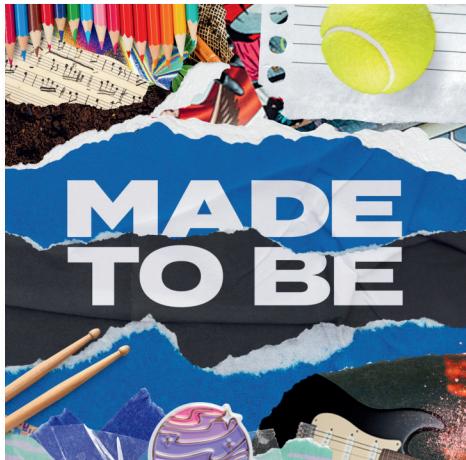
Thanks to Santa's
helpers for a fun night
for our kids and an
evening off for our
parents!



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

In this 4-week series from the Old and New Testaments, we'll see that you're made to know God and how the things you love might be exactly how God works through you because you're made to be a light, to lead, and to make a difference.

CONNECT WITH US

TEXT UPDATES

Text RefugeJC to 573.606.4123



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YOUTH SUNDAY

Our annual Youth Sunday is Sunday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way - music, children's time, read scripture, preach/share a testimony, pray, etc., let Mark Leesman know.



THANK YOU!

We received \$8,254 in the month of December for our 2026 Youth Mission Trip! Thank you to all who gave at our Soups, Sweaters, and Songs event through donations and auction items!



SUNDAYS | 10:15-11:15 am

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 THESE DATES

Feb 8 - Youth Sunday
March 13-15 - DNOW Weekend
May 3 - Senior Sunday

SENIOR ADULTS

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, January 26
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Program: Mike Michelson

Menu:
Catered by Madison's:
Lasagna
Chicken Alfredo
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Coffee
Tea
Dessert

All adults ages 60+ are invited
to join us!

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

No Homebound Birthdays in
January

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.

WAYS TO GIVE TO FBC JC

www.fbcjc.org/give



In the App



301 E. Capitol Avenue
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On Sundays in the Offering Boxes



Give

ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
Nov 30	138	247
Dec 7	166	255
Dec 14	135	253
Dec 21	135	221
Dec 24	NA	494
Dec 28	NA	NA

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2025		2024		Increase (Decrease)	
	November	Year to Date	November	Year to Date	November	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$84,048	\$938,433	\$100,419	\$1,027,934	(\$16,371)	(\$89,501)
Other Revenue	\$13,069	\$128,948	\$3,403	\$132,056	\$9,666	(\$3,108)
Total Revenue	\$97,117	\$1,067,381	\$103,822	\$1,159,990	(\$6,705)	(\$92,609)
Total Expenses	\$130,727	\$1,168,344	\$89,799	\$1,230,185	\$40,928	(\$61,841)
Net Operating Total	(\$33,610)	(\$100,963)	\$14,023	(\$70,195)		