



OCTOBER 2026

BEACON

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

Dear *Church,*

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." My sentiments exactly, Paul.

As I travel and spend time with ministers from across the country, I hear stories about churches. Some are beautiful. Others are painful, filled with conflict, division, and wounds. And often, as I listen, I find myself thinking about you. *And I give thanks.*

I give thanks for a church that loves the Lord, loves one another, and keeps learning how to love our neighbors. We are not a perfect church, but there is a generosity of spirit here that I never want to take for granted.

Our mission is to **lead people into life-giving relationships with Christ and each other.** Have you heard that yet? I hope so. We say it often. It is posted around our buildings. More importantly, we want it to shape how we live together.

This fall, an average of 86 people are participating in our Life-Giving Practices study each week. We now have 36 Life-Giving Groups where people can find friendship, care, purpose, and a sense of belonging.

We are also creating more opportunities simply to enjoy being together. **First Sunday Fellowship** gives us time for donuts, coffee, and conversation after worship before classes begin.

And in October, we are bringing back our **Midweek Meal on the third Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** More details are coming on costs, menu, and how to sign up!

Life-giving relationships rarely happen by accident. They grow when we make room for Christ and one another.

Pastor Melissa

UPCOMING

October 4

First Sunday Fellowship
after worship service

October 11

National Homelessness
Sunday;
Pet Blessing Service, 4 p.m.,
Green Parking Lot

October 12

Birdies & BBQ Golf
Tournament

October 21

Midweek Supper
5 - 6:00 p.m.

October 24

Keys to Hope Conference
(9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

October 25

Keys to Hope Conversation;
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

SUNDAYS

October 4

We Make Space for Quiet

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

October 11

We Practice Saying No

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

October 18

We Open Our Tables and Our Lives

Rev. Melissa Hatfield

October 25

We Help Where We Can

Rev. Melissa Hatfield



This fall, we are stepping into a shared way of life built on simple, steady practices that shape who we are becoming together. These are not about adding more to already full lives, but about paying attention to the rhythms that keep us close to Christ and connected to one another. Week by week, we will explore practices like prayer, Scripture, rest, generosity, and community—not as ideals to admire, but as invitations to live differently in the middle of ordinary life. These are our shared practices that lead to life-giving relationships with Christ and each other. View all ten practices at www.fbcjc.org/life-giving-practices.

JUDSON CHOIR JOINS US SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8



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 EVENTS

CROCHET & COFFEE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 9-11 A.M.
REFUGE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)

NEW & EXPERIENCED CRAFTERS
OF ALL AGES/GENDERS WELCOME.
SUPPLIES AND COFFEE PROVIDED.

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

ENTER DOOR 5 ON MONROE ST.



PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 4:00 P.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN GREEN PARKING LOT

Bring your pets to be blessed!
A special gift for those who have lost a pet.
Plus, treats for everyone!

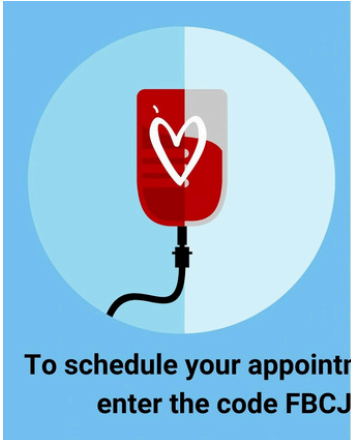


Pickleball

SUNDAYS | 4- 6 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST GYM
107 MONROE STREET
ALL LEVELS WELCOME
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE





American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, NOV 11
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.



Give Blood

LOOK AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 First Sunday Fellowship after worship service
- Nov 8 Judson Choir in Worship
- Nov 13-15 Refuge Youth Fall Retreat
- Nov 17 JCRATI Volunteer Orientation, 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 22 Quarterly Business Meeting and Budget Hearing, 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov 30 Advent Begins





SYMPATHY

Family and friends of **Aloha Gerbes**
Family and friends of **Eric Dunlap**
Family and friends of **Harriet Woods**
Dennis Dykes and family in the death of his son



RESERVED PARKING

Rand and Carolyn Swanigan 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.

LIFE-GIVING GROUPS

[Learn more at https://fbcjcmo.churchcenter.com/groups](https://fbcjcmo.churchcenter.com/groups)

Care Groups - 2 open groups

Find hope and healing in a Care Group. Care Groups are safe places to be honest about life's challenges and discover you don't have to face them alone. Whether you're navigating grief, recovery, caregiving, mental health, or another difficult season, these groups offer encouragement, understanding, and the reminder that God's care is often experienced through one another.

Connect Groups - 14 open groups

Find faith and friends in a Connect Group. Connect Groups are where we move from rows to circles - from being attenders to being family. They're where everyday faith is practiced, friendships are formed, and lives are transformed.

Serve Groups - 12 open groups

Find purpose and connection through serving others. Serve Groups bring God's love to life within and beyond our church community - meeting practical needs, building relationships, and showing our city that love looks like action.

Social Groups - 3 open groups

Find fun and friendship in a Social Group. Social Groups gather people around shared interests, meals, adventures, and activities because relationships grow best when we simply enjoy life together. They're where strangers become friends, laughter is shared, and community is strengthened.



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Third Tuesday Each Month
5:45 - 7:00 p.m. | Room 325

Facilitators: Carol Collins & Glenna Honich

This group exists to support people who are caring for someone they love. Caregivers may be caring for a spouse with medical needs or dementia, an aging parent, a child of any age with disabilities, a loved one living with chronic illness, or other caregiving needs.

from LOSS to New Life

A free program designed for those suffering grief or loss of a loved one through death.



- Tuesdays in October
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Room 101
- Registration required. Contact the church office or fbcjcmo.org/events.



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MISSIONS

SHINING A LIGHT ON HOMELESSNESS

First Baptist Church is committed to addressing homelessness and inadequate housing in Jefferson City through partnerships with two frontline organizations: Transformational Housing and Housing the Community Jefferson City.

We committed \$100,000 by the end of 2027. We have volunteers serving in both organizations. We host Room at the Inn, the cold-weather shelter. We hosted six Lunch & Learns in 2025-2026 to educate our church and community about the needs and the work being done to address housing insecurity.

This fall, we continue to learn and grow as advocates.

October 10 has been World Homeless Day since 2010, bringing individuals together to find ways to change the lives of homeless people in their communities. It's also a time to draw attention to the needs of people experiencing homelessness on a local level.

On Sunday, October 11, congregations across the country are considering together how God invites everyone home—and what it could look like for the church to do the same. Those congregations include ours and our neighbors at First Christian and First Methodist. In our October 11 worship gathering, we'll share a video and a litany among the three congregations as we ask God how we can join together to notice and advocate for our unhoused neighbors.

Then, on October 24 and 25, we'll host our Keys to Hope Conference.

On Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., we'll gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall to learn from author, speaker, and homeless advocate Kevin Nye. On Sunday, October 25, from 10:15-11:15 a.m., Kevin will speak to youth and adults in our Fellowship Hall on the Christian call to care about the unhoused. Sunday is free, and no registration is required. Saturday is by registration only and costs \$10, although free scholarship tickets are available. Register by October 14 and make sure to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join us. Register at www.fbcjc.org/events.

Guest Speaker

Kevin Nye



KEYS TO HOPE

Getting It Right in the Call to End Homelessness



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

LUNCH PROVIDED
REGISTER AT
FBCJC.ORG/EVENTS



24 October
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Cost: \$10/person

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, November 14 - JCRATI Open House, Upper Room Gym, 9 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17 - JCRATI Spaghetti Dinner and Information Meeting; 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 1 - JC Room at the Inn Opens



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.

Sunday Connect Groups meet for all ages from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. each Sunday following worship services.

Extended Care during worship is available for children ages 3 and under on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. until Bible Teaching groups end at 11:15 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, Camille McClelland, Margaret Gale-Wells, and Kay Brejcha.

First Kids meets on the 2nd floor in Rooms 202 and 203 with Mande Carney and Jeff Feeler. During First Kids, our children learn about mission work locally and all around the world. They also help serve in lots of different ways.



SERVE AS AN EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEER

Extended Care volunteers assist with childcare for kids ages 3 and under during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Volunteers rotate throughout the year and must complete a background check and training.

For questions, contact Ally Rose at preschool@fbcjc.org.



YOUTH

GRADES 6 - 12

MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS EACH WEEK

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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In October we kick off this 4-week series on Stronger. We'll talk about how, when life hurts, or goes wrong, or doesn't make sense, these things are true: Jesus can redeem what's gone wrong, God can be trusted, God gives us each other, and God helps us persevere.

REFUGE FALL RETREAT

Refuge is excited to be heading back to Logan Valley for our Fall Retreat! This weekend will be a great opportunity for students to step away from the busyness of everyday life and spend time growing closer to God and one another through worship, friendship, and plenty of fun.

Our theme this year is "True." Focusing on how He is the True Light who shines in the darkness and the True Vine who gives us life and helps us grow. Through engaging sessions, small group discussions, and shared experiences, students will be encouraged to build a genuine faith rooted in Christ.

We are looking forward to an unforgettable weekend of connection, encouragement, and spiritual growth together at Logan Valley!

FALL RETREAT SIGN UP IS OPEN!

fbcjc.org/youth



SAVE THESE DATES

Nov 13-15 Fall Retreat

Dec 6 Soups, Sweaters, & Songs

Dec 16 Christmas Party



SENIOR ADULTS 60+

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Monday, October 26
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Program: Friendship Singers

Lunch prepared by FBC
Volunteers
Pork Steaks and Chicken
Baked Bean
Cheesy Potatoes
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

October Performances

October 5 – Mexico VA Home

October 19 – Heisinger
Assisted Living

October 26 – Adams Street
Assisted Living

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Smith (10/1)

Azelene Evans (10/24)

Janet Steele (10/1)

Karen Morris (10/25)

Cathy Tindle (10/8)

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.

INVEST IN

Life-Giving Relationships

www.fbcjc.org/give



In the App



301 E. Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101



On Sundays in the Offering Boxes



Give

ATTENDANCE

	Bible Teaching Attendance	In Person Worship Only
Aug 30	117	212
Sept 6	142	224
Sept 13	149	225
Sept 20	138	202
Sept 27	137	162

REVENUE & EXPENSES

	2026		2025		Increase (Decrease)	
	August	Year to Date	August	Year to Date	August	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$126,777	\$676,800	\$76,491	\$667,443	\$50,286	\$9,357
Other Revenue	\$1,075	\$104,585	\$8,295	\$117,922	(\$7,220)	(\$13,337)
Total Revenue	\$127,852	\$781,385	\$84,786	\$785,365	\$43,066	(\$3,980)
Total Expenses	\$94,367	\$898,534	\$100,437	\$864,732	(\$6,070)	\$33,802
Net Operating Total	\$33,485	(\$117,149)	(\$15,651)	(\$79,367)		



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