



Community-Wide Fall Festival

Join us October 25, 2026, from 3:00–6:00 p.m. for our Community-Wide Fall Festival! We are collecting candy in the Home Depot 5-gallon buckets located in the Easter Wing. Volunteers are also needed to help with inflatables, games, and other activities. Scan the QR code to sign up and choose where you'd like to help!

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, October 12, 2026. We will reopen with regular office hours on Tuesday, October 13. We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday!

Next Week

The Senior Pastor's Bible Study: 1 Peter 4

Tuesday Morning

6:45 am – Prayer Group at Warehouse 319

8:30 am - 9:30 am – Prayer Breakfast

in the Fellowship Hall

The Senior Pastor's Bible Study will not meet this Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Tuesday Evening

5:30 pm – Chancel Choir Practice in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Life

After school to 7:00 pm – Youth Culture

After school to 7:00 pm – EPIC 456

5:00 pm – Dinner for Youth, and EPIC

5:15 pm – JFMC Kids and Adult Dinner

5:45 pm to 7:00 pm – JFMC Kids

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets in the Tex Egle Building, 4th Avenue Classroom.

Schedule Changes

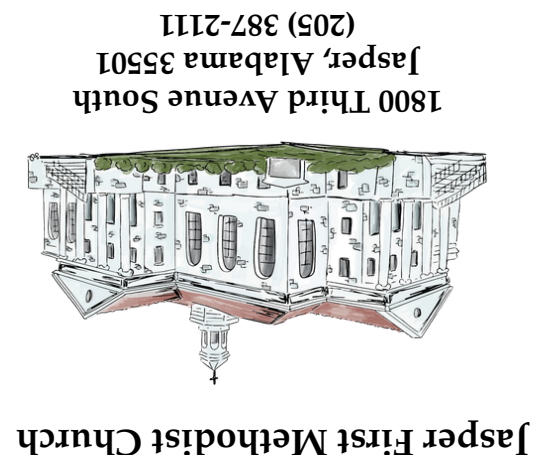
10-11-26 – There will be no Children's Sunday School

11-11-26 – There will be no Wednesday Night Life

Children's Christmas Program

Christmas will be here before we know it, and our children are getting ready to celebrate the joy of the season! Practice for the Children's Christmas Program will be held during the Sunday School hour each Sunday in November and on Sunday, December 6, 2026.

The Children's Christmas Program will be presented Sunday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m.



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Council of Stewards Meetings

October 18th

November 15th

December 13th

In the Fellowship Hall after the Traditional service.

Fall Festival

October 25th

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Charge Conference

October 26th at 6:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Meal:

Pasta with Meat Sauce

Vegetable

Desert

Give Online

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In-Person Attendance

October 4, 2026.....249

September 27, 2026.....300

General Fund Giving

Last 2 Weeks.....\$11,887.02

YTD.....\$813,070.06

Includes all online giving
received as of
October 5, 2026

The Man Everyone Stopped For

When I think of funerals I have attended, I do not think there was one that surprised me more than the funeral of a friend of mine, Reggie Bailey, aka Man Bailey.

Reggie had been coming to our Hope Kitchen for several years. Many may know him as someone who spent time on the square or someone who may have occasionally asked for help. He lived a difficult life and faced struggles that many of us have never faced or may not fully understand. One thing about him, though, was that he always had a gentle nature. He was kind, and he loved the Lord.

What I experienced at his funeral surprised me.

To begin, I expected very few people, but it was full! Not only did friends and family come to honor a man they loved, but there were also city officials.

The service began with family and ministers walking into the sanctuary reciting Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Then the first song was "How Great Is Our God." Many stood and raised their hands in praise. This was not your typical sad funeral. It was a praise and worship celebration!

As I listened, I realized I was seeing another side of my friend. The Reggie being remembered was not defined by the labels some may have placed on him, which, sadly, I had done at one time, too. He was a brother, a friend, and a man who had touched many lives. The stories revealed relationships and love I never knew existed. The service ended with one of my favorite uplifting songs, "Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker.

I could not help but think of how differently God sees people than we do.

When we first notice outward appearances, God sees someone's heart. We may overlook someone, but God never does.

After the service, as the procession moved through town, cars pulled over and waited respectfully for us to pass. I am sure many of those drivers had no idea who was being honored. For a moment, the entire town seemed to come to a halt. You would have thought they were stopping for a movie star, a war hero, or even the President. A man who was often overlooked was being shown honor.

It reminded me of Jesus' words: "The last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16)

As I sat in that service, I witnessed far more than a farewell. I experienced a gathering filled with worship, gratitude, and respect for a life lived in our hometown. I learned about relationships that mattered deeply and about the many people who loved, and will miss, my friend.

Perhaps that is one of the gifts of attending a funeral. It reminds us that every life is more than what we see on the surface. Every person has a story. Every person leaves an imprint on others. And every person is known completely by God.

I left that day grateful that I came. I came to say goodbye to a friend. I left, though, with a deeper appreciation for a life that had touched more people than I ever realized.

I will not ever forget Reggie, and I will never forget the day the city of Jasper stopped for The Man Bailey.

– Julie Cowen
Missions

Celebration Service October 11, 2026 8:30 a.m. Service		
The Old Testament Reading*	Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)	
Sermon	Doug Hartley, Lay Leader	

Celebration Service Music

Lean On Me – *Bill Withers* Praise – *Elevation Worship* Friend in Jesus – *CAIN*
What A Beautiful Name / Worthy – *Essential Worship*
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Order of Worship Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 11, 2026 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service		
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Call To Worship*	Seth Johnston, Liturgist	
My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.		
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.		
You are my friends if you do what I command.		

Announcements	Eli Matthews, Youth Minister	
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Altar Flowers	Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. John Stallsmith, and Mrs. Becki Stallsmith and the Chancel Choir By Betty Lovett and Lucy Richardson.	
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Prelude	“It Is Well With My Soul”	E. Whitsett
Processional Hymn*	“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”	569
Pastoral Welcome and Opening Prayer		
The Passing of the Peace*		
Hymn*	“Pass It On”	572

Offering Our Prayers to God Preparation for Prayer O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.		
Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer		
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God		
Offertory	“Open My Eyes”	P. Taylor

Doxology*	Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Prayer of Thanksgiving*	
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Apostles’ Creed*	
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.	
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.	

The Gloria Patri*	70
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The Children’s Message	Dismissal to Children’s Church with Shannon Day, Children’s Minister
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Anthem	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	A. Pote
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The Old Testament Reading*	Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)	
The Word of God		
And we believe it.		

Sermon	Doug Hartley, Lay Leader	
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Hymn of Invitation*	“It Is Well with My Soul”	377
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Benediction*		
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Choral Benediction*	At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away; It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.	
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Postlude*	“Look Ye Saints”	T. Chesterton
* Please Stand as able		

Ushers – Robin Brasher, Mike King, Dave Stewart, George Ellis, & Shane Weber

Liturgist – Seth Johnston

Greeters – Martha Ann Lockhart & Tiny Varner

All Saints Sunday

We will observe All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 1, 2026. As part of this special service, we invite you to submit the names of family members and loved ones who have passed away during the past year. Please send names to the church office so they may be included in our time of remembrance.