

Next Week
Senior Pastor's Bible Study:
Pathways to a Praying Church

Tuesday Morning
6:45 am – Prayer Group at Warehouse 319
8:30 am - 9:30 am – Prayer Breakfast
in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am - 10:30 am – Senior Pastor's Bible Study in the Tex Ergle Building, 4th Avenue Classroom. Please enter on the 4th Avenue side of the building.

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



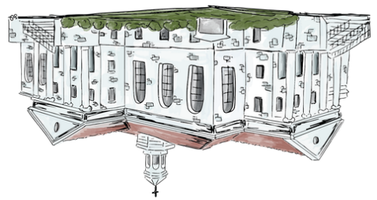
Wednesday Night Life

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 Ergle Building, 4th Avenue Classroom.

Schedule Changes
11-11-26 – There will be no Wednesday Night Life.
Happy Veterans Day!

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Council of Stewards Meetings
November 15th
December 13th
In the Fellowship Hall after the Traditional service.

EPIC 456 Lock-In
November 10th
8:00 pm to 7:00 am

Thanksgiving Potluck
November 18th at 5:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Spirit and Prayer Workshop
November 21st
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Give Online

Your gifts make ministry possible. Scan the QR code to give securely online.

In-Person Attendance
November 1, 2026.....312
October 25, 2026.....232

General Fund Giving
Last Week.....$100,409.00
YTD.....$998,309.06

Includes all online giving received as of November 3, 2026

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Dear Church Family,

For just a moment, pause and ask this question: "What did the disciples specifically request Jesus to teach them?" The answer: The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1). Jesus, I want to know how to pray, too! Jesus, I want our church family to know how to pray and how to pray with holy boldness!

Beginning this week, the Sr. Pastor's Bible Study is turning our attention to studying prayer. I am sharing with our class members the book Pathways to a Praying Church: A Study of Corporate Prayer by Margie Burger. This study is about more than our private prayer lives, as important as those are. It asks what it looks like for a whole congregation to become what Jesus called His Father's house, "a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13).

Along the way, we will talk about why prayer matters so much, how the Holy Spirit leads and empowers our praying, and practical tools we can use together. I hope it will help us pray with more faith, more love, and more boldness for one another, for Jasper, and for the world God loves.

You do not have to be a "Prayer Expert" or "Prayer Warrior" to come. Everyone is welcome to join us for this season of growing in our relationship with God together.

To go deeper, I invite you to register for the "Holy Spirit & Prayer Workshop" on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jasper First Methodist. Register and attend even if you are not able to stay all day. We will share a day of worship, teaching, and prayer together. We will take up the real questions many of us carry. How can I tell when the Holy Spirit is speaking, and when something else is pulling at me? How does the Spirit work through gifts like speaking in tongues today? And how can we pray most effectively with friends and neighbors who do not yet know Christ?

Whether these questions are new to you or ones you have wrestled with for years, there is a seat for you. Register on our website at jasperfirstmethodist.com or call the church office at (205) 387-2111 with any questions.

Pray without ceasing,
Pastor James

Wednesday Night Announcements

November 11, 2026: There will be no Wednesday night activities in observance of Veterans Day. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all veterans for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to our country. Thank you for your service!

November 18, 2026: EPIC 456 and JFMC Kids will participate in a special mission project following supper.

Celebration Service

November 8, 2026
8:30 a.m. Service

The New Testament Reading* — Romans 13:1-14 NIV

Sermon — Pastor James Johnson

Order of Worship

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2026
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Call to Worship* — Charlene Stephenson, Liturgist

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, our souls keep them.
The unfolding of Your words gives light and understanding.
The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field.
We come to seek the kingdom and its righteousness.
Come, let us worship the one who calls us into His kingdom.
Alleluia! We rejoice in the treasures of God's grace!

Announcements — Eli Matthews, Youth Minister

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William H. Banks, Jr., for his November 20th birthday by Sue, Patrice, and Patrick.

Prelude — "There is a Happy Land" — G. Shearing

Processional Hymn* — "When We All Get to Heaven" — 701

Pastoral Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Passing of the Peace*

Hymn* — "For the Beauty of the Earth" — 92

Offering Our Prayers to God
Preparation for Prayer
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory — "I Need Thee Every Hour" — J. Spong

Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Apostles' Creed* — 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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

The Children's Message — Dismissal to Children's Church with Shannon Day, Children's Minister

Anthem — "How Firm a Foundation" — D. Wood

The Epistle Reading* — Romans 13:1-14 NIV
The Word of God
And we believe it.

Sermon — Rev. James C. Johnson, Jr.

Hymn of Invitation* — "Abide with Me" — 700

Benediction*

Choral Benediction*
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land!

Postlude* — "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" — D. Buck

* Please Stand as able
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Ushers – *Jeff Ferrell, Marcus O'Mary, Scott Thornley, & Shane Weber*
Acolytes – *Avery Stewart & Garrett Stewart*
Liturgist – *Charlene Stephenson*
Greeters – *Lola O'Mary & Cherie Woodard*