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Next Week

The Senior Pastor's Bible Study: 1 Peter 3

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

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

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

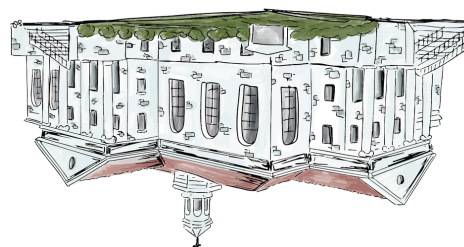
Community-Wide Fall Festival

Our Community-Wide Fall Festival is coming up Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 3:00–6:00 p.m.!

Candy collection begins Sunday, October 4, with the collection can located in the Easter Wing. You can also sign up to help during the festival. We will need volunteers to help with inflatables, games, and other activities.

Thank you for helping make this a fun afternoon for our church and community!

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Finding Our Rhythm

Have you been to a Jasper football game when the Viking row chant echoes through the stadium? After the homecoming festivities at the Jr. High School game Tuesday night, the percussion was invited to find a spot between the rows of the brass instrument students. The band director yelled from the riser, past an entire section of seats, through the chain-link fencing, and down onto the field to the cheerleading squad, "Come on up, we are about to do the Viking row!" Pom-Pom-filled hands hurried from the field up into the stands to join the band. On cue, a single bass drum player signaled the rowing rhythm with the phantom boom of an elevated drum vibration. Despite the under-matched efforts of the game on the field from Jasper's opponents, a sense of organized solidarity of school spirit moved from the band section and splashed into the view screens of parents turned from the game action toward the band and cheerleader synchronized rowing. You could see it. You could hear it. You could even feel something from the ever-increasing speed of the drumming. And just as orderly as the rowing began, it fizzled out with a rapidly repeating mallet against the drum's surface.

I may have heard a student ask while looking for approval, "How did I do?" With encouragement and direction, the

director replied, "It got too fast."

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, we experienced membership vows, professions of faith, Holy Baptisms, and confirmations. With each, we recognize the grace that has called, redeemed, equipped, and immediately deploys us for Christian witness. Not too fast, though. A Jesus-patterned life is one where we follow the precise rhythm of God's earth-moving and forward-moving pace. Do you know the joy of being with a small group of Christians, listening and discerning together what true holiness really is? Do you know the deep assurance of the Holy Spirit revealing facets of Jesus's life that sparkle through the Scripture?

As the only Bicentennial church family of Walker County, we have been in the Gospel mission a long time. Yet, forward motion is drastically reduced with disorganized and haphazard actions. This fall, let us find a new rhythm that matches this season of our church family together. Not too fast and yet not too slow. Together, under the dome of God's love, we come for a lot of reasons. Let's return and stay seeking God's real presence. Find your place in prayer, study, worship, and serving.

We belong together. We believe together. We are beloved.

Pastor James

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is a sacred time in the life of the Church when we remember those who have gone before us and give thanks to God for the lives, faith, and love they shared with us.

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.

Council of Stewards Meetings
September 27th
October 18th
November 15th
In the Fellowship Hall after the Traditional service.

Community-Wide Fall Festival
October 25th
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Charge Conference Rescheduled
October 26th time TBD

Wednesday Night Meal:
Homemade Pizza

Give Online

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



In-Person Attendance
September 20, 2026.....332
September 13, 2026.....278

General Fund Giving
Last 2 Weeks.....\$13,339.00
YTD.....\$780,449.54

Includes all online giving
received as of
September 22, 2026

Celebration Service September 27, 2026 8:30 a.m. Service		
The New Testament Reading*	Romans 6:1-14 (NIV)	
Sermon	Pastor James Johnson	

Celebration Service Music

What A Friend We Have In Jesus Friend Of God – *Israel Houghton* I Go To The Rock – *Chris Blue*
Goodness of God – *CeCe Winans* O Come to the Altar – *Elevation Worship*
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Order of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2026

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Call To Worship*

We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials,
for we know that they help us develop endurance.

And endurance develops strength of character,
and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

And this hope will not lead to disappointment.
For we know how dearly God loves us,
because he has given us the Holy Spirit
to fill our hearts with his love.

Suzanne Snow, Liturgist

Adapted from Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

Announcements

Eli Matthews, Youth Minister

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. William Selman Crew, Mr. & Mrs. William Selman Crew,
Jr., William Selman Crew III, Mary Jane Crew Hampton, Mr. & Mrs.
John Luther Bagley, William Edgar Bagley, Mrs. Charles Newton
Atkins, Jr. (Jean Bagley), Mrs. Maury John Hampton (Charlotte
Steele) and Mary Crew Hampton by the family.

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

F. Ashdown

Processional Hymn*

“How Great Thou Art”

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Pastoral Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Passing of the Peace*

Hymn*

“Morning Has Broken”

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Offering Our Prayers to God

Preparation for Prayer

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”
Handbell Ensemble

S. Eithun

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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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*

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The Children’s Message

Dismissal to Children’s Church with
Shannon Day, Children’s Minister

Anthem

“Nearer, Dear Savior, to Thee”

M. Green

The Epistle Reading*

The Word of God

And we believe it.

Romans 6:1-14 (NIV)

Sermon

Rev. James C. Johnson, Jr.

Hymn of Invitation*

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

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Benediction*

Choral Benediction*

When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.

Postlude*

“Classical Postlude”

R. Hughes

* Please Stand as able

Ushers – Jim Clark, Matt Franklin, Rhodes Franklin, Eddie Miller, & J.W. Odom

Acolytes – Luke Brasher, Olivia Brasher & Chelsey St. Clair

Liturgist – Suzanne Snow

Greeters – Rheeda Clark & Pat Farrell