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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Clinging to good.
Fervent in spirit.
Serving the Lord.
Rejoicing in hope.
Patient in tribulation.
Continuing in prayer.
Overcoming evil.
Romans 12:9ff



2026 Plan of Work

Let's Talk.

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in Every Conversation

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Looking Back at 2025

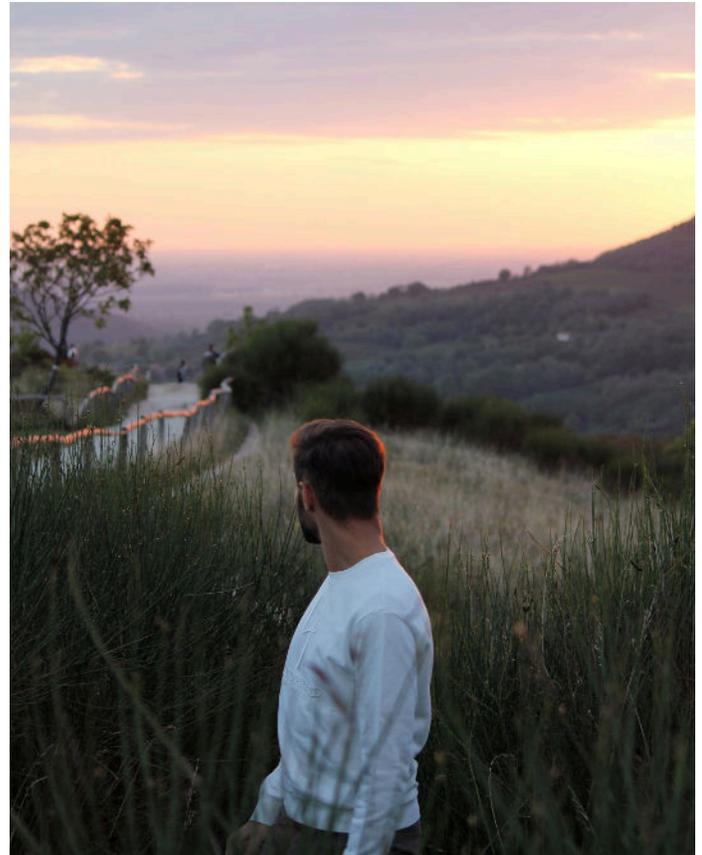
Scripture often calls God’s people to pause and remember—not for sentimentality, but for perspective. Reflection helps us recognize how the Lord has been at work among us and prepares us to move forward with gratitude and purpose.

The year 2025 marked a season of meaningful transition and growth for the Jacksonville church. One significant development was the arrival of our new pulpit minister, Aaron Dodson, along with his wife Lindsey and their daughters Cheyenne and Molly. Their presence has already been a blessing, bringing renewed energy to the preaching, teaching, shepherding, and serving efforts within the congregation. We are thankful for the way this transition strengthened our unity and reinforced our commitment to God’s Word and to one another.

Other works continued to grow as well. Luke Simmons faithfully carried on his work as campus minister, and the Jacksonville Christian Student Center (JCSC) experienced increased activity, deeper involvement, and expanded opportunities for fellowship, service, and spiritual growth. In September, the church had its first-ever JCSC Homecoming, bringing in more than 30 JCSC alumni and their families, along with past campus ministers. Luke’s marriage to Meredith in 2025 highlighted a broader pattern of growth within this ministry. In 2025 alone, eight couples connected to the JCSC or our congregation were married, and four of those couples continue with us—a reminder of the long-term impact of investing in young disciples.

The theme for 2025, “Homegrown: Life Tastes Better When It Starts at Home,” shaped much of the congregation’s focus throughout the year. Emphasis was placed on strengthening families, developing servants from within the local body, and encouraging meaningful involvement across all ages. Teaching programs, service efforts, and fellowship opportunities reflected a shared desire for growth that is rooted, intentional, and sustained. 11 people were baptized into Christ, becoming part of this great spiritual family.

As we reflect on the past year, we do so with gratitude for what God has done among us and with confidence that He will continue to guide and strengthen this congregation. The experiences of 2025 provide a strong foundation as we move forward, committed to glorifying God through faithful service, loving relationships, and continued spiritual growth.





Goals on the Menu

Setting goals are a lot like pulling up to the drive-thru at your favorite local fast-food restaurant.

1. There are a lot of options.

The menu has ten different hamburgers and five different chicken sandwiches. You can customize your fixings in an additional 143 ways. But there are four vehicles behind you, and the car in front of you just moved forward.

A congregation has choices, too. But just about the we learned the options, one year is pulling forward, and the new one is pushing us to the window.

As you review our five-year goals on the next page, keep in mind that the elders have done their best to review the interests, needs, and talents of the congregation in order to craft the goals that seem best for the church right now. And, now only in year two, we are still in the process of developing the most efficient ways to reach them.

2. There is variety.

Once you reach the window, it becomes clear there's more on the menu than anyone can reasonably order. Sides, sauces, substitutions, and limited-time items all compete for attention. Some feel familiar. Others feel exciting. But no one leaves with everything. Even the most enthusiastic customer has to decide what matters most this time.

The same is true for a congregation. The work of the church involves many important areas—culture, vision, teaching, care for members, worship, holiness, discipline, influence, evangelism. All of these matter, and none are dismissed simply because they are not emphasized equally in a given season.

Still, meaningful growth requires focus. Trying to give everything equal attention at the same time often results in energy spread too thin. Our current goals, we believe, tend to the balance we need.

3. What you get might not be what you asked for.

Anyone who has eaten in the car has experienced this. Something isn't quite what you expected—a topping is missing, a side is different, or the meal turns out better than anticipated. And once you're ten minutes down the road, there's no turning back.

Goals often work the same way. Despite careful planning, outcomes don't always look exactly as imagined. A goal may need adjusting, or the process itself may reveal something important about our strengths, weaknesses, or priorities. Sometimes what we learn along the way proves more valuable than the original result.

Brothers and sisters, let's pursue these goals with patience, persistence, and most importantly, prayer.





Five-Year Goals (Year 2)

In 2024, the elders decided on 12 five-year goals. We've already begun work toward growing in several of the ways represented in the goals. In the chart below and on the next page, you'll see the goals paired side-by-side with some of the ways we are seeking to reach them.

Goals	Actions
<p>1 As a church and as individuals, to function and live as a people who have a purpose given to us from God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved preaching and teaching plans • Intentional year-long themes that target congregational needs, as determined by the shepherds
<p>2 To know our collective and individual talents, as well as our collective and individual opportunities, and seek to build the church's works and identity around them</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry Mingle and Ministry Fair events in 2025, which resulted in greater knowledge of members' talents and interests
<p>3 For every member to feel valued and needed by including them in a ministry that best matches their talents or strengths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with Members • Implemented new or improved ministries to allow for better involvement based on members' talents or strengths (plan to target this further with improved organization, mapping members' ministry involvement) • Selected leaders for some ministries to improve overall efficiency • Age-group-assigned singings at local nursing/assisted living homes as part of our Homebound ministry
<p>4 For the shepherds to know the flock's needs and thereby strengthen relationships between them and the members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with Members (resuming in 2026) • In-home/at-function meetings between shepherds/different age-group ministries
<p>5 To be a church filled with people who study the Bible regularly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented a Daily Bible Reading program • Theme Sunday Bible study focus on methods for effective personal Bible study • Sunday PM lessons on overviews of books of the Bible • Increased use of Facebook group for promoting more Bible study among members



Five-Year Goals

	Goals	Actions
6	To be a church filled with people who manifest the fruit of the Spirit daily, pointing others to Christ, in their personal and public lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulpit emphasis on application of lessons • All-In(vited)! events planned as ways for members to increase love and care for one another
7	To make our gatherings and public activities a welcoming environment for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcards mailed to visitors • Increased teaching about friendliness, hospitality, and treatment of others • Where possible, have safe places for guests to be welcomed and have opportunity to ask questions or learn more
8	To improve our collective and individual worship to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans to have lessons on this in 2026, as well as to have classes to strengthen leadership and participation of corporate worship
9	To keep the saved saved by providing stimulating opportunities to grow and serve, and by creating a culture of addressing and helping one another overcome temptation and sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Philip Project created to nurture new converts with teaching and support from their church family • Continuing to increase peer/age-based involvement, intended to create closeness
10	To be a church whose members treat every person who visits our services, receives or benefits from one of our ministries, or interacts with us in our daily lives as a soul worth saving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revamped Cards Ministry program, assigned with committed ministry leader • New card teams and assigned leaders in 2026 • Plans to find more ways to work toward this goal in 2026
11	To prepare youth, college, and families to be lifelong servants of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing youth involvement in retreats, devos, service trips, and church activities • In 2026, increase the number of service opportunities/projects for youth • In 2026, grow youth's knowledge of key scripture, teachings (use classes to do this)



Five-Year Goals

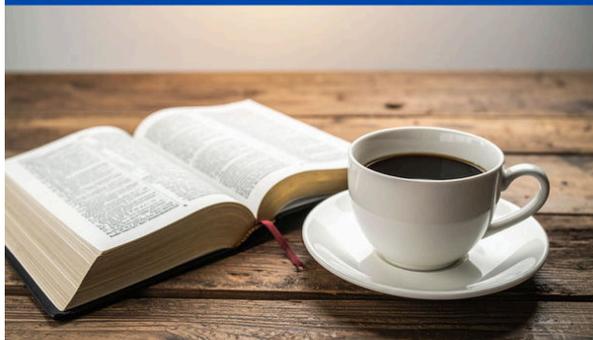
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Goals	Actions
To develop our JCSC college program as a means of a greater outreach of love and evangelism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing presence of JCSC on campus as a registered student organization• Offering more programs that encourage JSU students to become involved• Multiple Bible studies offered weekly to bring students around sound, gospel teaching



Our 2026 Theme – “Let’s Talk: Christ in Every Conversation”

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“Let’s talk.”

Few phrases are more common—or more meaningful. Conversation is how relationships are formed, trust is built, misunderstandings are cleared, and hearts are revealed. Through conversation we express what we believe, what we value, and who we are.

But meaningful conversation doesn’t just happen automatically.

In a world filled with noise, division, and hurried exchanges, thoughtful and Christ-centered conversation requires intention. It takes listening, humility, patience, wisdom, and love. It requires us to think carefully not only about what we say, but how we say it—and why we say it at all.

Thankfully, God has not left us without guidance.

Scripture reminds us that words matter. Paul instructs believers, “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Colossians 4:6). He also urges the church to speak in ways that build up rather than tear down, calling us to use words that give grace to those who hear (Ephesians 4:29). Long before this, Solomon observed a timeless truth: “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21).

Our theme for this year is “Let’s Talk: Christ in Every Conversation.” The shepherds at Jacksonville believe a year spent focused on this theme will strengthen our relationships, deepen our influence, and help us better reflect Christ in everyday interactions. Whether in our homes, classrooms, workplaces, schools, or casual encounters, each conversation is an opportunity to let our faith be seen and heard.

Most of us have experienced the difference between shallow talk and meaningful dialogue. A conversation grounded in care, sincerity, and truth stays with us. It shapes how we think and how we respond. In the same way, conversations guided by Christ leave a lasting impression—not because they are loud or forceful, but because they are thoughtful, gracious, and purposeful.

As we move through this year, may we be a people who speak with wisdom, listen with compassion, and allow Christ to be evident in every conversation.



Theme Days Introduction

2026 Theme Sundays & Wednesdays



Christ
in Every Conversation

Invitations from Jesus

Come & See

Be Born Again

Living Water

Go & Sin No More

What do you want me
to do for you?

Road to Emmaus

Do you want to be made whole?

Who do you say that I am?

*Christ in
Conversations in Acts*

A Historic Day, Early Guidance

Conversations That Confront Culture

Personal Evangelism Done Right

Conversations That

Strengthen the Church

Sharing Christ in Different Places

In order to maintain a focus on the theme throughout the year, we will have several planned lessons preached or taught on select Sundays and Wednesdays. In many instances, we've designed these lessons to take place on a Sunday after we have had a community meal or on a Wednesday when we have had a 3rd Sunday church family meal.

We have several guests from nearby congregations who will be joining us throughout 2026. We'll also continue our practice of utilizing some of our very capable Jacksonville men to speak on select Wednesdays.

You can look ahead to this year's Theme Sundays and Wednesdays using the schedule below and the full schedule on the next page.

Theme Sundays

January 11 - Jacksonville Shepherds (Bible class),
Aaron Dodson (AM), and Luke Simmons (PM)

March 1 - Chris Presnell, Flint (Decatur)

March 22 - Chris Gallagher, Gadsden

May 31 - Kip Green, Morris

July 19 - Mel Futrell, Shades Mountain

October 11 - OPEN

November 1 - Friends & Family Day, OPEN

December 6 - Brint Rice, Wetumpka

Theme Wednesdays

April 15 - Aaron Dodson

May 21 - Alan Dees

August 19 - Daniel Beck

September 16 - JP Gammon

November 18 - Brady Drake



Theme Days Full Schedule

	Date	Lesson Title	Speaker
1	1/11/26 (S)	C--Plan of Work Presentation AM-Come and See: The Invitation of Jesus PM-Introducing Our 2026 Theme – Let's Talk: Christ in Every Conversation	Shepherds Aaron Dodson Luke Simmons
2	3/1/26 (S)	C-Speech That Gives Grace (Ep. 4:25-32) W-Be Born Again: A Night with Jesus (Jn. 3:1-21)	Chris Presnell, Flint (Decatur)
3	3/22/26 (S)	C-Wise Speech Toward Outsiders (Col. 4:2-6) W: Living Water: The Woman at the Well (Jn. 4:1-42)	Chris Gallagher, Gadsden
4	4/15/26 (W)	One Historic Day, Ongoing Guidance for Christians (Ac. 2:14-41)	Aaron Dodson
5	5/20/26 (W)	Conversations That Confront the Culture (Ac. 4:1-22)	Alan Dees
6	5/31/26 (S)	C-The Power and Danger of the Tongue (Ro. 3:9-18) W-Go and Sin No More: Compassion Without Compromise (Jn. 8:1-11)	Kip Green, Morris
7	7/19/26 (S)	C-Words That Teach and Admonish (Col. 3:12-17) W-What Do You Want Me to Do for You? (Mk. 10:46-52)	Mel Futrell, Shades Mountain
8	8/19/26 (W)	Philip and the Ethiopian: Personal Evangelism Done Right (Ac. 8:26-40)	Daniel Beck
9	9/16/26 (W)	Conversations That Strengthen the Church (Ac. 20:17-38)	JP Gammon
10	10/11/26 (S)	C-When Silence Is the Faithful Choice (1 Co. 8:1-13) W-Road to Emmaus: Opening Eyes Through the Word (Lk. 24:13-35)	Jim Murrell, Ironaton
11	11/1/26 (S)	C-Speech Under Pressure and Persecution (2 Co. 4:1-6,13) <i>Friends & Family Sunday</i> W-Do You Want to Be Made Whole? (Jn. 5:1-15)	Chad Dollahite, Bremen, GA
12	11/18/26 (W)	Sharing Christ in Difficult Places (Ac. 26:1-29)	Brady Drake
13	12/6/26 (S)	C-Gentleness, Correction, and Tone (2 Ti. 2:23-26) W-Who Do You Say That I Am? (Mt. 16:13-20)	Brint Rice, Wetumpka



Christ in Every Conversation: More Opportunities to *Talk*

The shepherds realize that this year's theme is one that can be practiced anywhere: at work, at home, at school, through a phone call, over a text, by cards sent in the mail.

But they know, too, that what they plan for the church to do, they should plan to practice themselves. For this reason, the elders plan to

- do a better job communicating with deacons and ministry servants in the church. They've already planned four specific shepherds/deacons meetings throughout the year, with the intent to make full use of the talent we have, and to meet needs that are currently not being addressed. They will be incorporating other times for conversations that they hope will help those who serve feel more supported.
- meet with each of the adult age-group ministries, talking with different age groups about the good work they do, seeking to know more about their concerns, needs, and ideas.

In the past, the Jacksonville church has had a detailed visitation program. It required members to meet with teams and plan ways to visit as many of our members throughout the year. The elders believe we have a full plan of work for this year, so we are not putting a visitation program into practice. But talking to our brothers and sisters--in good times and in difficult--is really important.

To encourage reaching out to members and the lost, members will be able to tally all the phone calls, texts, and visits they use as a way to "Keep Christ in Every Conversation." A board like the one shown to the right will be kept in the lobby throughout the year as a way to maintain our focus and motivation on talking to one another, being our brother's and sister's keeper, weeping and rejoicing with one another, and bearing one another's burdens.

Finally, we hope to add in opportunities for offering to our community Bibles and prayers on their behalf. We also hope members will add in occasional informal gatherings for people to study engaging topics and scriptures together.





All-In(vited)! Days

One of the ways we plan to live out this year's theme, "Let's Talk: Keeping Christ in Every Conversation," is by creating more opportunities for the church to simply be together. Our worship together is strengthened when our relationships are strengthened, and those relationships grow best when time is intentionally set aside for fellowship beyond the assembly.

In 2025, these opportunities became known as All-In(vited)! Days, and they proved to be a meaningful part of congregational life. Through meals, activities, and game nights, members discovered how much they enjoyed spending relaxed, unhurried time together—laughing, talking, and building connections across age groups and backgrounds.

Because of this, All-In(vited)! Days will continue in 2026, with additional game nights added throughout the year. These gatherings are designed to encourage conversation, deepen relationships, and create natural spaces where Christ-centered joy can be shared.

All-In(vited)! Days are not limited to any one group. They are open to everyone who can participate—men and women, young and old, single and married—and they remain neighbor-friendly opportunities as well. These occasions provide a simple way for friends and neighbors to experience the warmth, joy, and fellowship that come from being part of a church family centered on Christ.

The church described in Acts 2 was made up of people from many places and backgrounds, yet they were united by their willingness to spend time together, work together, grow together, and share life together. As we look ahead, these All-In(vited)! Days are intended to help us do the same.

A list of this year's All-In(vited)! Days is provided to the right. Mark your calendars, plan to come, and begin thinking about who you might invite to join you.



All-In(vited)! Days

January 30 – All-In(vited)! Game Night (6:30)

March 8 – All-In(vited)! Picnic & Play (after AM worship)

March 13 – All-In(vited)! Game Night (6:30)

April 11 – All-In(vited)! Work Day (8 AM)

May 29 – All-In(vited)! Game Night (6:30)

August 21 – All-In(vited)! Game Night (6:30)

October 4 – All-In(vited)! Picnic & Play (after AM worship)

October 16 – All-In(vited)! Game Night (6:30)

October 31 – All-In(vited)! Trunk 'r Treat (5:00)

November 20 – All-In(vited)! Game Night (6:30)

December 13 – All-In(vited)! Christmas Caroling



Friends and Neighbors Meals



For several years, the Jacksonville congregation has hosted community meals, inviting friends, family, and neighbors to share time together around the table. These meals have provided a welcoming setting for connection, conversation, and hospitality.

As we move into 2026, these meals fit naturally with our theme, “Let’s Talk: Keeping Christ in Every Conversation.” Sharing a meal creates space for

meaningful conversation—conversation that builds relationships, fosters trust, and allows Christ to be reflected naturally through kindness, listening, and care.

We believe that when we are communicating with our friends and neighbors about God’s goodness, Jesus’s love and sacrifice, and the work of the local church, hearts are often more open to the gospel. Those conversations are more likely to happen when Christ, His church, and others are already on our minds.

For 2026, we have selected three Friday evenings that we believe will be most convenient for people to attend. As always, we anticipate the meals will be enjoyable and well prepared. The current plans for the three community meals in 2026 are listed below. Make plans to come, and begin thinking about who you may want to invite. Additional details may be shared as the dates approach.

Friends & Neighbors Meal #1
Fellowship with
Friends & Neighbors

Friday, March 27, 2026

Menu

B-B-Q
Potato Salad
Whole Kernel Corn
Green Beans
Rolls
Pound Cake w/Assorted
Toppings

Friends & Neighbors Meal #2
Summer Celebration
with Friends

Friday, July 17, 2026

Menu

Catfish
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Hush Puppies
Bread Pudding

Friends & Neighbors Meal #3
Fall Celebration with Friends

Friday, October 23, 2026

Menu

Fried Chicken
Corn on Cob
Cream Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Cream Cakes



Homebound Nursing Home Ministry



Before the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, the Jacksonville church routinely visited the residents of Jacksonville Health and Rehab once a month to sing hymns. The pandemic brought that habit to an end. But several members expressed interest in beginning a nursing home ministry again. After reaching out to Jacksonville Health and Rehab and Legacy Assisted Living, we learned that both facilities welcomed us to come once each month. Coined the “Homebound Nursing Home Ministry,” our goal is to help those in the homes we visit learn to “desire a better country” that God prepared for those who love Him (He. 11:16). At every visit, we sing hymns for about 30 minutes, consider a short devotional thought, and pray together. Some of the most beautiful parts, though, are getting to help the residents find songs in the books, converse with them after we’re finished, and even celebrate special occasions.

To serve both facilities more efficiently, we divide into two groups for these visits; however, all of our members are welcome to go to both singings, as their own interests and schedules allow.

January-June

Legacy Assisted Living--
Rooted, JCSC

Jacksonville Health and Rehab--
REAL, JYM, PrimeTimers

July-December

Legacy Assisted Living--
REAL, JYM, PrimeTimers

Jacksonville Health and Rehab--
Rooted, JCSC





Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat



The Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat last year was a tremendous success. While we intend for it to be a yearly staple at Jacksonville, we're highlighting it at this place in the Plan of Work because it is a very useful tool to put this year's theme to practice.

"Let's Talk: Christ in Every Conversation" is at the core of what we wanted to accomplish when we moved our fall fellowship at the Whitens' farm to a more visitor-friendly spot: right on spacious and beautiful Jacksonville property.

Last year's event was ripe for meeting people and having conversation. We saw family members, friends, classmates, neighbors, coworkers, former students of some of our teachers, and a lot of people from our community. We even had a Hokes Bluff family come by in costume, because the father had driven by earlier in the week and saw the sign advertising the event.



There is no question that much good came from last year's effort. The weather was terrific, and Halloween was on a Friday, so we were able to capitalize on that.

This year, Halloween will be on a Saturday, so, God willing, we should be able to do have another successful event.





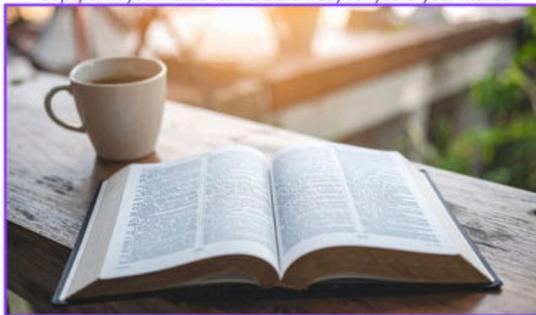
Local Publication: "Let's Talk"

The Jacksonville church has a history of using mailed outreach as an evangelistic tool in the Jacksonville community and surrounding areas.

This year, we have drafted a concept for a publication titled "Let's Talk: Christ in Every Conversation." Borrowed from the theme for this year, the paper will feature a point-by-point Bible study readers can use as a study tool with friends and family. It will also feature an uplifting devotional article intended to uplift, encourage, and inspire deep commitment to God.

The intention with the paper is to be more than just something people will read. We want it to be something that people will be able to use for engaging, Bible-focused content that is great for studying with friends.



<h1>Let's Talk</h1> <p>Open to study. Open with friends.</p>	<h1>Let's Talk</h1> <p>Christ in Every Conversation</p> <p><i>A paper in your hands with a Bible study for you & your friends</i></p> 
<p>Jacksonville Church of Christ 329 Nisbet St. NW Jacksonville, AL 36265</p> <p>CURRENT RESIDENT</p>	<p>Welcome to Let's Talk!</p> <p>Let's Talk is an easy-to-read study and devotional tool everyone can use to learn more about the gospel of Jesus Christ and talk about it with others. Each issue features self-guiding materials to make learning fruitful and engaging. We think you'll really like the paper's design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-interest, relevant topics • Emphasis on understanding scripture without distracting filters or bias • Easily useable for a study at your favorite coffee shop, restaurant, living room, or front porch • Great for a study with a friend or small group <p>Inside This Issue March/April 2026</p> <p>For Study Can you make Jesus your Lord?</p> <p>For Your Devotion Become Poor So You Can Be Rich</p> <p>Scan to read Let's Talk online</p>



Age-Based Ministries: Introduction

For a long time, the Jacksonville church has had age-based ministries that meet the needs of our different populations within the congregation. The two groups that have maintained the same name the longest are the JCSC (i.e., our college-age group) and PrimeTimers (those ages 50+). Other groups have existed but been known by different names over time.

In 2023, we decided to give a name to all of our groups so that there is consistency in coordinating and announcing events for different groups. These groups are JYM Kids and JYM Teens, JCSC (college-age), Rooted (ages 22-35), REAL (ages 35-50), and PrimeTimers (ages 50+).

The purpose of these groups is to facilitate opportunities for fellowship, support, involvement, and spiritual activity among members of the congregation. They are not intended to be a means of dividing us; instead, they should be a means of bringing us closer together.

The college and adult age divisions are not rigid. In some cases a husband and wife might not fit in the same age group. They are welcome to participate in one or both age groups the couple represents. But we do heavily encourage involvement in the age group to which you belong and, if desired, add another age group for the sake of a spouse or having same-age children as others in another group, etc.

Finally, groups may occasionally decide to combine activities together for the sake of numbers of interest in increased circle of people with whom to enjoy fellowship.

You might find useful the descriptions in the graphics to the right. We've also included them as table-top cards on the respective group tables in the lobby.

JYM

For All Youth

In the JYM, faith doesn't grow by accident but by exercising hearts, souls, and minds to learn about Jesus and by choosing holiness over worldliness. These youth find that they're not alone in fending off evil and that with God all things are possible.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Leadership & Spiritual Development
- In-Home Monthly Devos
- VBS, Camps, & Retreats

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JCSC

For College Students

JCSC is a home away from home for college students wanting a safe, fun, Christ-oriented environment. They discover daily the importance of like-minded friends who value learning, devotion, service, love for God, and love for all.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Monday Night Dinner and Devo
- Group Retreat and Trips
- Gaining New, Lifelong Friends

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Rooted

For Ages 22 to 35

The Rooted group is about establishing young homes deeply connected to the Savior. They're taking mustard seeds and relying on the group's conversation, connectedness, and charity to grow into a magnificent, flourishing faith.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Weekly Bible Studies
- Fun and Uplifting Events
- Serving Members and Neighbors

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REAL
RELATIONSHIPS • EXAMPLE • ACTIVITY • LOVE

For Ages 35 to 50

The REAL group's more established homes work to overcome life's busyness and give Christ the firstfruits. They know it's easy to give in to spiritual battles at home, at work, and in the world and instead build their homes on real, unshakeable faith.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Community Outreach
- Family-Oriented Events
- Group Studies

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PRIME TIMERS

For Ages 50 and Up

In the prime of their lives, Prime Timers abound in faith, fellowship, and encouragement. They share life's best and toughest experiences together while never failing to let their lights shine throughout the work and members of the church.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Service Activities
- Spiritual Development
- Seasonal Gatherings

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Age-Based Ministries: JYM

Jacksonville Youth Ministry is all about learning to love and serve Jesus and His church. The reason behind calling it “JYM” is to remind ourselves often of the fact that physical exercise is good but spiritual exercise is better: “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come” (1 Ti. 4:8).

JYM is comprised of two main groups: JYM Kids (ages 0-5th grade) and JYM Teens (6th-12th grades).



Throughout the year we do all sorts of things together. Some of these activities include:

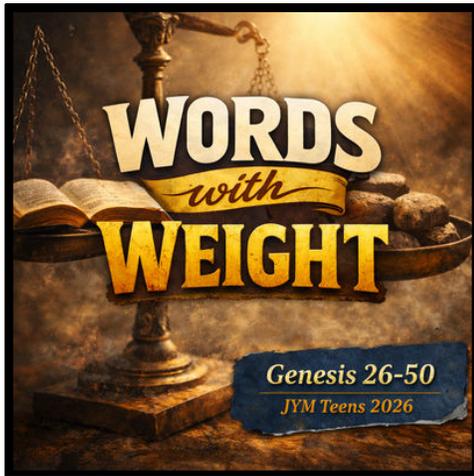
- KidSing (10 minutes every Sunday evening)
- Monthly DIG Nights (2nd Wednesdays)
- Vacation Bible School (VBS, 1st full week in June)
- Monthly trips to Area-Wide Youth Devos (3rd Sundays, Jan-April, Sept-Dec)
- Visits to other area youth events
- 5th Sunday youth-led services
- ROAD Trips to encourage smaller congregations in the area (ROAD = Roaming Outside Jacksonville to Assemble with Disciples)
- Bible Camp (Indian Creek Youth Camp, 2nd Week of June)
- Opportunities to serve and help others
- Fun activities
- Monthly devos (select months throughout the year)
- Timothy ‘n’ Tabitha Class (select Tuesdays in June/July, ages 0-5th grade)
- Annual youth retreat (The Challenge)
- Christmas caroling at older members’ homes
- Christmas parties for JYM Kids and JYM Teens



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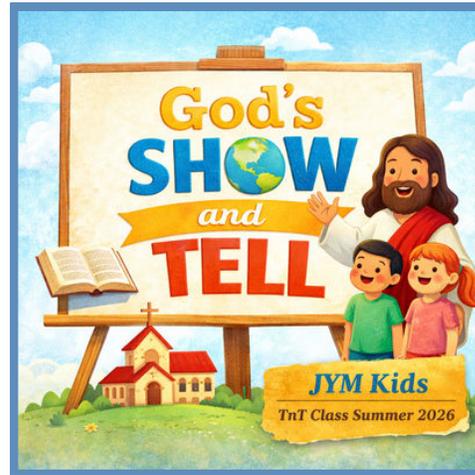
2026 JYM Themes

Our youth group typically has themes for different activities throughout the year, including JYM Kids and JYM Teens activities. This year's themes are seen in the graphics below.



JYM Teens Theme:
Words with Weight

Will focus on Genesis 26-50, which features many weighty words from God & others, and other theme-related topics/texts



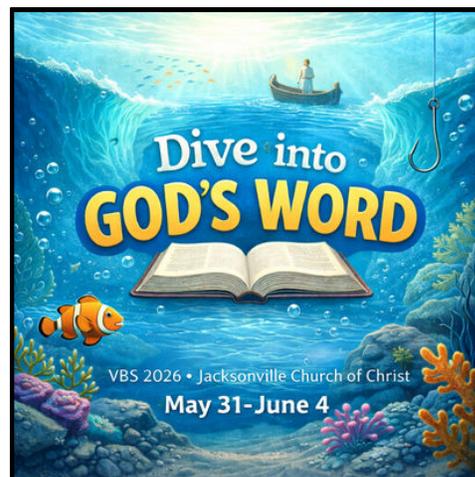
JYM Kids TnT Class Theme:
God's Show and Tell

Will learn about how God has shown His plan, His power, and His people; and kids will also get to bring items to show and tell



JYM Teens Thursday Night
Hangout Theme: Shoptalk

Will study how to talk about what matters, and get some practice doing it



VBS Theme:
Dive into God's Word

Will explore the waters of scripture to see how faith has worked for so many, and how it can work for us, too



DIG Program

Part of our JYM ministry is DIG. DIG stands for “Devoted in Growth.” All children in the church ages 0-12th grade are encouraged to participate. It encourages the youth to use and develop their talents to serve in the kingdom.

There are numerous categories students are able to participate in (see the list to the right). And participation isn’t a contest in which participants are competing against one another (except in Bible Bowl). Instead, emphasis is placed on quantity of the use of their talents. In addition to receiving praise and positive reinforcement, they’ll also receive constructive feedback at times about ways to improve on their talents.

DIG is capable of accomplishing a lot of good in our homes and among our children. It is about growing in love for serving God and developing one’s talents to give one’s best to Him in all the things we do to His glory.

- Art
- Audiovisual Outreach
- Bible Bowl
- Bible Teaching (Group/Personal Bible Study)
- Bible Teaching (Class)
- Bible Themes
- Bulletin Boards
- Creative Writing
- Debate
- Digital Design
- Expository Writing
- Godly Men
- Godly Women
- Home Helpers
- Memorization
- Personal Bible Reading
- Oral Bible Reading
- Prayer Leading/Preparation
- Service
- Songwriting
- Speech
- Songleading
- Storytelling (with props/puppets)
- Storytelling (without props/puppets)



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GROWTH

Christian Leadership Program



Age-Based Ministries: JCSC

The JCSC college ministry program focuses around programs such as Monday night meals and devotionals, retreats, and hosting the PrimeTimer's Valentine's banquet that will continue as part of the work.

Our goal for 2025 is to be involved on campus and be able to reach and touch the hearts of our fellow students. Luke Simmons is serving as the campus minister once again for this semester. Please pray for the efforts of the JCSC, the students who attend and who participate to keep this a great work of the Jacksonville Church of Christ.



The Aims

The Jacksonville Christian Student Center exists to encourage our college students to love God with all their heart, all their soul, and all their mind and to be faithful to Jesus until the end. We aim: To Be Spiritual (Romans 8:6) – Our aim is to help college students develop a spiritual mindset where their affections are set on things above (Colossians 3:1-2).

- To Be Scriptural (Colossians 3:17) – Our aim is to emphasize the importance of the Word of God. A deep reverence for the word of God is fundamental to spiritual growth and maturity (Proverbs 1:7).
- To Be Supportive (1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14) – Our aim is to be a place of support and encouragement. The college years come with various temptations, and our goal is to provide an atmosphere that encourages and supports faithfulness.
- To Be Servants (John 13:12-17; Galatians 5:13) – Our aim is to learn to be servants like our Master. The way to greatness in the kingdom of God is through the avenue of service (Matthew 20:26).
- To Be Saved (Mark 16:16) – Our ultimate aim is salvation. We want our college students to know the Gospel and to obey the Gospel. We want to help them walk in the light that they may enjoy the blessings of salvation.





The Approach

Dinner & Devotionals – Host regular devotionals for our college students on Monday nights during the spring and fall semesters every year. Our members provide great meals, and our devotionals are an opportunity for education in the Scriptures. We want to encourage our students to invite their friends to join us!

Monthly Activities – Provide monthly activities to build friendships and relationships among the group. These have included JSU sporting events, Thursday movie nights, Monday night devo activities, game nights, JCCL concrete football, men’s and women’s Bible studies, and more.

Bible Classes – Provide regular instruction in the Scriptures in a group setting. We currently have a college Bible class that meets on both Sunday morning and Wednesday nights.

Service Projects – Conduct at least two service projects throughout the year. During February, we host a Valentine’s banquet for the PrimeTimers providing a meal and an activity. During the holiday season, we host a holiday party for the children.

Retreat – Provide a weekend retreat for relaxation, refreshment, and refocusing. Our retreats are generally a Friday evening through Sunday morning.

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Adopt-a-Student – Connect members and families of the congregation with students on an individual basis. Many of our members volunteer to be adoptive parents for our college students. Once a month a Sunday is set aside for these members and families to remember their college student. Student

Invitations – Provide a monthly opportunity for a male college student who is a member of the church to extend the Lord’s invitation on a Wednesday night. These opportunities allow for the congregation to become familiar with our students and for our students to develop their talents in the kingdom.

Summer Orientation – Set-up a booth and advertise the Jacksonville Christian Student Center and Jacksonville church of Christ to incoming freshmen at JSU. During the months of June and July, we have the opportunity to talk to incoming students about the church and to invite them to visit with us when they come to school. Some of our current students often help work our booth to meet and invite the new students.



The Appeal

Here is how every member can be involved in the college work:

- Pray - Remember our college students and our college program in your prayers regularly. Pray for their faithfulness. Pray for opportunities for more college students to hear the Gospel and obey it.
- Participate - Volunteer to provide a meal for our Monday night Dinner and Devotionals. Volunteer to be part of the Adopt-a-Student program. Meet the college students who attend regularly, get to know them, and encourage them to faithfulness in the Lord.
- Promote - Look for visitors who may be college students and introduce them to our current college students to help them feel welcome. If you have the opportunity, tell them about our college program and our interest in the spiritual well-being of college students. Invite them to our classes, worship services, and devotionals.



Age-Based Ministries: Rooted and REAL

The Rooted and REAL groups are our newest organized groups in the congregation. The goal with these groups is to see them get involved in activities that encourage fellowship and strengthen a common interest in spiritual service and study. We currently have members working on dates for times these groups can get together for fun and enjoyable fellowship.

In the future, we foresee these groups selecting ways--maybe specializing in one particular ministry--through which they can minister to needs of the members of the church, lend a hand to a good work or ministry, serve our community, or participate in methods of positive outreach to the community or world around us.

The Rooted name gets itself from Ephesians 3:17 and Colossians 2:7, which emphasizes being “rooted and grounded in love” and “rooted and built up in Him and “established in the faith.” This group of young unmarried and married professionals aim to grow deep-rooted faith that will last a lifetime. Throughout the year, they often meet for a class on Sunday mornings.

REAL is an acronym that stands incorporates the ideas of relationships, example, activity, and love. These traits are important to this group, which includes more established homes, often where a husband and wife are raising children. This group has men and women who are helping one another readjust their priorities, stay strong in their faith, and become the examples they need to be to others in the church.

Rooted

For Ages 22 to 35

The Rooted group is about establishing young homes deeply connected to the Savior. They're taking mustard seeds and relying on the group's conversation, connectedness, and charity to grow into a magnificent, flourishing faith.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Weekly Bible Studies
- Fun and Uplifting Events
- Serving Members and Neighbors

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REAL

RELATIONSHIPS • EXAMPLE • ACTIVITY • LOVE

For Ages 35 to 50

The REAL group's more established homes work to overcome life's busyness and give Christ the firstfruits. They know it's easy to give in to spiritual battles at home, at work, and in the world and instead build their homes on real, unshakeable faith.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Community Outreach
- Family-Oriented Events
- Group Studies

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Age-Based Ministries: PrimeTimers

Our PrimeTimers are some of the most dedicated Jacksonville members, attending our special classes, uplifting one another, helping with different ministries, and supporting other whole-church events. Below are this year's planned monthly PrimeTimers meetings.

PrimeTimers Monthly Meals and Fellowship Schedule 2026

January 8 - Dinner Menu: Soups and Chili & desserts
Serving Others: Gift Basket for Widows & Shut-Ins

February 12 - JCSC Sweetheart Banquet
Serving Others: Betty Tyler

March 12 - Dinner Menu: Chicken Wings. Prime Timers bring sides and desserts.
Invite a Friend: Each couple is asked to bring another couple or friend with them.

April 9 - Dinner Menu: Potluck.
Serving Others: Autumn Woods Assisted Living

May 14 - Dinner Menu: Italian Dishes and Desserts

Invite PrimeTimers who have not been attending. Also, elders to attend to show appreciation and converse

June 11 - Dinner Menu: Fried Catfish. PrimeTimers bring sides & desserts.

Saturday, June 20, 10 AM-Noon - Game Day Picnic Prime Timers. Hot Dogs, Chips and other Picnic Items will be provided. Invite others to come with you. Bring your games and enjoy the day.

July 9 - Dinner Menu: BBQ. PrimeTimers bring sides and desserts.
Invite a Friend: Each couple is asked to bring another couple or friend with them to the event.

August 13 - Dinner Menu: Potato Bar. PrimeTimers bring sides, salads, and desserts.
Serving Others: Gift Basket for Widows & Shut-Ins.

September 10 - Dinner Menu: Mexican Dishes and Desserts.
Serving Others: Special Bags of Goodies for the Filled Ministry.

October 8 - Dinner Menu: Chicken Wings. PrimeTimers bring sides and desserts.
Invite a Friend: The REAL group is invited to this event.

November 12 - Dinner Menu: Potluck.
Serving Others: Please bring a bag of fruit for preparing fruit baskets for our shut-ins.

December 10 - Dinner Menu: Ham and Turkey. PrimeTimers bring sides and desserts.
Christmast Party: Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift.

PRIME TIMERS

For Ages 50 and Up

In the prime of their lives, Prime Timers abound in faith, fellowship, and encouragement. They share life's best and toughest experiences together while never failing to let their lights shine throughout the work and members of the church.

INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES:

- Service Activities
- Spiritual Development
- Seasonal Gatherings

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Prison Ministry

In February 2009, the Jacksonville church of Christ sent eight Bible correspondence courses with postage-paid envelopes into an Alabama prison so that inmates could return the lessons for grading. We never anticipated that this ministry would grow to be one of the most exciting programs of the local church.

Our Prison Ministry differs from others because we start teaching them what God would have them do rather than counseling them about the reason they are in prison. When a question is answered incorrectly, we correct it, giving an explanation with Scripture for the correct answer.

At present we offer four different courses: John M. Hurt, and Allen Webster's three Bible Courses. We have been able to locate members of the churches of Christ in most of the prisons. We help them and they, in turn, teach other inmates while they are in prison. Being treated with respect as a human being is a powerful thing. Take time to remember these men and women in prayer. They have souls that need salvation.

Some facilities are very strict in allowing inmates to correspond with us. Due to this our numbers have dropped off but we still have about 100 inmates we are studying with.

We continue to be very thankful to Carrie Smith for grading all the courses that are sent in by the inmates. They also send in requests for other materials and many send "Thank You" letters to the church with their return courses.

"When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (Mark 2:17)





Filled Ministry

God cares for the hungry. Jesus had compassion on a hungry multitude, saying, “I do not want to send them away hungry” (Mt. 15:32). In one of the most humbling passages in Scripture, Matthew 25:34-46, Jesus teaches that if we care for others’ physical needs, it is like doing the same to Jesus Himself, but if we fail to care for others, it is likewise—the same as denying Jesus Himself.

The good that comes from our Filled ministry is in providing for those who lack one of life’s most basic needs.

The Jacksonville church began the Filled ministry as a means of finding the hungry and feeding them. There are no strings attached. We can’t require them to read the Bible. We can’t force them to follow Jesus. We don’t get to directly interact with them. But we have faith that God will see this work through, and we have reason to believe God is already doing so.

But we also know the psalmist says God fills the hungry soul. Our prayer is that through doing what God expects of us, He will work out His will in them. Filled stomachs can lead to filled hearts that look to find the God who gives us all good things (cf. Ja. 1:17). Public schools provide financially qualifying students free or reduced breakfast and lunch throughout the school week.

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Where the Filled ministry comes in is by providing food for students on weekends, when they are not in school. Pleasant Valley High School has been gracious in allowing us to do this work with them since September 2023. At first, we provided food to



approximately 20 students in grades 7-12, but that number has since grown. Each week, a group of women from the church pack specially prepared bags with food and a “Filled Insert,” which gives the students something biblically encouraging to read. Beyond the people who pack the bags, there are many others involved in this work: those who purchase the food, those who deliver it every Friday, and those who contribute financially to the work. Without volunteers for any of these roles, the Filled ministry couldn’t happen.

The work has been blessed by members who help fund this outside of the church’s regular contributions. This has allowed other financial commitments in the church to remain uninterrupted. We’re thankful this work has grown to reach more students, and we’re thankful for the relationship it is creating with teachers, counselors, and administrators at Pleasant Valley.



3rd Wednesday Family Meals and Birthday Cake Fellowships

First-century disciples ate together.

In many ways, this was simply natural. People who believed the same things, shared the same values, lived the same way, and worshiped the same God wanted to be together. When people spend time together, they naturally share meals. Eating together remains a visible expression of fellowship among God's people (cf. 1 Co. 5:11).

There is also something deeper at work.

Throughout Scripture, eating is connected to life and relationship. Jesus described Himself as the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:48, 51), and His followers are called to hunger and thirst for righteousness (Mt. 5:6). Shared meals provide a setting where spiritual relationships are strengthened through ordinary, physical moments spent together (cf. Lk. 16:11).

In 2025, the congregation began holding 3rd Wednesday Family Meals, gathering at 6:00 PM for a shared meal and a celebration of birthdays. These meals proved to be a meaningful and well-attended part of congregational life, giving members time to step away from busy schedules and enjoy unrushed fellowship.

Because of this success, the 3rd Wednesday Family Meal will continue in 2026 as an ongoing part of our congregational routine.

This gathering fits well with this year's theme, "Let's Talk: Keeping Christ in Every Conversation." Around the table, conversation flows naturally, relationships deepen, and Christ-centered interaction is encouraged in simple and meaningful ways.

These meals are for all members, as well as guests we invite. The work of preparing them will continue to be shared among different family groups of the congregation. See the list to the right to find where you are scheduled to help.

If you would like to be included, please check with Robert Whiten to see where you can be assigned.

January

Bruce & Gina Landry, George & Debbie Ammons, Carrie Smith, Pam Smith, Evan & Haley Somers, Edith Shanks

February

Blake & Gina Hamm, Tim & Mallory Turner, Pinuccia Witzberger, Jennifer Loos, JP & Catherine Gammon, Cil Smith

March

Robert & Juanita Whiten, Tony & Martha Garmon, Chris & Catie Hamilton, Perry & Ellen Bethea, Janette Fulmer, Jane Penton, Sharon Cochran

April

Brady & Corrie Drake, Jacob Brown, Savannah Hamm, Aaron & Lindsey Dodson, Cade & Amy Somers, Jeremy & Jessica Turner, Wyatt & Nichole Franklin

May

Paul & Mary Helen Studdard, Stephen & Shelby Slauson, Pat & Sue Reidy, Susan Goodwin, Kathy Machen, Luke & Meredith Simmons

June

Brent & Darla Cooper, Gene & Angie Horton, Allen & Kelley Dobbs, Jan Barrett, David King, Gail Cooper

July

Mike & Deborah Cole, Betty Tyler, Daniel & Leslie Beck, Sarah Burns, Mike & Carla Stallings, Bret & Hannah Sessions

August

Alan & Kelley Dees, Jeremy & Tonya Goss, Johnny & Cindy Vaughn, Patsy Pollard, Radford Prater, Judith Key

September

Bruce & Gina Landry, George & Debbie Ammons, Carrie Smith, Pam Smith, Evan & Haley Somers, Edith Shanks

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Blake & Gina Hamm, Tim & Mallory Turner, Pinuccia Witzberger, Jennifer Loos, JP & Catherine Gammon, Cil Smith

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Brady & Corrie Drake, Jacob Brown, Savannah Hamm, Aaron & Lindsey Dodson, Cade & Amy Somers, Jeremy & Jessica Turner, Wyatt & Nichole Franklin



Food Preparation Teams



Many of our ladies provide comfort by providing nourishing meals to those who are experiencing grief and loss. No one wants to go through these sorts of moments, but having spiritual family to bear one another's burdens (cf. Ga. 6:1-2; Ro. 12:15) can be an important part of offering hope and support for those who do. Currently, our Food Preparation Teams are organized into the following four teams:

Team One
Cindy Vaughn

Pam Smith
Janette Fulmer
Sue Reidy
Edith Shanks
Leslie Beck
Mallory Turner
Juanita Whiten
Debra Ammons
Sharon Cochran
Sarah Burns
Dot Ford

Team Two
Cil Smith

Savannah Brown
Darla Cooper
Hannah Sessions
Peggy Robinson
Gail Cooper
Judy Carr
Judith Key
Kelly Dobbs
Kelley Dees
Catherine Gammon

Team Three
Gina Hamm

Lindsey Dodson
Marcia Evers
Ellen Bethea
Patsy Pollard
Sara Casey
Angie Horton
Judy Mays
Catie Hamilton
Susan Goodwin
Jane Penton
Meredith Simmons

Team Four
Mary Helen Studdard

Amy Somers
Nichole Franklin
Carrie Smith
Pinuccia Witzberger
Gina Landry
Shelby Slauson
Tonya Goss
Martha Garmon
Kathy Machen
Betty Tyler
Corrie Drake
Haley Somers





Card Ministry



Our Card Ministry takes on different forms:

- **Compassion Cards:** encourages those of our number who are going through difficult times of sickness, disease, bereavement, or other causes of stress or sadness.
- **Outreach Cards:** compliments or joins others who are rejoicing over great news or something joyful.
- **In-couragement:** shows others we're thinking of them and are seeking to be a source of strength to them, by praying for them and offering any additional practical help we can provide them.

In every instance, however, this ministry is a door of opportunity to show the love of Jesus to others.

This ministry has been reworked recently, with the help of Ellen Bethea who produces our list on a weekly basis. We have adjusted the teams and team leaders for 2026, and we're asking all of our members to do their best to serve their role. Members are simply asked to complete the cards and turn them in before they leave Sunday night.

Currently, our Card Ministry teams are as follows:

Team One	Team Two	Team Three	Team Four
Daniel & Leslie Beck	Jeremy & Tonya Goss	Brady & Corrie Drake	Stephen & Shelby Slauson
Blake & Gina Hamm	Cade & Amy Somers	Aaron & Lindsey Dodson	Robert & Juanita Whiten
Brent & Darla Cooper	Robin Williams	George & Debra Ammons	Jan Barrett
Tim & Mallory Turner	Pam Smith	Wyatt & Nichole Franklin	Ray & Sara Casey
Allen & Kelley Dobbs	Perry & Ellen Bethea	Judy Carr	Dot Ford
Janette Fulmer	Paul & Mary Helen Studdard	Alan & Kelley Dees	Cil Smith
JP & Catherine Gammon	Mike & Deborah Cole	Marcia Evers	Chris & Catie Hamilton
Jacob Brown	Toni Adams	Susan Goodwin	Gene & Angie Horton
Savannah Hamm	Kathy Machen	Edith Shanks	Ethan Lambert
Jennifer Loos	David King	Betty Tyler	Pat & Sue Reidy
Gail Cooper	Tony & Martha Garmon	Judy Mays	Carrie Smith
Brett & Hannah Sessions	Judith Key	Radford Prater	Jeremy & Jessica Turner
Bruce & Gina Landry	Sarah Burns	Johnny & Cindy Vaughn	Kaitlyn Hamm
Ben Hirsh	Sharon Cochran	Evan & Haley Somers	Luke & Meredith Simmons
	Patsy Pollard	Billy & Peggy Robinson	
	Jane Penton		

CARD MINISTRY



- Welcome
- Compassion
- Encouragement
- Congratulations
- Thinking of You
- Invitations
- Introductions



The Philip Project

The desire to grow in evangelism and teaching remains a central part of the Jacksonville congregation's work. While some plans have naturally evolved, the commitment to equipping members to share the gospel and help others grow in Christ is unchanged.

One of the most significant developments in this area is The Philip Project, one of our newest ministries. This evangelism-oriented effort was created to help broaden the scope of Bible studies we are able to conduct, while also easing the load that often rests on a few people. By involving more members directly in teaching and follow-up, the congregation is better positioned to respond when opportunities arise.

The Philip Project is designed with several goals in mind.

First, it seeks to increase the number of people we are introducing to the gospel, whether through personal connections, community relationships, or follow-up studies.

Second, it aims to make use of the diverse talents, experiences, and strengths within the congregation, recognizing that effective teaching often depends on thoughtful pairing rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

Finally, the ministry emphasizes personalized Bible studies, intentionally matching team members with new disciples or study prospects.

In addition to its evangelistic focus, The Philip Project also provides a structured way to build knowledge and strengthen faith among those who are recently converted. Through continued study, encouragement, and relationship-building, the ministry helps new Christians establish a solid foundation and grow in confidence and understanding.

As this ministry continues to develop, we look forward to seeing how God uses the collective efforts of many members to open doors for teaching, encouragement, and spiritual growth.

Thanks to all of those who have been willing to take on this work!





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Daily Bible Reading

One of the best ways to grow in your daily spiritual walk is by reading the Bible on a daily basis.

In fact, searching the Scriptures daily is explicitly biblical (Ac. 17:11).

In October 2024, we reinitiated a congregational daily Bible reading program.

These daily Bible readings have so much potential for use: you can use them for natural reading time with a spouse, neighbor, or friend; Parents may use them as part of a daily devotional; You might listen to the verses on the way to work, replacing the less-valuable music or morning radio consumption you have each day; our preachers or teachers might use them for inspiration of sermon or class material.

For just a moment, though, think about the possibilities of using the daily Bible reading with friends or neighbors who are interested in learning more about the Bible. If you and your family are doing the readings, just imagine the possibility of giving the daily Bible reading page to the same friend(s) every month and engaging them with conversation about the Bible. What a great way to sow the seed little by little every day!

You'll notice that reading program is very balanced: every Sunday and Wednesday we'll read a psalm to lift our hearts in worship and mid-week refreshment; most weekdays we'll read a chapter from the New Testament, to fix our eyes on Jesus, and a chapter from the Old Testament, to increase our knowledge of God's great plan to save mankind; and each Saturday we'll read a chapter from Proverbs to grow in wisdom.

Jacksonville Church of Christ Daily Bible Reading January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Malachi 1 1 Corinthians 1	2 Malachi 2 1 Corinthians 2	3 Proverbs 30
4 Psalm 125	5 Malachi 3 1 Corinthians 3	6 Malachi 4 1 Corinthians 4	7 Psalm 126	8 Genesis 1 1 Corinthians 5	9 Genesis 2 1 Corinthians 6	10 Proverbs 31
11 Psalm 127	12 Genesis 3 1 Corinthians 7	13 Genesis 4 1 Corinthians 8	14 Psalm 128	15 Genesis 5 1 Corinthians 9	16 Genesis 6 1 Corinthians 10	17 Proverbs 1
18 Psalm 129	19 Genesis 7 1 Corinthians 11	20 Genesis 8 1 Corinthians 12	21 Psalm 130	22 Genesis 9 1 Corinthians 13	23 Genesis 10 1 Corinthians 14	24 Proverbs 2
25 Psalm 131	26 Genesis 11 1 Corinthians 15	27 Genesis 12 1 Corinthians 16	28 Psalm 132	29 Genesis 13 2 Corinthians 1	30 Genesis 14 2 Corinthians 2	31 Proverbs 3

To help you grow in understanding, devotion, and love for God, this daily Bible reading plan takes us on a journey through all sections of God's written revelation to mankind:

- Each Sunday and Wednesday we'll read a psalm (to lift our hearts in worship and provide mid-week refreshment)
- Most weekdays we'll read a chapter from the New Testament (to fix our eyes on Jesus, reminding ourselves of what it means to be his disciple) and a chapter from the Old Testament (to expand our knowledge of God's great plan to save mankind)
- Each Saturday we'll read a chapter from Proverbs (to grow in wisdom)





Teaching, Learning, & Devotion: All Ages

JYM Kids



- Sunday Bible Class (Immerse Curriculum)
- Wednesday Bible Class (Apologetics Press Curriculum)
- KidSing every Sunday night at 6:00
- Timothy and Tabitha Class (TnT, ages 0-5th grade) every summer (3 Tuesday classes + field trip)
- Area-wide youth and family devotionals
- Vacation Bible School (1st full week in June)
- Indian Creek Youth Camp (2nd full week in June)

Rooted



- A young professionals-age class on Sundays at 9:30 AM

JYM Teens



- Sunday Bible Class
- Wednesday Bible Class
- Monthly teen devotionals
- Area-wide youth and family devotionals
- CYC youth retreat
- Vacation Bible School (1st M-Th in June)
- Indian Creek Youth Camp (2nd M-F in June)
- Thursday Night Hangouts



"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." (Ps. 119:105)

All Members



- Sunday Bible Class
- Wednesday Bible Class

Women



- Ladies Breakfasts (3 scheduled in 2026)

Men



- Tuesday Men's Bible Class (taught by Aaron Dodson) every Tuesday
- Men's Breakfasts (3 scheduled in 2026)



Adult Bible Classes Plan

Our pulpit minister, Aaron Dodson, has planned the adult Bible classes for 2026. Check out the plan below, and read the summary to see how they'll fit within this year's theme, "Let's Talk: Christ in Every Conversation."

Sunday Class Plan

Quarter 1: Parables of Jesus

Themes: Kingdom, God's grace/love, discipleship and judgment

Quarter 2: Miracles of Jesus

Themes: Provision, healing, authority over nature, raising the dead

Quarter 3: Discourses of Jesus

Themes: Kingdom living, faith and prayer, discipleship and judgment

Quarter 4: Identity of Jesus: Jesus's self-revelation and authority

Wednesday Class Plan

Quarter 1: Genesis

Themes: Covenant and Wisdom, God's plan of redemption

Quarter 2: Exodus

Themes: Deliverance and faithfulness, God's power and guidance

Quarter 3: Joshua and Judges

Themes: Leadership and God's faithful servants, obedience, courage, and trust

Quarter 4: Isaiah and Psalms

Themes: Messianic foreshadowing and God's Kingdom, the identify of Christ

How Sundays Will Connect to the 2026 Theme

A quarter spent studying the parables, miracles, discourses, and identity of Jesus equips members to speak more clearly and confidently about Christ Himself. Jesus often taught through stories and conversations, addressing real questions, doubts, and needs. By understanding how Jesus communicated truth, demonstrated compassion, explained the kingdom, and revealed who He is, members are better prepared to talk about faith in ways that are thoughtful, relatable, and grounded in Scripture. This study strengthens our ability to speak about Jesus not only accurately, but meaningfully, in everyday conversations.

How Wednesdays Will Connect to the 2026 Theme

A quarter focused on Genesis, Exodus, Joshua and Judges, Isaiah, and Psalms provides the broader story and language that shape faithful conversation. These books reveal God's character, His promises, His expectations, and His ongoing relationship with His people. By gaining a stronger grasp of God's work from creation through covenant, prophecy, and worship, members are better equipped to answer questions, share perspective, and connect Christ to the larger story of Scripture. This foundation helps conversations about faith move beyond isolated verses to a deeper understanding of God's purposes.



Women's Breakfasts

This year, while there will be many opportunities for the women to fellowship and serve in All-In(vited)! and age-based ministry opportunities, the main primary women-focused fellowship will be in three womens' breakfasts.

Like the men's breakfasts, the purpose behind this form of fellowship is that it is informal and sensitive to women's busy schedules, while also serving as an outreach opportunity through which members can invite their neighbors, friends, and family.

These fellowships are not intended to like traditional worship services. Instead, at them, there will be prayer and a meal, and a Jacksonville-church-based speaker who will present on a faith-building topic from which everyone present may benefit.

We are asking all ladies of the congregation to participate in these breakfasts and devotionals. We encourage all to bring someone with them This is a great opportunity for visitors to learn more about the Lord's church.



Details about this year's Womens' Breakfasts are seen below.

Womens' Breakfast #1
Saturday, March 7, 2025
8:00 AM

Womens' Breakfast #2
Saturday, July 18, 2025
8:00 AM

Womens' Breakfast #3
Saturday, October 10, 2025
8:00 AM

Speaker: Lindsey Dodson

Speaker: Kelley Dees

Speaker: Savannah Brown

Cooks: Catie Hamilton, Darla Cooper, Janette Fulmer, Pinuccia Witzberger, Amy Somers

Cooks: Shelby Slauson, Corrie Drake, Susan Goodwin, Martha Garmon, Mallory Turner

Cooks: Gina Hamm, Tonya Goss, Patsy Pollard, Sue Reidy, Edith Shanks





Men's Breakfasts

Participation at our men's breakfasts really improved in 2026. We had numerous guests, improved participation from the men of our congregation, delicious food, and rewording studies of God's Word. This year, we hope to continue the success of this ministry and make it even better.

Two of our speakers this year are from the Jacksonville church. The other, Clay Blackwell, is familiar to us, as he attends the Oxford church and serves us in working alongside the shepherds with the church's finances.

We hope each of this year's lessons will spark useful congregation among the men of our congregation, and in all of our homes.



Men's Breakfast #1
Saturday, February 26, 2026
8:00 AM

Topic: Planning Your Financial Future

Speaker: Clay Blackwell

Cooks: Mike Cole, Robert Whiten, Bruce Landry, Ray Casey

Men's Breakfast #2
Saturday, June 27, 2026
8:00 AM

Speaker: Stephen Slauson

Cooks: Blake Hamm, Chris Hamilton, Bruce Landry, Alan Dees

Men's Breakfast #3
Saturday, September 20, 2025
8:00 AM

Speaker: Aaron Dodson

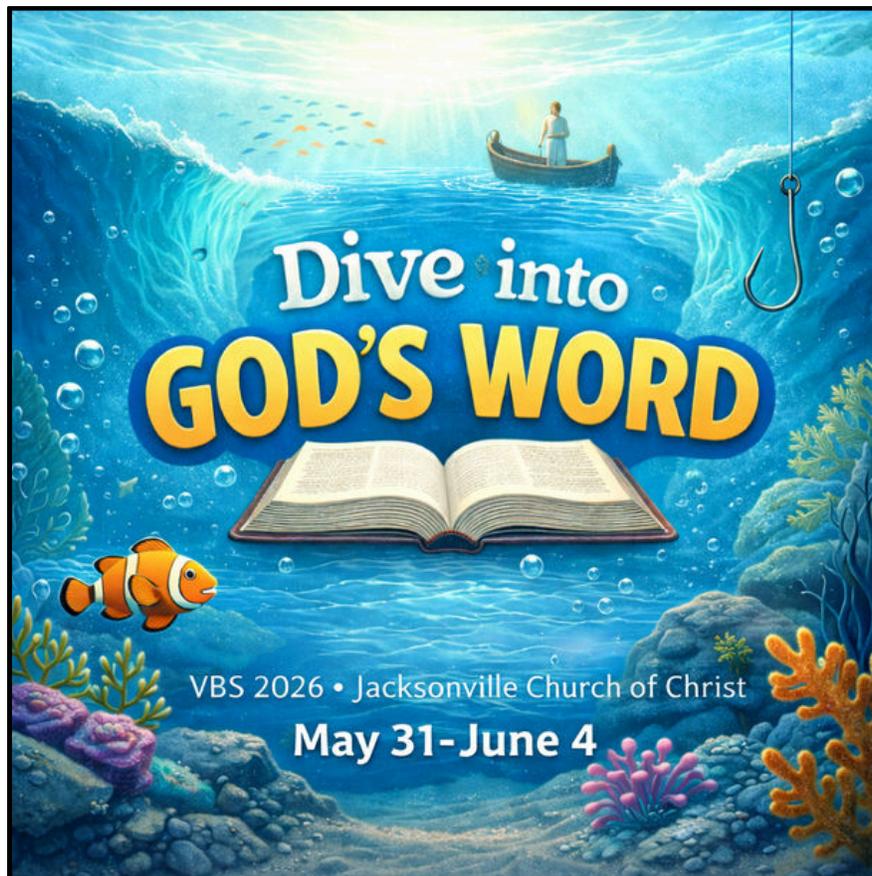
Cooks: Cade Somers, Brent Cooper, Jeremy Goss, Bruce Landry





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Vacation Bible School



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May 31-June 4

This year's VBS theme is going to be "Dive into God's Word" The teaching materials for this VBS are from Apologetics Press.

VBS is always a fun time to learn about the Bible with family and friends. We decorate and prepare activities for the kids that will make learning engaging and memorable. The adults also build their faith through a study of the theme's daily topics.

This year's lessons will be as follows:

Sunday - Dive for Direction: Jesus Calls the Fishermen (Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11)

Monday - Dive for Trust: Jesus and Peter Walk on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

Tuesday - Dive for Salvation: Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

Wednesday - Dive for Growth: Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

Thursday - Dive to Share: Fishers of Men (Matthew 4:19; Matthew 28:19-20)



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<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 PrimeTimers Meal 11 Theme Sunday (Shepherds & Ministers) 14 DIG Wednesday 21 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 18 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Deerfoot) 24 JYM Teens Activity (Bowling) 25 JYM Teens Basement Devo 28 Family Singing Night 30 All-In(vited)! Game Night 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 JCSC Six Flags Trip 8 DIG Wednesday 9 PrimeTimers Meal 10-12 JCSC Spring Retreat (ICYC) 10 Area-Wide Singing 11 All-In(vited)! Work Day 12 JYM Teens Activity & Basement Devo 15 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 15 Theme Wednesday (Aaron Dodson) 17 Friends and Neighbors Meal 19 JCSC & Shepherds Fellowship @ the Somerses' (after PM worship) 24 JCSC Final Banquet 26 ROAD Trip 26 VBS Planning Meeting (after PM worship) 28 JCSC Service Project (Donuts for finals) 29 Family Singing Night
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Elders and Deacons Meeting 1 DIG Awards (after PM worship) 5 REAL Group - Valentine's Dinner & Service Project 11 DIG Wednesday 12 PrimeTimers - JCSC Sweetheart Banquet 15 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Hoover) 18 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 20-22 Challenge Youth Conference (Youth/College) 22 Theme Sunday (Chris Presnell, Flint) 22 JYM Teens Devo (hosted) 25 Family Singing Night 28 Men's Breakfast (8 AM, Clay Blackwell) 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 VBS Work Session (8:00 AM) 2 REAL Group - Cook-out/Potluck & Service Project 3 Elders and Deacons Meeting 3 Graduation Banquet (after PM services) 14 PrimeTimers Meal 17 VBS Work Session (lunch + work time) 20 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 20 Theme Wednesday (Alan Dees) 23 JYM Teens Activity (kickball tournament) 24 JYM Teens Basement Devo 27 Family Singing Night 29 All-In(vited)! Game Night 30 VBS Work Session (8:00 AM) 31 Theme Sunday (Kip Green, Morris) 31 VBS begins
<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 JCSC Adopt-a-Family Night 7 Women's Breakfast (8 AM, Lindsey Dodson) 8 All-In(vited)! Sunday Picnic and Play 11 DIG Wednesday 12 PrimeTimers Meal 13 All-In(vited)! Game Night 14 JCSC Olympics 15 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Ashville Rd.) 18 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 22 Theme Sunday (Chris Gallagher, Gadsden) 22 JYM Teens Devo (hosted) 25 Family Singing Night 27 Fellowship w/Friends & Neighbors (Meal) 29 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service 29 Easter Egg Hunt (lunch+egg hunt+PM service) 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-4 VBS 5 JYM Teens Activity (hiking, Cloudland Canyon) 7-12 Indian Creek Youth Camp (Youth) 11 PrimeTimers Meal 16 JYM Teens Activity (Top Golf) 20 PrimeTimers Game Day Picnic (10 AM-Noon) 27 Men's Breakfast (8 AM, Stephen Slauson)



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<p>August 2 Elders and Deacons Meeting 2 Youth Area-Wide Devotional (Ft. Payne) 9 JYM Teens Activity (TBD) 12 DIG Wednesday 13 PrimeTimers Meal 15 JCSC Open House 16 JYM Teens Devo (hosted) 19 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 19 Theme Wednesday (Daniel Beck) 21 All-In(vited)! Game Night 26 Family Singing Night 30 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service</p>	<p>November 1 Elders and Deacons Meeting 1 Theme Sunday/Friends & Family Day (OPEN) 11 DIG Wednesday 12 PrimeTimers Meal 15 Birmingham Area-Wide (Confirm Location/Date) 18 3rd Wednesday Family Meal 18 Theme Wednesday (Brady Drake) 20 All-In(vited)! Game Night 22 JYM Teens Devo (hosted) 25 Family Singing Night 29 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service 30 JYM Kids Christmas Party (6:30-8:00 PM)</p>
<p>September 9 DIG Wednesday 10 PrimeTimers Meal 12 Sycamore Bible Bowl 16 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 16 Theme Wednesday (JP Gammon) 19 Men's Breakfast (8 AM, Aaron Dodson) 20 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Location TBA) 23 Family Singing Night 27 ROAD Trip 27 JYM Teens Basement Devo</p>	<p>December 5 REAL Group - Christmas Party (@ the Gosses') 6 Theme Sunday (Brint Rice, Wetumpka) 9 DIG Wednesday 10 PrimeTimers Meal and Christmas Party 13 JYM Teens Christmas Party 13 Birmingham Area-Wide (Confirm Location/Date) 16 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF 18 All-In(vited)! Christmas Caroling 30 Family Singing Night</p>