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



2025 Plan of Work



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With Appreciation

Ralph Harman made the difficult decision in 2024 to step down as one of the elders of the Jacksonville church.

For his 25 years of service faithfully overseeing and shepherding the flock, in December the church recognized him and his wife Frankie for their invaluable contributions to the work of the kingdom.

As a token of our love and appreciation for Ralph and Frankie, the elders provided Ralph a commemorative plaque and Frankie a beautiful bouquet.

They celebrated 68 years of marriage in 2024, and they continue to be amazing examples of Christ-like servants in the church. May God continue to bless Ralph and Frankie and their family, and may God continue to bless the Jacksonville church.

We dedicate this year's plan of work to this wonderful couple.

"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."
1 Th. 5:17





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Laying the Groundwork



We've heard the saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day." It's believed to have first been used in 1190 in medieval France, and was later translated into English in the 1500s. Great cities aren't made overnight. It takes years--generations, even--to build the world's greatest.

The church of Christ is quite literally the greatest organization on earth, because it's a heavenly one. Daniel's prophecy revealed its greatness--that it would be greater than the world's greatest kingdoms, and that it would break all others to pieces and be solely able to last throughout eternity (Da. 2:44).

The Jacksonville church seeks to be an extension of this kingdom God established.

From our standpoint, though, it didn't start with us, and it won't end with us. We're just one congregation trying with God's guidance to be the best church we can be.

2025 is likely to be a very important year for us--a year of new opportunities, increased zeal, greater understanding, stronger families, and more active faith. It's a year for which we are gearing for growth.

This plan of work includes a new yearly theme, descriptions of events that center around that theme, and a lot of information about ways that the shepherds would like to see everyone increase their involvement in the activities of the church.

Before the end of the next several months, we pray we will have secured a new pulpit minister. This goal, however, can only reach its fullest potential if all parts of the church take on having a mind to work. Just like it takes roads, railroads, sewers, water and septic services, a power grid, and dedicated parts of a city to live, work, and play a city to function efficiently and grow, a congregation needs strong, active members. A strong spiritual infrastructure means having people who know their purpose, and who understand the roles expected of them. Some teach, some preach, some plan, some execute, some encourage, some chasten, some reach out, some reach in, some help, some build, some cook, some house. A new preacher typically wants one thing above all else: an active group of Christians surrounding him, working alongside him, lifting up his arms while keeping theirs busy in ways they can serve the kingdom, too.

Consider this plan of work a plan for infrastructure. We need a strong church to help make our elders, our next preacher, and everyone else in this church be the most efficient minister he can be. Let's join hands together to do this in 2025 and bring greater glory to our heavenly Father.

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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
1	As a church and as individuals, to function and live as a people who have a purpose given to us from God	Shepherds more proactive in contributing to preaching and teaching plans
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	Shepherds meeting with members on a regular basis to discuss and plan ways to increase valuable involvement
3	For every member to feel valued and needed by including them in a ministry that best matches their talents or strengths	Meetings with members (see above)
4	For the shepherds to know the flock's needs and thereby strengthen relationships between them and the members	Meetings with members (see above)
5	To be a church filled with people who study the Bible regularly	Implemented a daily Bible reading program; 30% of members completed 100% in first quarter; 10% record at least 50%
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	Improved involvement in visitation teams; targeted class offerings and planned preaching and teaching

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Five-Year Goals

	Goals	Actions
7	To make our gatherings and public activities a welcoming environment for all	No specific actions have been implemented with this yet
8	To improve our collective and individual worship to God	No specific actions have been implemented with this yet
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	No specific actions have been implemented with this yet
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	Evaluating/improving outreach/compassion card program, visitation program
11	To prepare youth, college, and families to be lifelong servants of Christ	Continued efforts to involve youth and college in leading services; improved youth participation in church works; ROAD Trips
12	To develop our JCSC college program as a means of a greater outreach of love and evangelism	Hired Luke Simmons as campus minister; hosted a pickleball tournament; annual fall retreat

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Our 2025 Theme: "Homegrown"



"There's no place like home." What Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz said wasn't wrong. Home is important to us. It's a place of comfort. It's a place of nurturing and nourishment. It's a place of happiness. It's a place of fond memories.

But home doesn't just happen this way for everyone.

To build a strong home takes knowledge, guidance, planning, cooperation, and a lot of work.

Fortunately, if we work to have the kind of home God wants, we have the greatest Help anywhere to help us get it done.

Our 2025 theme is "Homegrown: Life Tastes Better When It Starts at Home." The shepherds at Jacksonville believe a year spent on this theme will accomplish some really great things at Jacksonville. The theme will allow us to focus on some things that will make us each stronger individually, in every one of our families, and together as a congregation.

If you've ever had a garden, you've probably noticed something. The vegatables and fruit that come from the work of your own hands tastes better than that which is grown by someone else's or bought at the grocery store.

There isn't anything necessarily different in the compositions of these foods; the difference lies in the value placed in the work put into the growth of the plants that produced these foods and the feeling of accomplishment related to the knowledge gained and lessons learned throughout the process.

Christians and congregations feel better when they put forth the work that goes into the growth God gives. The Christian life is more satisfying when we don't attempt to outsource everything, seen, for example, through sending money through an organization to care for the poor or needy, training other men and women to teach or preach the gospel and not those in one's own homes or congregations, or recruiting outside Christians to strengthen our number more than seeking souls to save and then serve with us.

Throughout the plan of work, we have incorporated tons of things among our age-groups that are intended to help us grow our homes and our home congregation from within. Whether it's personal study opportunities, family devo ideas, men's and women's fellowships, sermon and class series, or whole-church gatherings to develop family-like closeness, our plans prove that the Christians at Jacksonville are on a mission to taste the fruit of homegrown growth.

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Theme Days Introduction



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 conregations who will joining us in 2025 for days we'll call Theme Sundays, but we also recognize that "homegrown" talent is important, too, so we'll have several Jacksonville men who will be teaching on Theme 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 5 -- Blake Hamm, Robert Whiten, Luke Simons, and Cade Somers

February 23 -- Jimmy Holland, Fort Payne

March 23 -- Brendan Chance, Alexander City

June 1 -- Reagan Amos, Oxford

July 20 -- Mark Martin, Logan Martin

September 7 -- JCSC Homecoming, Special Guests

October 19 -- Drew Kizer, Ashville Road (Leeds)

December 7 -- Bob Swain, Oneonta

Theme Wednesdays

April 16 -- Alan Dees

May 21 -- Luke Simmons

August 20 -- Brady Drake

September 17 -- Alex Frost

November 19 -- JP Gammon

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Theme Days
Full Schedule

2025 Theme Days Schedule
Homegrown: Life Tastes Better When It Starts at Home

	Date	Lesson Title	Speaker
1	1/5/25 (S)	Introducing Our 2025 Theme – Homegrown: Life Tastes Better When It Starts at Home	Luke Simmons, Cade Somers
2	2/23/25 (S)	Homegrown Faith – Mustard Seeds and Moved Mountains: Steps You Can Take at Home to Grow Your Faith (Mt. 13:31-32; Mt. 21:21)	Jimmy Holland, Ft. Payne
3	3/23/25 (S)	Homegrown Hospitality – The Hospitality of Abraham and Sarah: A Recipe for Building Relationships (Ge. 18:1-15)	Brendan Chance, Alex City
4	4/16/25 (W)	Homegrown Service – Workers on Call: Local Members Ready to Serve (Ac. 6:1-7)	Alan Dees
5	5/21/25 (W)	Homegrown Education – The Disciple's Obligation to Lifelong Learning, and the Local Congregation's Potential Who Provides It (Ep. 4:11-16; 1 Co. 12:4-11)	Luke Simmons
6	6/1/25 (S)	Homegrown Protectiveness – Being Our Brother's Keeper and Our Sister's Encourager: Loyalty to Our Local Church Family (Ga. 6:1-2)	Reagan Amos, Oxford
7	7/20/25 (S)	Homegrown Parents – Parenting at Home: The Christian Home's Opportunity to Define Real Parenting (De. 6; Ep. 6:1-2)	Mark Martin, Logan Martin
8	8/20/25 (W)	Homegrown Children – Keep Chopping: Maneuvering Childhood Troubles with Obedience (cf. Lk. 2:51-52 – *See Robertson's Word Pictures on v51*; Ge. 37,39)	Brady Drake
9	9/7/25 (S)	Homegrown Leaders – Fat Shepherds and Starving Sheep: Becoming the Compassionate Elders, Teachers, Parents, and Christians We Should Be in Our Local Congregation (Eze. 34:1-24)	HOMECOMING GUEST
10	9/17/25 (W)	Homegrown Spiritual Fruit – Cultivating Spiritual Fruit: Given by God, Grown by Grace (2 Pe. 1:1-11)	Alex Frost
11	10/19/25 (S)	Homegrown Evangelism – The Church at Antioch: A Model for Focusing Internally to Carry Out the Church's Biggest Mission (Ac. 11:19-30)	Drew Kizer, Ashville Rd.
12	11/19/25 (W)	Homegrown Outreach – No Outsourcing Outreach: The Benefits of Home-Based Care for the Community (Ge. 41:25-36; cf. Ge. 42-47)	JP Gammon
13	12/7/25 (S)	Homegrown Future – Hometown Pride: How We Can Champion the Future of the Local Church by Valuing Our Local Talents (cf. 1 Sa. 16:1-13)	Bob Swain, Oneonta

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3rd Wednesday Family Meals and Birthday Cake Fellowships



First-century disciples ate together.

It seems a big part of this was 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 you're with people, you're going to do together what everyone has to do. Eating together is a way of demonstrating fellowship (cf. 1 Co. 5:11).

Another part of this, though, was because eating has a biblical connection to receiving life. Jesus said He Himself is the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:48,51). His disciples should be people who "hunger and thirst" for righteousness (Mt. 5:9). We can't understand these spiritual things if we don't spend time together grasping the fundament physical things He's used to illustrate them (cf. Lk. 16:11).

In 2025, we're going to begin having 3rd Wednesday Family Meals, in which we'll eat at 6:00 PM. We'll combine these with a celebration of our birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

This fits our "Homegrown" theme because of the purpose of growing our congregation's members and families closer together. Closer disciples means greater understanding and love toward one another, and this improved relationship will build our spiritual-work-mindedness. The meals are for all of our members, but the work in preparing them will be divided up and shared between different family groups.

See the schedule to the right to see where you fit in. If you would like to be included in the list, check with Robert Whiten to see what group you can be assigned to.

January 15
Brent & Darla Cooper, Gene & Angie Horton, Alan & Kelley Dobbs, Jan Barrett, David King

February 19
Mike & Deborah Cole, Ray & Sara Casey, Daniel & Leslie Beck, Sarah Burns, Judy Carr

March 19
Alan & Kelley Dees, Jeremy & Tonya Goss, Johnny & Cindy Vaughn, Patsy Pollard, Radford Prater

April 16
George & Debbie Ammons, Bruce & Gina Landry, Bobby & Lavonda Hardin, Carrie Smith, Pam Smith

May 21
Brady & Allyson Burns, Blake & Gina Hamm, Tim & Mallory Turner, Better Tyler, Pinuccia Witzberger

June 18
Perry & Ellen Bethea, Tony & Martha Garmon, Chris & Catie Hamilton, Robert & Juanita Whiten, Janette Fulmer

July 16
Ken & Natalie Hirsh, Brady & Corrie Drake, Brody & Rosa Grider, Jacob Brown, Savannah Hamm

August 20
Pat & Sue Reidy, Stephen & Shelby Slauson, Paul & Mary Helen Studdard, Susan Goodwin, Kathy Machen

September 17
Brett & Hannah Sessions, Cade & Amy Somers, Jeremy & Jessica Turner, Edith Shanks

October 15
Brent & Darla Cooper, Gene & Angie Horton, Alan & Kelley Dobbs, Jan Barrett, David King

November 19
Mike & Deborah Cole, Ray & Sara Casey, Daniel & Leslie Beck, Sarah Burns, Judy Carr

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All-In(vited)! Days

One of the ways we plan to incorporate the theme "Homegrown" in 2025 is to have more opportunities for every person in the church to spend more time with each other. Loving our worship time together is developed by loving all the other times we spend together. But we need time set aside to be together more often in order to do that. In 2025, we're calling these days "All-In(vited)! Days."

All-In(vited)! Days are not just for the youth group or the PrimeTimers. They are open to everyone who can participate in them: men and women, young and old, single and married, and even members and neighbors. These All-In(vited)! Days will also be neighbor-friendly days that can introduce our friends and neighbors, who may not know Christ yet, to be able to see the joy of fellowship through Christ in the church.

The Homegrown church in Jerusalem started with a mixture of people from a variety of places, but Acts 2 reveals that they were willing to grow closer to one another, spend countless hours with one another, sacrifice for one another, and sing, pray, study, and commune with one another. This year's All-In(vited) Days are listed to the right. Mark your calendars and plan to come. Begin thinking about who you can bring with you!





All-In(vited)! Days

All-in(vited)! Days are for ALL who would like to come. The more members we have attend, the more opportunity for homegrown growth. They also are a way for us to each be working at being ALL IN when it comes to serving God and loving the family of God.

January 31 -- All-In(vited)! Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

February 22 -- All-In(vited)! Pickball Tournament (location TBA)

March 29 -- Birmingham Bulls Ice Hockey

April 18 -- All-In(vited)! Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

April 19 -- All-In(vited)! JCSC Olympics

June 14 -- All-In(vited)! Kayaking (Terrapin Creek)

August 22 -- All-In(vited!) Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

October 5 -- All-In(vited)! Picnic and Play (Germania Springs Park)

October 31 -- All-In(vited)! Trunk 'r Treat

December 19 -- All-In(vited)! Christmas Caroling

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Friends and Neighbors Meals



For several years, the Jacksonville congregation hosted community meals to which we invited friends, family, and neighbors from the community.

We're considering this part of our "Homegrown" theme-focused content for 2025 because it does get back to something that we have felt was a big part of our congregational identity in the past.

We believe that the more we are communicating with our friends and neighbors about the Bible, God's immense care and goodness, Jesus's sacrifice and love, and the work and life of the local church, the more primed they will be to receive the gospel.

But it starts with us having Christ, His church, and them on our minds.

We have selected three Fridays during the year we believe will be most convenient for people to come. And, as always, we believe the meals we have planned will be absolutely delicious.

The current plans for the three planned meals in 2025 are as follows. Make plans to come, and be thinking about who you will be wanting to invite. As we near the dates, we may give additional information about how we want to capitalize on these opportunities.

Friends and Family Meal #1
Fellowship with
Friends & Neighbors

Friday, March 21, 2025

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

Friends and Family Meal #2
Summer Celebration with
Friends

Friday, July 18, 2025

Menu
Catfish
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Hush Puppies
Bread Pudding

Friends and Family Meal #3
Annual Big Shrimp Boil

Friday, October 17, 2025

Menu
Hot & Cold Boiled Shrimp
Hush Puppies
Polish Sausage
Alligator Sausage
Corn on the Cob
Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Cream Cakes

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JCSC Homecoming

A JCSC event in 2025 is another major part of our “Homegrown” theme. For years, the Jacksonville Christian Student Center has played a vital role in the development and strength of the Jacksonville church. When Christian students come to Jacksonville State University for school, the church is often as much a role in the students’ lives as they are to the church.

JCSC
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Monday devotionals give them physical and spiritual nourishment. Group activities and Bible studies throughout the year bolster their faith and give them a confident trust in the fun friend group that surrounds them around every turn.

But we don’t get the chance to often see many of our college students beyond a four-year period; many of them move out of town, returning back to their hometowns or finding new hometowns for work, finding mates, and serving the Lord.

On September 6-7, 2025, we look forward to seeing many of our former students return to us in a weekend dedicated to them: we’re hosting a JCSC Homecoming.

There will be a lot of work and planning to make this event the best it can be. One of the biggest roles our members can play is reaching out to all the JSU students they’ve known who have worshipped with us at Jacksonville or who have participated in the JCSC program .

While the schedule is not finalized at the time of this publication, we are excited to have previous campus ministers and students participate as speakers and worship leaders during the event.

We’ve done our best to schedule the Homecoming at a time that doesn’t conflict with any other major brotherhood events, or holidays while still keeping it near the beginning of the school year so that the event is also a memorable experience in which our current JCSC students can participate.



September 6-7, 2025

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Last Wednesday Family Singing Nights

Our college students mean a great deal to this congregation.



Several of them came to us in 2024, requesting that we add into our calendar opportunities to grow our love and capacity for singing praise to God.

So we have decided to make the last Wednesday of almost every month a singing night. The only months we won't sing on the last Wednesday will be June and July, months when our number of college students is significantly reduced.

We're calling these "Family Singing Nights" to remind ourselves of our "Homegrown" theme. We are a spiritual family; we cry together, we rejoice together. These singing nights will give us all kinds of opportunities: it will allow us to sing more praises to God than we did in 2024; it will give us opportunities to practice unknown or lesser-known songs as a congregation; it will give more of our men opportunities to lead singing, even those who haven't led many songs before. And it will give some of our members who don't lead singing an opportunity to make song requests for us to sing or learn to sing together.

Lifted spirits to a loving God. Our Last Wednesday Family Singing Nights in 2025 are sure to be an incredible blessing to all of us, and they'll surely help us in our goal of focusing on putting more sincere effort in being "Homegrown" in all the ways we should.





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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.

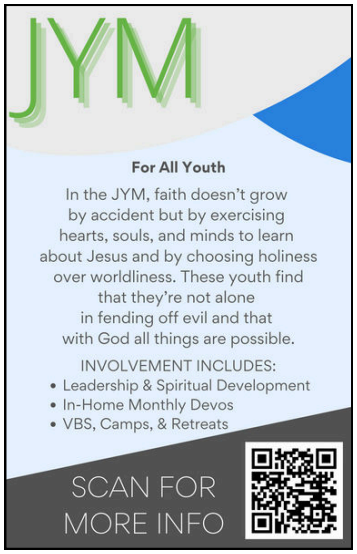
In 2023, we decided to give a name to all of our groups so that there is consistency in coordinating and announcing events for different groups. These groups are JYM Kids and JYM Teens, JCSC (college-age), Rooted (ages 22-35), REAL (ages 35-50), and PrimeTimers (ages 50+).

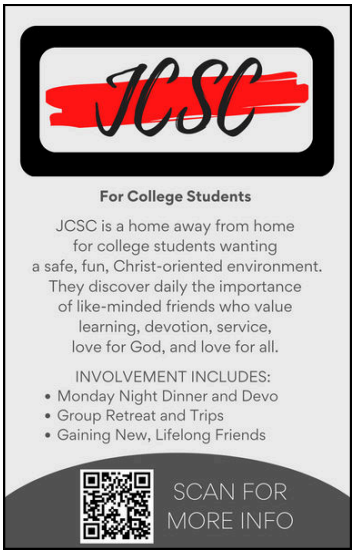
The purpose of these groups is to facilitate opportunities for fellowship, support, involvement, and spiritual activity among members of the congregation. They are not intended to be a means of dividing us; instead, they should be a means of bringing us closer together.

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.

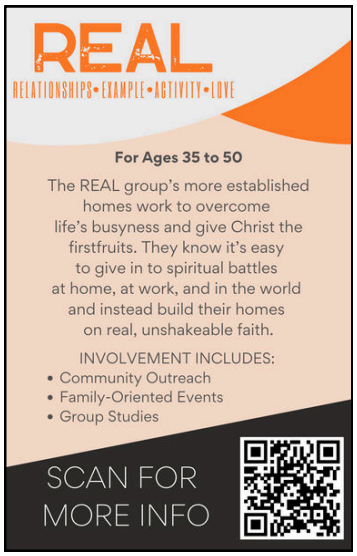
Finally, groups may occasionally decide to combine activities together for the sake of numbers of interest in increased circle of people with whom to enjoy fellowship.

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.











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Age-Based Ministries: JYM

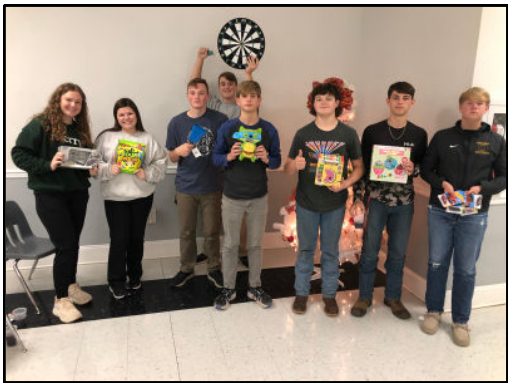
Jacksonville Youth Ministry is all about learning to love and serve Jesus and His church. The reason behind calling it "JYM" is to remind ourselves often of the fact that physical exercise is good but spiritual exercise is better: "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for 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-12ths 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 and Family Devos (2nd Sundays, 8 times/year)
- 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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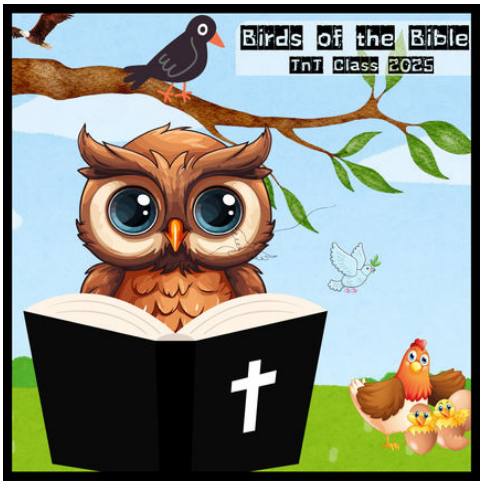
2025 JYM Themes

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 Youth Group Theme:
R.U.N.?

Will focus on books of Jude, Ephesians, Hebrews, & James throughout the year



JYM Kids TnT Class Theme:
Birds of the Bible

Will learn about different birds of the Bible and how God uses them to teach us, and will feature a related class field trip



JYM Teens Thursday Night Hangout Theme: Riches

Will study reasons why we can appreciate all the blessings of being a child of God



VBS Theme:
Fearless: Deeds of the Defenders

Will explore powerful ways people of God have defended the gospel in times past

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JYM Calendar

January 8 – DIG Wednesday 19 – B'ham Area-Wide (Ashville Road) 25 – JYM Teens (Bowling) 26 – DIG Awards 2024 (after PM worship) 31 – All-In(vited) Game Night	**July** 8 – Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class 10 – Thursday Teen Hangout 13 – Youth Area-Wide Devotional (Ft. Payne) 15 – Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class 17 – Thursday Teen Hangout 19 – All-In(vited) Golf Trip 20 – Timothy 'n' Tabitha Clas Field Trip (Details TBA) 24 – Thursday Teen Hangout 29 – JYM Teens Activity (Top Golf)
February 9 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Ironaton) 12 – DIG Wednesday 14-17 – The Challenge 22 – All-In(vited) Pickleball Tournament 23 – JYM Teens Devo	**August** 10 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Ironaton) 13 – DIG Wednesday 17 – JYM Teens Devo 22 – All-In(vited) Game Night 24 – ROAD Trip (Liberty)
March 8 – Reach Youth and College Conference 9 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Jacksonville) 12 – DIG Wednesday 16 – B'ham Area-Wide (Hoover) 23 – JYM Teens Devo 30 – 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early Service	**September** 10 – DIG Wednesday 14 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Jacksonville) 21 – B'ham Area-Wide (Location TBA) 26-28 – Deep Youth Experience (Ashville Rd.) 28 – JYM Teens Devo (pending decision to attend Deep)
April 6 – ROAD Trip (Talladega) 8 – DIG Wednesday 13 – Easter Egg Hunt 13 – Youth & Family Area-Wide (Logan Martin) 18 – All-In(vited) Game Night 19 – All-In(vited) JCSC Olympics 27 – JYM Teens Activity (Combat Park, paintball)	**October** 5 – All-In(vited) Sunday Picnic and Play 8 – DIG Wednesday 12 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Logan Martin) 26 – JYM Teens Devo 31 – Church Trunk 'r' Treat
May 4 – Graduation Banquet 18 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Sylacauga)	**November** 9 – Youth and Family Area-Wide (Sylacauga) 12 – DIG Wednesday 23 – JYM Teens Devo
June 1-5 – VBS 8-12 – Indian Creek Youth Camp (Youth) 14 – All-In(vited) Kayaking (Terrapin Creek) 17 – Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class 29 – 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early Service	**December** 1 – JYM Kids Christmas Party 10 – DIG Wednesday 14 – JYM Teens Christmas Party 19 – All-In(vited) Christmas Caroling

**See the Whole-Church Calendar for additional activities, such as 3rd Wednesday Family Meals, Friends and Neighbors Meals, and Men's Breakfasts that you are also encouraged to participate in.*

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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)



DEVOTED IN 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.

JACKSONVILLE CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTER

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.

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Age-Based Ministries: Rooted and REAL

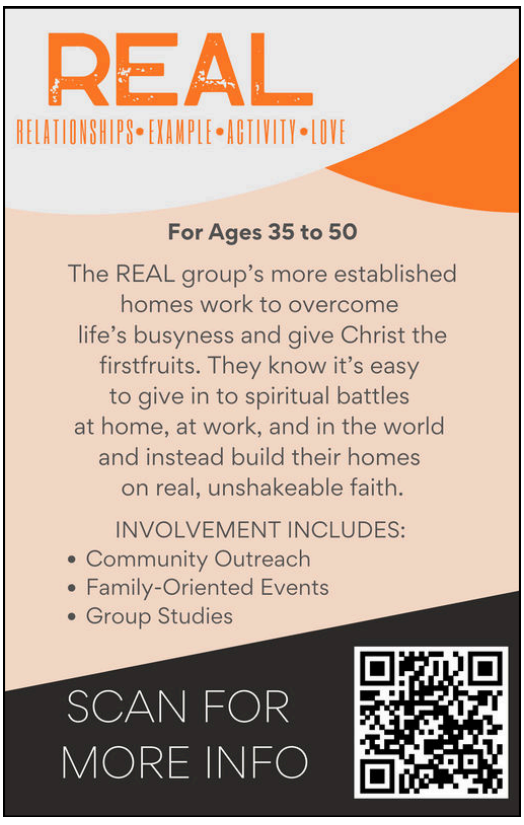
The Rooted and REAL groups are our newest organized groups in the congregation. The goal with these groups is to see them get involved in activities that encourage fellowship and strengthen a common interest in spiritual service and study. We currently have members working on dates for times these groups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





Age-Based Ministries: PrimeTimers

PrimeTimers is one of Jacksonville's greatest strengths. We value the disciples among us who have been serving the Lord for years and have had a lasting commitment to working in the kingdom.

Our PrimeTimers meet each month for a meal (see this year's plan below) and also have other events they do each year. They are also some of the most dedicated members attending our special classes and prayer meetings, helping with our ministries, and supporting other whole-church events.



PrimeTimers Monthly Meals and Fellowship Schedule 2025

January 9 -- Dinner Menu Soups and Chili and desserts

February 13 -- JCSC Sweetheart Banquet

March 13 -- Dinner Menu Chicken Wings. PrimeTimers bring sides and desserts. Invite a friend: Each couple is asked to bring another couple or friend with them to the event.

April 11 -- Dinner Menu Potluck

May 8 -- Saturday Shopping with the PrimeTimers: Grand River Birmingham

May 10 -- Dinner Menu Italian Dishes and desserts

June 12 -- Dinner Menu Finger Foods and desserts

July 11 -- 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 14 -- Dinner Menu Potato Bar. PrimeTimers bring sides, salad, and desserts.

September 12 -- Dinner Menu Mexican Dishes and desserts

October 9 -- Dinner Menu Shrimp Boil. All food will be provided. Each person is ask to pay $5.00 toward the cost of dinner.

November 13 -- Dinner Menu Potluck

December 11 -- Dinner Menu Ham and Turkey. PrimeTimers bring sides and desserts. Christmas Party: Please bring a $5-10 wrapped gift.

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Ministry Mingle and Ministry Fair



There are two events in 2025 that are linked directly to one another, and the intent is for the whole church to be more involved with deciding areas we can serve and minister. Both events will take place near the beginning of the year so that we can plan accordingly to get everyone more involved.

The first event, which will take place on Sunday, February 2, is the Ministry Mingle. This will involve everyone bringing chili or soup for lunch and participating in an organized congregational effort of brainstorming ministry ideas that the elders, deacons, and members can consider for whole-church or age-based-ministry involvement.

The second event, the Ministry Fair, which will take place on Sunday, March 30, will be a follow-up to the Ministry Mingle. The Ministry Fair will allow everyone to see the service opportunities available in the Jacksonville church and give them an opportunity to commit to at least one way to serve in the local church.



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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)



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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.

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North Alabama Christian Children's Home (NACCH)

NACCH was established in 1973 and has served over 350 children and teens. It is a licensed basic residential and foster care facility, providing "24-7" care to children, ages 6–20. It sits on a 10-acre campus with 5 residential homes and an administrative office. NACCH is governed by a dedicated Board of Directors from area congregations who volunteer their time and energy, and it is managed by a team of qualified Christian professionals made up of house parents, a social worker, a maintenance man, two secretaries, and a full-time executive director. 6. The children of NACCH attend local public schools while worshipping on a regular basis with their house parents in area churches of Christ. The home works with educators, doctors, and counselors to provide for the overall physical, mental, and emotional care for each child in the home. Jesus made time for the children (Mark 10).



The Jacksonville church has been supporting NACCH for several years. We usually host the director of the home for one of our services, and he gives a report of the work being done and describes to us the progress being made with the program and the children.

On a Sunday every year before Thanksgiving, we take our entire contribution and donate it to NACCH. Many of our members will do their best to give even more than their regular contribution to support this work. Beyond this annual gift, the church also gives to the work. This year, the church will be giving $500 each month to support this good work.

In the past, the church has also participated in a coin drive that involves taking an NACCH coin can home or to the workplace and filling the can to donate funds to the home. We have also had members give gifts or collect amounts of money to donate for the children as Christmas gifts.

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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	Team Two	Team Three	Team Three
Cindy Vaughn	Natalie Hirsh	Gina Hamm	Mary Helen Studdard
Pam Smith	Jennifer Loos	Lavonda Hardin	Amy Somers
Janette Fulmer	Jan Barrett	Allyson Burns	Rosa Grider
Sue Reidy	Darla Cooper	Ellen Bethea	Carrie Smith
Edith Shanks	Hannah Sessions	Patsy Pollard	Pinnuchia Witzberger
Leslie Beck	Carla Stallings	Sara Casey	Gina Landry
Mallory Turner	Gail Cooper	Angie Horton	Shelby Slauson
Juanita Whiten	Judy Carr	Judy Mays	Tonya Goss
Debra Ammons	Judith Key	Catie Hamilton	Martha Garmin
Sharon Cochran	Kelly Dobbs	Susan Goodwin	Kathin Machen
Sarah Burns	Kelley Deees	Marcia Evers	Betty Tyler



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Visitation Program



Our Visitation Program is intended to accomplish multiple things that all fall under the realm of loving the brotherhood (cf. 1 Pe. 2:17; 1 Th. 3:12) and letting all things be done unto edification (cf. Ro. 14:19; 1 Th. 5:11). For this reason our visitation program itself is voluntary--it consists of members who have requested to be part of the program. The people who are on the teams below wanted to have some guidance and encouragement to participate in visiting specific people assigned to them, or chosen as an assignment.

We do not seek to leave anyone out of the visitation program. For this reason, we invite all members to be visited at one time or another, but we do especially seek to visit, show hospitality (i.e., by welcoming into our homes), or take out for an activity (e.g., to eat a meal, go somewhere for recreation) widows and widowers (1 Ti. 5:3), the sick and shut-in (cf. Mt. 25:34-40; Ja. 5:14-15), the poor (cf. Job 31:16; the bereaving, and the fatherless (cf. Ja. 1:27).

Our Visitation Teams are encouraged to meet monthly in order to be given new assignments and reflect on previous ones. This reflection often results in opportunities to pray for or serve others.

Our current Visitation Teams are as follows:

Team One	Team Two	Team Three	Team Three
Bruce & Gina Landry	Cade & Amy Somers	Brady and Allyson Burns	Alan and Kelley Dees
Daniel & Leslie Beck	Brett & Hannah	Robert & Juanita Whiten	Brent & Darla Cooper
Mike Cole	Sessions	Johnny & Cindy Vaughn	Edith Shanks
Blake & Gina Hamm	Tony & Martha	Perry & Ellen Bethea	Betty Tyler
Ken & Natalie Hirsh	Garmon	Bobby & Lovonda Hardin	Sara Parfait
Radford Prater	Sarah Burns	Patsy Pollard	Sharon Cochran
Luke Simmons	David Webster	Paul & Mary Helen	Chris & Catie Hamilton
Tim & Mallory Turner	Jacob Brown	Studdard	Pam Smith
	Savannah Hamm	Pinuccia Witzberger	Jeremy & Tonya Gross



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Compassion Card Teams



Our Compassion Card program is intended to encourage those of our number who are going through difficult times of sickness, disease, bereavement, or other causes of stress or sadness.

It's also intended as a form of outreach--an opportunity for us to collectively show 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 this way, this program is a door of opportunity to show the love of Jesus and to begin correspondence with others who could one day have an interest in learning the gospel.

These teams meet regularly, typically once per month before or after services on a Sunday evening. Members work together to submit names of people to be praying for or to be reaching out to, and those completing cards, as a team, send multiple cards to them. Typically, we keep peopel on the list for multiple weeks, which allows numerous people in the congregation to demonstrate compassion and care to them.

Currently, our Compassion Card teams are as follows:

Team One
Blake & Gina Hamm
Brent & Darla Cooper
Gail Cooper
Allen & Kelley Dobbs
Janette Fulmer
Cheryl Hall
Daniel & Leslie Beck
Glen & Judith Key
Bruce & Gina Landry
Jennifer Loos
Patsy Pollard
Brett & Hannah Sessions
Pam Smith
Paul & Mary Helen Studdard
Tim & Mallory Turner
Jacob Brown
Savannah Hamm

Team Two
Cade & Amy Somers
Nick Bethea
Perry & Ellen Bethea
Brady & Allyson Burns
Mike & Deborah Cole
Tony & Martha Garman
Jeremy & Tonya Goss
Robby & Lavonda Hardin
Wendall & Betty Jackson
David King
Kathy Machen
Toni Adams
Karen Tygart
Robin Williams
Stephen & Shelby Slauson
Sarah Burns
Sharon Cochran

Team Three
Aaron & Lindsey Dodson
George & Debra Ammons
Lucille Burks
Judy Carr
Alan & Kelley Dees
Marcia Evers
Susan Goodwin
Ralph & Frankie Harman
Ken & Natalie Hirsh
Judy Mays
Radford Prater
Edith Shanks
Mike & Carla Stallings
Blake & Corrie Drake

Team Four
Robert & Juanita Whiten
Jan Barrett
Ray & Sara Casey
Glennis & Dot Ford
Brody & Rosa Grider
Chris & Catie Hamilton
Gene & Angie Horton
Ethan Lambert
Pat & Sue Reidy
Carrie Smith
Jeremy & Jessica Turner
Betty Tyler
Steve Hillman
Johnny & Cindy Vaughn



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Local Publication: "Living By Faith"

In September 2023 the Jacksonville church began a mailed publication titled, "Living By Faith." This publication has reached thousands of homes in the area, with approximately 10,000 mailed in each mailing.

We plan to continue this publication in the future but are currently in the process of evaluating the purpose and vision of the paper.

In the short time we have published the paper, we've received positive feedback from some of our neighbors in the community. Our goal is to use this paper as one of many ways we want to spread the gospel and reach the lost in the community.





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Evangelism and Bible Study



We are working toward improving the our collective ability to spread the gospel to the people around us. This will include continued training and encouragement to our members that will improve their confidence in sparking conversations with neighbors, coworkers, strangers, and friends.

Already, we have ample study materials available that can help aid a personal Bible study. Our church library has courses that can be used for one-on-one or group studies. We have also recently purchased useful Bible reference cards and other resources that are on the evangelism table in the lobby.

Additionally, we plan to convert part of the shared 5th/6th grade classroom space in the large classroom at the end of the education wing for an evangelism room. This room will be used for Bible studies or for a place to find useful resources.

Also in 2025, we will be working to create a group of men and women, led by the elders and our new pulpit minister, who could all be called upon to have Bible studies with others, based on availability and characteristics (e.g., age, gender, marital status, religious background, profession, etc.) of the interested Bible student.



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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.

Jacksonville Church of Christ Daily Bible Reading

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Psalm 17	2 Isaiah 33 Galatians 1	3 Isaiah 34 Galatians 2	4 Psalm 18	5 Isaiah 35 Galatians 3	6 Isaiah 36 Galatians 4	7 Proverbs 9
8 Psalm 19	9 Isaiah 37 Galatians 5	10 Isaiah 38 Galatians 6	11 Psalm 20	12 Isaiah 39 Ephesians 1	13 Isaiah 40 Ephesians 2	14 Proverbs 10
15 Psalm 21	16 Isaiah 41 Ephesians 3	17 Isaiah 42 Ephesians 4	18 Psalm 22	19 Isaiah 43 Ephesians 5	20 Isaiah 44 Ephesians 6	21 Proverbs 11
22 Psalm 23	23 Isaiah 45 Philippians 1	24 Isaiah 46 Philippians 2	25 Psalm 24	26 Isaiah 47 Philippians 3	27 Isaiah 48 Philippians 4	28 Proverbs 12
29 Psalm 25	30 Isaiah 47 Colossians 1	31 Isaiah 48 Colossians 2				

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)

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.

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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)

JYM Teens



- Sunday Bible Class
- Wednesday Bible Class
- Monthly teen devotionals
- Area-wide youth and family devotionals
- The Challenge youth retreat
- Vacation Bible School (1st full week in June)
- Indian Creek Youth Camp (2nd full week in June)
- Thursday Night Hangouts

All Members



- Sunday Bible Class
- Wednesday Bible Class

Men



- Tuesday Men's Bible Class (taught by Gene Horton) every Tuesday
- Men's Breakfasts (3 scheduled in 2025)

Women



- Ladies Prayer Group on the 1st Sunday of each month (5:45)
- Ladies Bible Study (taught by Kelley Dees) on the 3rd Thursday of each month (6-7 PM)

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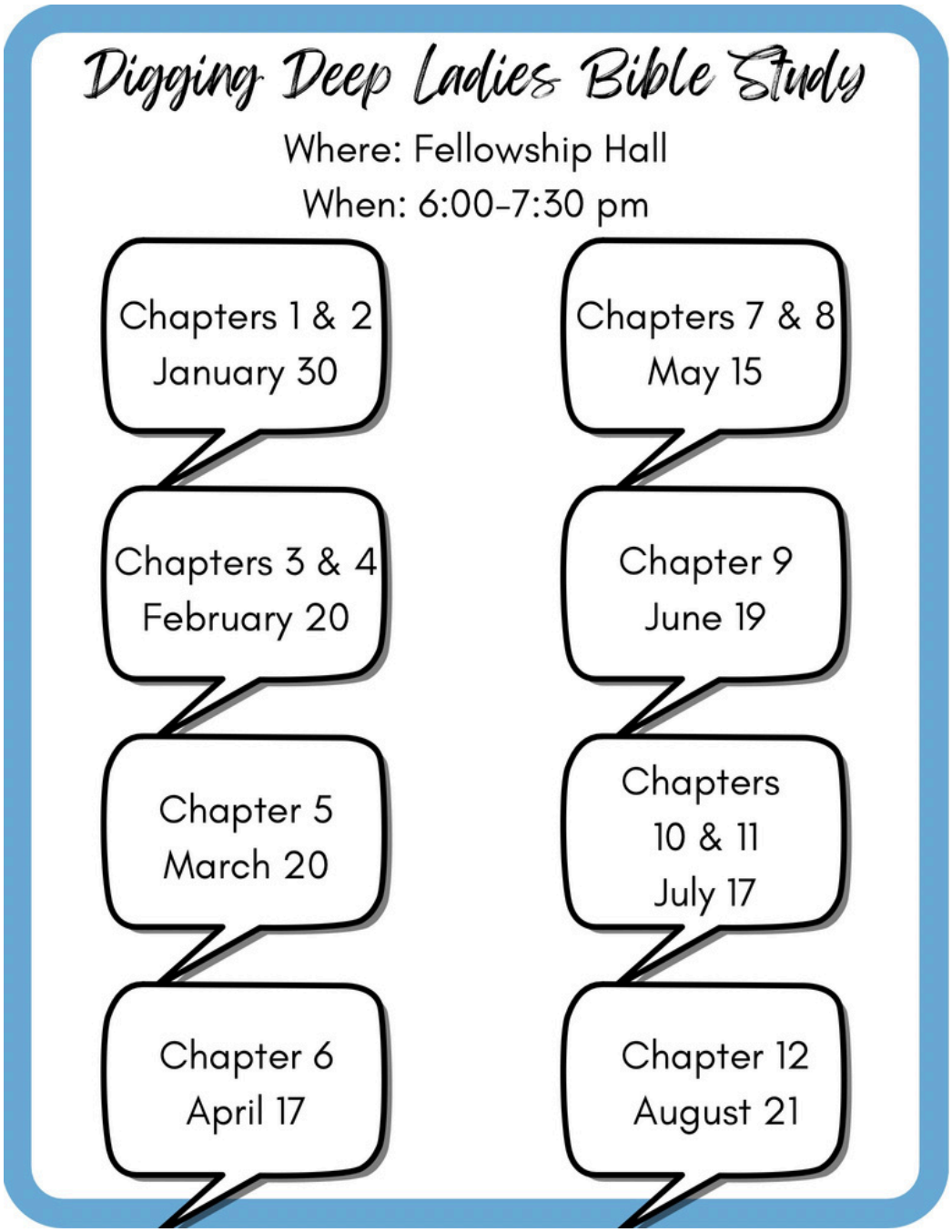
Ladies Bible Class

Kelley Dees teaches the Digging Deep Ladies Bible Study during several months throughout the year. Below is the schedule they'll follow this year. If you need materials for this class, see Kelley. The class typically meets on third Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.



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Men's Breakfasts



Over the last few years we have found our Saturday men's breakfasts as a great opportunity for fellowship and learning. In 2025, we're going to keep these going, but our aim will be to increase participation among our men and to be much more intentional in inviting our friends and neighbors to join us. We're planning a welcoming atmosphere that will include prayer, conversation, eating, and a thought-provoking lesson on biblical manhood.

Each of our speakers for these breakfasts are "Homegrown" speakers--they're people from the Jacksonville congregation.

The subjects our speakers will be speaking on at these breakfasts will be applicable for men who are generally interested in how God's word relates to men, and how they can better fulfill the role and talents God has given them.

Men's Breakfast #1
Saturday, February 22, 2025

Topic: "Jesus as a Man"
Speaker: Cade Somers

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

Men's Breakfast #2
Saturday, June 21, 2025

Topic: "Jesus's Male Friends: Men Caring for Men"
Speaker: Stephen Slauson

Cooks: Blake Hamm, Chris Hamilton, Bobby Hardin, Alan Dees

Men's Breakfast #3
Saturday, September 20, 2025

Topic: "Jesus's Concern for Morality Among Men"
Speaker: Brady Burns

Cooks: Cade Somers, Brent Cooper, Jeremy Goss, Jeremy Turner



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More Special Events



The Challenge College and Youth Retreat
February 14-17



Reach College and Youth Day
March 8

FEARLESS
DEEDS OF THE DEFENDERS

Vacation Bible School
June 1-5

JCSC
JACKSONVILLE CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTER

JCSC Open House
August 16



Fall Festival & Community Trunk ‘r’ Treat
October 31

JACKSONVILLE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Vacation Bible School



June 1-5, 2025

This year's VBS theme is going to be "Fearless: Deeds of the Defenders." 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: Luke's Scripture
Monday: Peter's Sermon
Tuesday: Stephen's Speech
Wednesday: Aquila and Priscilla's Service
Thursday: Paul's System

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2025 Whole-Church Calendar (January-June)

January
5 Theme Sunday 1 (Elders, Cade, Luke)
5 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
8 DIG Wednesday
9 PrimeTimers Meal
15 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
16 Ladies Bible Study
19 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Ashville Rd.)
25 JYM Teens Activity (Bowling)
26 DIG Awards 2024 (after PM worship)
29 Family Singing Night
30 Ladies Bible Study
31 All In(vited) Game Night

February
2 Ministry Mingle
2 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
9 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Ironaton)
12 DIG Wednesday
13 PrimeTimers - JCSC Sweetheart Banquet
14-17 The Challenge (Youth and College)
19 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
20 Ladies Bible Study
22 Men's Breakfast (Cade Somers)
22 All-In(vited) Pickleball Tournament
23 Theme Sunday 2 (Jimmy Holland, Ft. Payne)
23 JYM Teens Devo
26 Family Singing Night

March
2 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
8 Reach (Youth and College)
9 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Jacksonville)
12 DIG Wednesday
13 PrimeTimers Meal
16 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Hoover)
19 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
20 Ladies Bible Study
21 Friends and Neighbors Meal
23 Theme Sunday 3 (Brendan Chance, Alex City)
23 JYM Teens Devo
26 Family Singing Night
30 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service
30 Ministry Fair

April
5 JCSC Six Flags Trip
6 ROAD Trip (Talladega)
6 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
6 VBS Planning Meeting (after PM worship)
8 DIG Wednesday
10 PrimeTimers Meal
11 Area-Wide Singing
13 Easter Egg Hunt (lunch+egg hunt)
13 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Logan Martin)
16 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
16 Theme Wednesday (Alan Dees)
17 Ladies Bible Study
18 All In(vited) Game Night
19 All In(vited) JCSC Olympics
27 JYM Teens Activity (Combat Park, paintball)
28 JCSC Service Project (Donuts for finals)
30 Family Singing Night

May
3 VBS Work Session (8:00 AM)
4 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
4 Graduation Banquet (after PM services)
8 PrimeTimers Meal
10 PrimeTimers Shopping, Grand River Birmingham
15 Ladies Bible Study
18 VBS Work Session (lunch + work time)
18 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Sylacauga)
21 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
21 Theme Wednesday (Luke Simmons)
28 Family Singing Night
31 VBS Work Session (8:00 AM)

June
1 Theme Sunday 4 (Reagan Amos)
1-5 VBS
1 Ladies Prayer Group (Time TBA)
8-12 Indian Creek Youth Camp (Youth)
12 PrimeTimers Meal
14 All In(vited) Kayaking (Terrapin Creek)
17 Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class (10-11:30 AM)
18 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
19 Ladies Bible Study
21 Men's Breakfast (Stephen Slauson)
29 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service

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2025 Whole-Church Calendar (July-December)

July
6 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
8 Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class (10-11:30 AM)
10 Thursday Teen Hangout (6-8 PM)
10 PrimeTimers Meal
13 Youth Area-Wide Devotional (Ft. Payne)
15 Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class (10-11:30 AM)
16 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
17 Thursday Teen Hangout (6-8 PM)
17 Ladies Bible Study
18 Friends and Neighbors Meal
19 Golf Trip (All Invited)
20 Theme Sunday 5 (Mark Martin, Logan Martin)
22 Timothy 'n' Tabitha Class Field Trip (Details TBA)
24 Thursday Teen Hangout (6-8 PM)
29 JYM Teens Activity (Top Golf)

August
3 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
10 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Ironaton)
13 DIG Wednesday
14 PrimeTimers Meal
16 JCSC Open House
17 JYM Teens Devo
20 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
20 Theme Wednesday (Brady Drake)
21 Ladies Bible Study
22 All-In(vited) Game Night
24 ROAD Trip (Liberty)
27 Family Singing Night
31 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service
31 Ministry Fair

September
6-7 JCSC Homecoming
7 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
10 DIG Wednesday
12 PrimeTimers Meal
14 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Jacksonville)
17 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
17 Theme Wednesday (Alex Frost)
18 Ladies Bible Study
19-21 Deep Youth Experience (Youth, Ashville Rd.)
20 Men's Breakfast (Brady Burns)
21 Birmingham Area-Wide (Youth, Location TBA)
24 Family Singing Night
28 JYM Teens Devo (pending decision to attend DYE)

October
5 All-In(vited) Sunday Picnic and Play
5 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
8 DIG Wednesday
9 PrimeTimers Shrimp Boil
12 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Logan Martin)
15 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
16 Ladies Bible Study
17 Friends and Neighbors Shrimp Boil
19 Theme Sunday 6 (Drew Kizer, Ashville Rd.)
26 JYM Teens Devo
29 Family Singing Night
31 All-In(vited)! Church Trunk 'r Treat

November
2 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
9 Youth and Family Area-Wide (Sylacauga)
12 DIG Wednesday
13 PrimeTimers Meal
19 3rd Wednesday Family Meal
19 Theme Wednesday (JP Gammon)
20 Ladies Bible Study
23 Annual NACCH Contribution
23 JYM Teens Devo
26 Family Singing Night
30 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal/Early PM Service

December
1 JYM Kids Christmas Party (6:30-8:00 PM)
7 Theme Sunday 7 (Bob Swain, Oneonta)
7 Ladies Prayer Group (5:45 PM)
10 DIG Wednesday
11 PrimeTimers Meal and Christmas Party
14 JYM Teens Christmas Party
17 3rd Wednesday Family Meal & BCF
18 Ladies Bible Study
19 All In(vited) Christmas Caroling
24 Family Singing Night