

Adults 60+

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FALL NEWSLETTER | JOHNSON FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH | AUGUST 2024

What Delights God

Thursdays | 9:30am | Magnolia Room

Starting August 15

Through Him then, let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips praising His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:15-16

Our midweek Bible Study launches on Thursday, Aug 15 at 9:30am in the Magnolia Room. Mitch Verdell, pastor to our Adults 60+, will kick things off with a three-part series called, **What Delights God**. We will be looking at three things in Scripture (Jeremiah 9, Mark 8, and Psalm 46) that bring joy to God. Registration is not required.

Living the Life of a Believer

Thursdays | 9:30am | Magnolia Room

Starting September 5

- ◇ Patience. *Really?*
- ◇ Who are you calling foolish, Paul?
- ◇ How is anyone saved?
- ◇ Are we really free as Christians?

We tackle these, and many other questions on the mind of the modern believer, in a 12-week study of Paul's letter to the Church at Galatia.

What can ancient Asia-Minor tell us about 21st-century America? What can a 1970-year-old letter from a "kind-of-cranky" evangelist teach us? The answer is much. Join us for **Living the Life of a Believer--A Study from Galatians** led by John Farish. Registration is not required.

Upcoming Events

- **Aug 7**—Wednesday Nights are back! Meal, Groups, & More
- **Aug 15**—What Delights God, 9:30am, Magnolia Room
- **Sep 5**—Living the Life of a Believer, 9:30am, Magnolia Room
- **Sep 27**—Braves Game, 7:20pm
- **Oct 6**—Magnolia Ball, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall (volunteers needed)
- **Oct 19**—Saturday Serve Day
Serve Our City (volunteers needed)
- **Oct 23**—Singing in the Sun; Adults 60+ Spring Trip Preview, 6pm, Chapel
- **Oct 25**—Adults 60+ Fall Picnic, 6-8pm, Pavilion
- **Nov 20**—Winter Trip Final Meeting, 6pm, Chapel
- **Dec 11-13**—Winter Trip, Asheville, NC (waiting list)
- **Dec 18**—Adults 60+ Christmas Party, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Batter Up! | Fri, Sep 27

Atlanta Braves vs. Kansas City Royals

The Adults 60+ are heading to the ball park for a Braves game on **Friday, September 27** for the 7:20pm game. The buses will depart at 5:30pm from the North Parking Lot. Tickets are \$44/each and are available on a "first come-first serve" basis.

You may purchase tickets (and your seat on the bus) online on or after Aug 15. johnsonferry.org/hub

On gameday, please report to the First Floor Plaza area at 5pm to check-in. We will leave promptly at 5:30pm. Dinner is self-hosted at the Battery or inside the stadium.

We will be staying for the fireworks following the game, so be prepared for a late night! We will probably not arrive back at the church until close to midnight.

Senior Fitness

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Senior Fitness Fun

M, Th, F | Rm 276/277
11:15am-12:15am

This class will introduce functional exercises that will help make day-to-day activities easier. Exercises will be performed in a seated and standing position and focus on improving balance, endurance, muscle strength, and flexibility. This is a COED class. Registration required.

Pickle Ball

T, F | Activity Center
9:30am-12:30pm

Join us on the open courts—all skill levels are welcome! We partner up with each other and switch around. Mitch is always looking for a partner, so come on out. (Bring your own lucky paddle or we have extras.) johnsonferry.org/hub for Sports and Fitness

Wednesday Nights

Here at Johnson Ferry, we provide opportunities for the whole family to connect during the work week. Whether you are looking to eat a delicious meal, sing with the choir, or study the Bible with a group, we offer a variety of different ways to engage with God and each other. Check the website at www.johnsonferry.org/wednesdays

Girls Night @ 955

Tue, Sep 10 | 7pm
North Parking Lot

- Uniting generations from 9th grade to 99
- Fun, free outdoor gathering with your best girlfriends
- Live Music, Trivia, \$2 Tacos, Games, Giveaways and More
- Registration required

For more opportunities within Johnson Ferry Women, please visit: johnsonferry.org/women

Guys Night

Thu, Sep 12 | 6pm
High School Room

Growth happens by being surrounded by other men engaging in God's Word in real and meaningful ways. Grab a friend and join us as Clay Smith leads. Registration is not required.

For more opportunities within the men's ministry please visit: johnsonferry.org/men

Serve Our City • Oct 13-19

Serve Saturday, October 19

Ways to sign up are coming later in August and will be available under Local Missions on the HUB.

Save the Date AND Volunteer!



The 20th Anniversary Celebration of

The Magnolia Ball

Oct 6 | 4pm-6pm | Fellowship Hall

The Magnolia Ball is an outreach to our neighboring assisted living residences. It is a beautiful evening of music, dancing, and light refreshments. Volunteers are needed as Dancers, Servers, Table Hosts, and UN-decorators. Register at johnsonferry.org/hub



Adults 60+ Fall Picnic Fun

Fri, Oct 25 | 6-8pm | Pavilion

Wear your favorite flannel shirt or sweater and come out for an evening of games, music, food and fellowship. Bring your own picnic dinner—we'll provide cornhole, axe-throwing, drinks, and dessert. Let us know you are coming by registering at johnsonferry.org/hub under Adults 60+.

Healing a Nation

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

In the days ahead, may God find us faithful in praying for our nation and its leaders. Prayer, and our relationships with God and others, must always take priority over politics.

If you don't know what to pray, start with Scripture.

Pray that:

- ◆ God would give our leaders a spirit of wisdom and revelation so they would know Him better. Pray that the eyes of their hearts would be enlightened so that they may know the hope to which God has called them, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for those who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19)
- ◆ Pray for God to create a pure heart and renew a right spirit within them and each of us. (Psalm 51:10)
- ◆ Pray that they would know the truth and that the truth would set them free. (John 8:32)

SPIRITUAL GUIDELINES:

1. **Seek God's Perspective:** Spend time in God's presence daily, disengaging from the world and engaging with Him to understand His perspective for our nation.
2. **Fast Regularly:** Set aside periods of time to engage with God through fasting.
3. **Prioritize Prayer:** Seek God's guidance and protection for our nation and leaders.
4. **Pray with Your Children and Grandchildren:** Model prayer for these and involve them in praying for the nation and its leaders.
5. **Pray Corporately:** Join with other believers to pray for the nation, seeking unity and healing together.

RELATIONAL GUIDELINES:

1. **Challenge Policies, Not People:** Focus on discussing policies rather than attacking individuals; respect differing viewpoints.
2. **Respect, Don't Ridicule:** Avoid using derogatory labels and show respect to those with opposing views.
3. **Don't Assume a Motive:** Refrain from assuming the motives behind someone's political stance, focus on discussing methods rather than intentions.
4. **Focus on Experience, Not Argument:** Recognize that personal experiences can be more persuasive than arguments, aim to share experiences that lead others to God.

<https://www.lifeaudio.com/christian-parent-crazy-world/how-do-we-heal-our-nation-9-guidelines-to-unite-and-restore>



Hello Adults 60+!

What a joy it is to serve alongside each of you in the Adults 60+ ministry. Debbie and I are grateful to be a part of a church that embraces all ages. One of the strengths of our church is that we are multi-generational with people of all ages engaged in ministry for the glory of God.

Take a look at all the opportunities available to you in this newsletter and find out the best way for you to become involved. We need everyone, from the youngest child to the oldest adult, to be "all in" with the mission to help people find truth, belonging, and purpose in Jesus. We are expecting this Fall to be one of growth and harvest at our church and we want you to be a part of it.

God has a plan and an purpose for you. Find out what it is by plugging into a Connect Group, 4:19 Group, Equip Group, serving opportunity or mission endeavor. I can't wait to see how God will use each of us as we embark upon this new year of ministry.

I look forward to seeing you in church soon.

Let's do this together!

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*Singing In
The Sun*

**Adults 60+ Spring Trip
Myrtle Beach, SC**

Travel Dates Apr 21-24, 2025

Preview Meeting Oct 23, 6pm, Chapel

This is an "Interest" meeting to ensure we purchase enough tickets and hotel space.

This will help us to plan and secure seats for the event!

Giving Opportunity

Coming in November

The Legacy Tree Christmas Adoption program connects Johnson Ferry individuals to seniors who have qualified for financial support through Southern Baptist GuideStone's "Mission Dignity" program. Since 1918, GuideStone Financial has been on a "Mission" to provide "Dignity" to retired Southern Baptist ministers, missionaries, workers and their widows. Johnson Ferry partners with Guidestone to provide Christmas.

These Legacy Tree Christmas recipients are men and women who have faithfully served God's people and now find themselves struggling to meet even basic needs. Many served small, rural churches that paid only modest salaries and couldn't afford to contribute to their pastors' retirement. Often, these faithful shepherds had to work extra jobs just to make ends meet. Our delivering of Christmas gifts shows them they are remembered, valued, and loved by God and our church.

We will ask recipients to provide us a Christmas Wish List. JF volunteers may purchase and personally deliver gift items to seniors or ship directly to them. This adoption program will begin **November 1**. Please watch the HUB and prayerfully consider honoring one of these who shepherded so many.



You are invited!

The 2nd Annual Adults 60+ *Christmas Party*

Wednesday, December 18
6-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Last year worked well with potluck finger foods.
We'll plan that again!
Registration for this event will start in late October.



Adults 60+ Winter Trip

Final Travel Details

Wed, Nov 20 | 6pm | Chapel

Note: This trip has filled, but if you would like to be added to the waiting list, contact the office, 770-794-2968.

Connect Groups

Sunday Mornings & Weekdays

We believe that we were created to connect with God and each other. Many options are provided at 8:30am, 10am, and 11:30am on Sunday mornings. No registration is required. Other groups for men, women, and co-ed meet during the week, often have resource materials, and require registration. If you would like a staff member to suggest groups that might be a good fit, contact the Adults 60+ office, 770-794-2968. johnsonferry.org/groups

Life's struggles were not meant to be endured alone.

There are many times throughout our lives that we will encounter brokenness, loss, grief, and many more painful emotions. These emotions can stem from death, divorce, or even a prodigal child. We believe that God designed you for community and there is no better time to experience community than during your greatest times of need. Our Support Groups are meant to provide a safe place to walk through life's difficult times with people who are in similar situations.

johnsonferry.org/supportgroups

Night of Hope: a time of personal prayer and worship every second Thursday of the month. This is a time of prayer and worship that is free and open to the community and is uniquely designed to encourage those who are hurting. Drop into **Room 274** from **6:30-8pm** and find people who will listen, love, and pray for you. johnsonferry.org/prayer



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