

Adults 60+ *focus*

FALL 2025

TNC: The Next Chapter

Tuesday Evening Equip Group
7-8:30pm | The Landing (Room 272/275)
Series runs Aug 19—Oct 7

An experience common to many men in their late 50s, 60s, and early 70s is a loss of purpose. As our professional careers mature or conclude, our kids leave home, and many of the hopes and dreams of our youth are realized, we wonder what God has next for us. Our world tells us to relax, travel, have fun, and enjoy the stress-free life we've worked so hard to achieve, but we sense there's more to life than a "20-year vacation". How do we find this new purpose in Christ, or more accurately, how do we help it find us?

The Next Chapter (TNC) is an 8-week journey where you'll walk alongside other Johnson Ferry men as we seek God's direction and

purpose for us as we embark on the mature years of our lives. Each week you can expect a short topical presentation, a testimony from another Johnson Ferry member, Biblical examples to study, and a healthy amount of table-group discussions with other men in this season of life. TNC meets each Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning August 19 in the Landing. There is no cost, but registration is required. You may register at www.johnsonferry.org/hub starting July 1.



Save the Date

- **Aug 6**—Wednesday Evening Activities Kickoff
- **Aug 14**—Thursday Morning Study Begins, 9:30am | Magnolia Room
- **Aug 19**—TNC: The Next Chapter Begins, 7pm | The Landing (272)
- **Aug 21**—Hymn Sing 6pm | Chapel
- **Sep 9**—Girl's Night@955 7-9:30pm | North Parking Lot
- **Sep 11**—Guy's Night 7-9:30pm | Student Center
- **Sep 12**—Braves Game 7:15pm | Truist Park
- **Oct 18**—Serve our City
- **Nov 10**—Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon Noon | Fellowship Hall
- **Dec 12**—Adults 60+ Christmas Party | 6pm | Fellowship Hall

Sunday Connect Groups. We believe that we were created to connect with God and with one another. Several group options are available at 8:30am, 10am, and 11:30am on Sunday mornings. No registration is required. Please pick up a Group Schedule from either the reception desk during the week or the Pergola on Sunday morning. If you would like a staff member to suggest groups that might be a good fit, contact the Adults 60+ office at 770-794-2975. For group information: johnsonferry.org/groups/

Wednesday Fellowship Meals. Dine with us on Wednesday evenings from 4:45-6:45pm. Adults: \$8; First-time guest is free. Dinners resume Aug 6.

Support Groups. 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



Connect



 Adults 60+

THE MINOR PROPHETS

THURSDAY MORNINGS
9:30-11AM | MAGNOLIA ROOM
JOHNSONFERRY.ORG/HUB



Minor Prophets

*Thursday Morning Bible Study
9:30am | Magnolia Room*

When you hear the word “minor,” you might think it means something unimportant or insignificant. After all, the dictionary defines it as “inferior in importance, size, or degree.” So it’s easy to assume that the Minor Prophets—Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi—must be less important than the Major Prophets such as Isaiah or Jeremiah. But don’t let the label fool you.

The term “minor” refers only to the length of their writings, not the depth or significance of their messages. These prophets, often grouped together as “the Twelve,” were powerful spokespeople for God. Their voices carried divine truth—sometimes foretelling future events, and other times delivering bold and urgent truths for the present.

Their books may be short, but their impact is anything but small.

Senior Fitness Fun. Exercise is the key to staying strong, energetic, and healthy as you get older – it can be fun, too! It’s about adding more movement and activity to your life, even in small ways. This class is designed for the senior adult who wants to gain mobility, balance, and strength through low-impact movements and light weight and resistance exercises. Registration required. Remember to use the code IAMOVERSIXTY for a discount!

Thursdays | 11:15am | Rm 276

Classic Rummikub. Rummikub is the classic tile game that blends strategy, luck, and quick thinking. Arrange numbered tiles into runs and groups, be the first to clear your rack, and outsmart your opponents with clever moves. No registration is required. Mondays | 10am-noon | Rm 108.

Pickleball. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It’s played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. It’s fun for all skill levels. Open play, on Tuesdays and Fridays, is located in the Activities Center, 9:30am-12:30pm. Registration is not required.

Bridge. Bridge is a trick-taking card game played by four players per table in two competing partnerships. It’s a game of skill and strategy, involving bidding and scoring and great for keeping our minds sharp. Multiple tables are set each week and the group members are willing to teach. This group also partners with a local mission that counsels unwed mothers. Please check the calendar for game dates. Mondays | Noon-4pm | Rm 108.



Tuesdays (Co-ed)

Registration required: johnsonferry.org/groups/

- **Romans**

Join us for an honest and faithful exploration of this foundational book of our faith Tuesdays 6:30-8pm starting Tue, Aug 12 in the Magnolia Room.

- **Faith and Culture**

This is an equip group under the guidance of Dr. Jeferey Breshears with The Aeropagus. This group will examine a pivotal moment in American cultural and religious history: the 1925 Scopes Trial. Tuesdays 7pm starting Tue, Aug 12 in Room 320

- **TNC: The Next Chapter**

"At some point in our lives we must lay down power and authority and pick up influence. And soon after you'll realize that influence is the more transformative force for good." --John Richie

Wednesdays (Co-ed)

- **The Essentials**

For the new believer or one who is new at JF looking at the basics of following Jesus. Session runs 6 weeks and repeats on Oct 1 in The Ridge (Room 320) at 6pm.

- **Discovering God Thru His Word**

Learn how to study God's Word. Room 340 at 6pm.

- **Midweek Together**

Multi-Gen connect group studying Paul's letters. Room 323 at 6pm.

- **The Great Disappearance**

Dr. David Jeremiah's latest book will guide this time of study to examine 31 ways to be rapture ready. Starts Wed mornings, Sep 10 in Rm 320 at 9am.

Thursdays (Co-ed)

Registration not required.

- **Adults 60+ Thursday Morning**

Our first series highlights the minor prophets. Starts Thu, Aug 14 at 9:30am in the Magnolia Room.

And so much more!

Check johnsonferry.org/groups for other opportunities specific to men, women, mission support, adoption & foster care, grief, and trauma support.

Serve Our City

Save the Date! Serve our City, formerly known as MOVE ATL, is October 12-18. This week is an excellent opportunity to serve with your connect group, family, and friends. We will spend the week serving our

My Sister's House | Atlanta

Mondays: Aug 11 | Sep 8 | Oct 13 | Nov 10 | Dec 8

On the second Monday of each month, we have the opportunity to serve behind the scenes at one of Atlanta's shelters for women and children. We take a bus and serve from 10am-3pm. We may help organize the pantry, serve in the meal line, wash dishes, or where needed. For more information contact Philippe Michaud, Leader, at 770-329-3323.

By Design | International Missions

Fridays: Aug 22 | Sep 19 | Oct 24 | Nov 21 | Dec 12

Join this mission-minded group of women that comes together one Friday of each month to create washable feminine hygiene pads to provide to women internationally. You don't need to be able to sew to participate—both sewing and non-sewing tasks are available. Please register to let us know that you are

Petal Pushers | Assisted Living Communities

Mondays: Our Petal Pushers arrange & deliver bouquets of cheer to nearly 400 assisted living residents each month. They divide into teams and provide a flower and a printed devotion to each resident. They visit briefly, offer a warm smile, speak a kind word, and pray for the concerns of the resident. The group, led by Carolyn Leard, meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each

Crochet Groups | Local and State

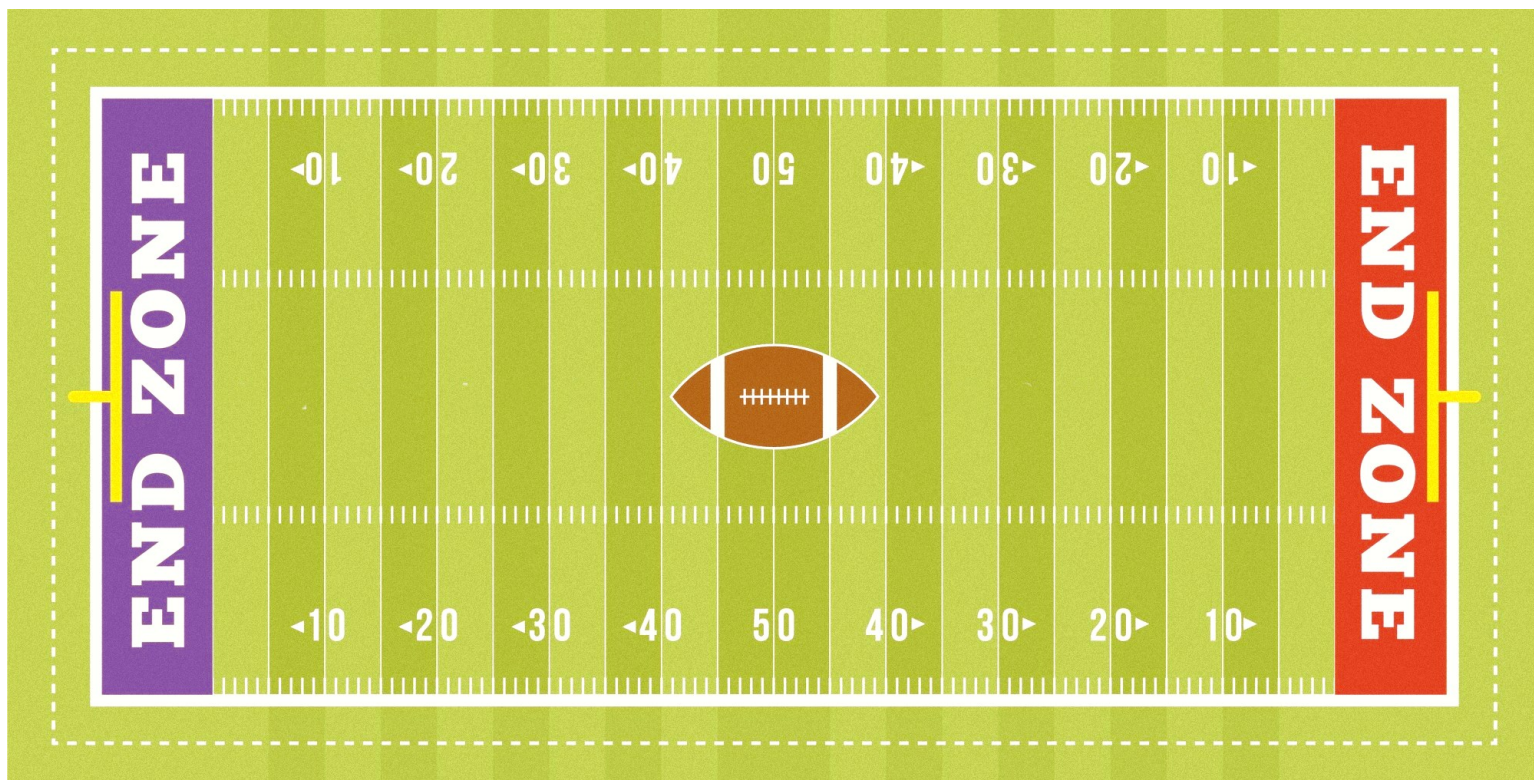
Wednesdays: Two crochet groups use their talents to reach out into our local community and to the state of Georgia. They provide lap blankets, afghans, and gifts to our veterans, residents in assisted living, and to retired ministers & spouses.

Morning Crochet: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am,

Room 108, Mary Lu Duke, Leader

Evening Crochet: Wednesdays, 6pm,

Room 316, Genny Slate, Leader



Hello Adults 60+,

As most of you know, I am a huge college football fan, more so, I am a fan of my Tennessee Volunteers. (Go Vols!) It is that time of year when we watch grown men fight each other as they try to get an oblong ball across a goal line. One of the reasons I enjoy watching football is the strong correlation between team sports and life. A book I read recently illustrates this point very well. In J.D. Greear's book, *Gaining by Losing*, he wrote this,

"Imagine watching an American football game on TV where after the quarterback calls the play in the huddle, the team applauds him, pats him on the back, and then runs back to the bench to have Gatorade and snacks. After a few minutes, they hustle back out onto the field, huddle back up, and tell the quarterback to call another play. This time a few tell him he's the best play-caller they've ever heard and that they plan to bring their friends back to hear him call the next play. Then back to the bench for more snacks. A few podcast his play and listen to it again while they munch on energy bars. A few minutes later, back out to listen to another play. This happens for the duration of the first quarter. At some point you yell in exasperation, 'Fellas!...The point is not listening to the quarterback call the play; the point is to run the play.'" (Greear, 95)*

As ludicrous as this sounds, it happens every week in churches all across our land. Let's allow this to serve as a mirror for us. Are we a group of people who show up on Sunday to hear the play called, but never execute the play? Do we hear a fantastic sermon and think that it was suitable for someone else but not ourselves? People being excited about the message and inviting others to listen to it are good things, but it is most exciting when we begin to run the plays that have been called. That's when we see transformation happening.

As we start a new ministry year, let's not just hear the plays; let's run them and help people find truth, belonging, a *Mitch* in Jesus.



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It is a great time to get involved at Johnson Ferry. Take a look at this newsletter and find an opportunity to serve and grow in your faith. Let me know how I can serve you today.

girls night

at 955 johnson ferry rd
UNITING GENERATIONS, 9TH GRADE TO 99!

9TH Grade to 99

Tue, Sep 9 | 7-9:30pm

North Parking Lot

Calling all East Cobb Women! When was the last time you enjoyed an unforgettable girl's night out?

Experience a fun outdoor festival with your best girls on Sep 9, at 7pm in the North Parking Lot at Johnson Ferry!

Live music, games, dancing, trivia, \$2 tacos, DIY bracelets, giveaways and more!

TUESDAY
SEP 9
7PM

Braves Game

Fri, Sep 12 | 7:15pm | Truist Park

The Adults 60+ are heading to the ball park for a Braves game on **Friday, September 12** for the 7:15pm game.

The buses will depart at 5:30pm from the North Parking Lot. Tickets are \$39/each and are available on a "first come-first serve" basis.

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.

You may purchase tickets (and your seat on the bus) online at johnsonferry.org/hub

Guys Night

LAUGHS, REAL TALK,
COMPETITION & GAMES

THURSDAY
SEP 11
6PM

9TH Grade to 99

Thu, Sep 11 | 6-9pm | Parking Lot by Woodlawn Rd

GAME ON! Invite your men to join us at Johnson Ferry on September 11 for Guys Night! It is a night of competition, laughs, and real talk. From 6-9pm, we're throwing down burgers and outdoor games (mobile closest to the pin, cornhole, yard games, basketball arcade and more!)—bring your A-game! Then cool down with dessert and a TED Talk-style presentation on the voices we allow to influence us. Dinner is \$10!

Register at www.johnsonferry.org/HUB.

Hymn Sing

All Ages are Invited

Thu, Aug 21 | 6-7pm | The Chapel

Bobby Smith, Sarah Blackstone, and Mitch Verdell will be leading an evening of favorite songs of our faith. They will be taking requests, so come with your favorite hymns in mind and bring a friend. Registration is not required.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Assisted Living Ministries

As we better prepare for the **Magnolia Ball 2026**, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact through discipleship in the nearby seventeen communities that typically attend our event. Adrian Coetzer, our Executive Pastor of Disciple-Making and Programs, encouraged us with these words: "People need to be seen and cared for. We are very good at running programs and coordinating events, but our highest calling is to disciple individuals to walk in the ways of Jesus."

As an extension of the body of Christ, we hope to help the residents find truth, belonging, and purpose in Jesus beyond 955 Johnson Ferry Road. The Engagement Directors in the communities are eager for our presence. Will you join us? "We've a story to tell." We need only to give our time, share our talents, and be present. We recently celebrated two baptisms as a result of this commitment. Currently, we host midweek Bible studies in six communities and Sunday worship in three. Our God-given call is to have full participation of leadership at each residence. In addition, we would like to host an intentional social event in each residence before October of 2026. Will you please let us know how you can serve?

- ◆ Midweek Bible Study
- ◆ Sunday Worship
- ◆ Event Coordination

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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 ask recipients to provide us with a Christmas Wish List. JF volunteers may go online to adopt one or more of these worthy recipients. You may purchase and personally deliver gift items to the seniors or ship the gifts directly to them. This adoption program will begin **on November 1**. Please watch the HUB and prayerfully consider honoring one of these who shepherded so many. www.johnsonferry.org/HUB

Veterans' Appreciation Parade & Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on November 10 at 11:30am for our annual Veterans Appreciation Lunch. The cost is \$10/person and includes lunch and musical entertainment. All active duty, retired military, and veterans are complimentary. Registration is required.



You are invited!

The 3rd Annual Adults 60+

Christmas Party

Friday, December 12

6-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Bring some finger foods, savory or sweet to share.
Registration is required and will start in late October.

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 1st-5th graders in our church gather for **GA's (Girls in Action) and RA's (Royal Ambassadors)**. This is a mission-focused discipleship program where kids learn real mission stories, get connected to Scripture, and engage in hands-on outreach. The JF Children's Ministry is **now recruiting volunteers** for the upcoming school year. What's needed? Adults with a heart for missions and a willingness to serve. Contact Allison Young at allison.young@jfb.org.

CARE EVENTS

Drive-Thru Prayer

Third Wednesdays of each month |
10:30am-12:30pm | The North Parking Lot

◆ Aug 20 ◆ Sep 17 ◆ Oct 15
◆ Nov 19 ◆ Dec 17

Do you have a need or a concern? We invite you to our Drive-Thru Prayer event, where you can come as you are, stay in your car, and receive prayer. This special opportunity takes place every third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the North Parking Lot. We are here to pray for you!

Night of Hope

Second Thursdays of each month |
6:30-8pm | The Landing (Rooms 272/275)

◆ Aug 14 ◆ Sep 11 ◆ Oct 9
◆ Nov 13 ◆ Dec 11

The Johnson Ferry Prayer Ministry helps bring people closer to Jesus Christ through listening, loving, and praying. It is a privilege to pray for those who share their burdens as they navigate life's challenges. Night of Hope is a monthly event designed to encourage those who are hurting. This event includes a time of prayer and worship and is free and open to the community.