

JFBC Media Library

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# LIBRARY NEWS

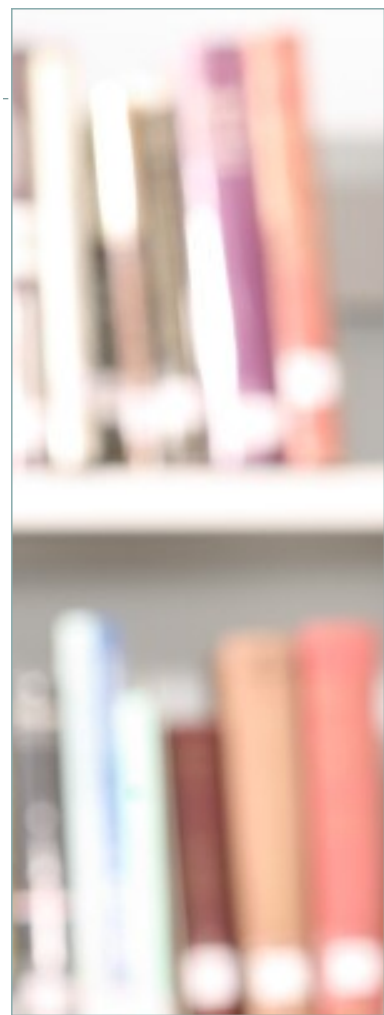
JASPER'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## MEDIA LIBRARY

The JFBC Media Library reopened its doors on February 25, 2024. Light breakfast snacks were served to all who came in to look and check out books. Fifty-nine members signed up for a library card. As of this date, the library holdings are at 1231 titles with more being added weekly.

The JFBC Media Library has a webpage on the [church website](#) along with an [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) page which are updated daily. Follow us at JFBC Media Library on both pages to keep up with new books and news about the library.

The JFBC Media Library is now automated which means we have an online catalog that can be viewed on your phone, your iPad, or your computer. You have ease of access to peruse the library's shelves, to check on books, to check out, or reserve an item right from your easy chair. All you need to do is visit the church website and click on the **library tab** under ministries and follow the instructions or visit the linked picture from our catalog below.



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## A BIT OF RECENT HISTORY WITH JFBC MEDIA LIBRARY



**“I can’t imagine a man enjoying a book and reading it only once.”**  
~C. S. Lewis

### OPAC PUTS THE LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Did you know you can have many features of the JFBC Media Library at your fingertips – without ever leaving the comfort of your home?

JFBC Media Library patrons have access to our online catalog, OPAC, which features details, summaries, and availability about all the books on the shelves. Whether you use the Librista app on your phone or iPad or you go directly to the JFBC Media Library page on the church website, you can easily access OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue).

Monday evening, October 23, 2023, the Women’s Ministry Team ladies met to discuss needs and goals for our church where we felt the Lord leading us in growing and ministering to others. One of several needs listed and discussed was the need to reestablish the church library. A large group of ladies had been continuing to read by sharing and swapping books in their group and wanted to make faith-based fiction and children’s books available for others to read, enjoy, and learn. Many commentaries and Bible helps were already in place. The Library Ministry Team came together. The team met to discuss its new direction with the blessings of our pastor and deacons and we were given a library budget from which to work.

Keeping alive the legacy of the JFBC Media Library, the Library Ministry Team began with about 125 books and have spent countless hours (600+ collective hours) cleaning and sorting out the few remaining books, cataloging new and remaining books, shelving and reshelving books, praying over the library’s direction, learning new, current computer library programs, and reading many, many books. Many more books have been added to the shelves along with DVDs and study programs thanks to generous members monetary contributions, as well as a donor of most of our fiction—individuals who want to see this ministry thrive. The Library Ministry Team is looking to move outside the walls of the church library in sharing books and resources with our members who are unable to attend, along with other ways of ministry.

One of the earliest dates of how old our library is comes from memories shared from long-time member, Becky Lay, who remembers coming to the church library as a child in 1959 and checking out books on missionaries. Mrs. B. J. Smith was librarian for a time, as was Mrs. June Deavours, and then Mrs. Mildred Barton served as librarian for many years.

If you have memories of using our library over the years, please share them with us!

## OPAC – ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG

**This is what you can log into on the computer or download Librista and use it on your phone.**

- is a computerized system used by libraries to provide users with access to their collections of resources.
- is an online catalog or database that allows library patrons to search for and locate books, journals, multimedia materials, and other items available in the library’s holdings.
- is a user-friendly interface and search functionalities that enable users to locate specific items or explore broader subject areas.
- can retrieve detailed bibliographic records for each item, typically including the title, author, publication date, subject headings, and call number.
- provides availability status, indicating whether an item is currently on the shelf, on loan, or reserved.
- perform various tasks through the OPAC, such as placing holds or requests, renewing borrowed materials, and accessing their library accounts to manage loans and fines.
- empowers users to navigate and utilize library collections effectively.



*A collage of just a few of the new children's books that have been added recently to the library from donations!*

## GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Monetary gifts play an important role in the ministry of the JFBC Media Library. Each and every one makes possible the purchase of additional books, DVDs, audiobooks, and services not provided through the church budget.

Monetary gifts may be in the form of memorials. Honor gifts may be given for birthdays, births, anniversaries, retirements, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or recognition of any individual or groups. Such gifts will be noted in each book with appropriate wording on a distinctive bookplate listing names and occasions, if so desired. Money will be processed through the church financial system and included in your end-of-year statement.

Contact the church office or the [jfbclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jfbclibrary@gmail.com)

**Our Library Ministry has been blessed with some wonderful donations in the last few months. Thank you to all our donors- past, present, and future. Giving books is a gracious way to honor a beloved person, while helping grow our library collection for library ministry needs. Help create a wonderful memory and share the love of knowledge and reading with many.**

### Contributors

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Forbus

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders

Mrs. Jonell Banks

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts

Mrs. Lucretia Fountain

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Ms. Susie Lamon

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Titles of memorials, in honor of, and congratulatory gifts and contributors will be published in each newsletter.

## GIFTS, IN HONOR OF, AND MEMORIALS

**Mrs. Jonell Banks:** The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and her Tribute to Veterans by Barbara Walsh; The Very Hungry Caterpillar, “Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,” said the Sloth, 10 Little Rubber Duckies, I Love Mom with The Very Hungry Caterpillar all by Eric Carle; Berenstain Bears I CAN Read Do Not Fear, God is Near, Berenstain Bears I CAN Read Faith Gets US Through by Stan Berenstain; The Beginner’s Bible I CAN Read Noah and the Great Big Ark, The Beginner’s Bible I CAN Read Daniel and the Lion’s Den; The Big Slide by Daniel Kirk; I Love You My Cuddle Bug by Nicola Edwards; Dandelion Magic by Darren Ferrell; The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

**Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Butts:** God’s Great Love for You by Rick Warren; How to Babysit a Grandma by Jean Reagan; We are the Gardeners by Joanna Gaines; Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (abridged) by C. S. Lewis; Stubby: A True Story of Friendship by Michael Foreman; Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andrea; Ice Cream Face by Heidi Sheffield; How I did It! by Linda Ragsdale; Mudball by Matt Tavares; Good Night, Manger by Laura Sassi

**Mr. & Mrs. Bob Forbus:** The Prince Warrior Series by Priscilla Shirer; Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo; Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin; The Foolish Tortoise, I Love Dad with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Mister Seahorse, The Very Hungry Caterpillar Breakfast all by Eric Carle; The Word Collector by Sonja Wimmer; This Little Light of Mine by Darcy Pattison; Inch by Inch, Swimmy both by Leo Lionni; The Very First Easter: The Beginner’s Bible; The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily W. Martin; Llama Llama I Love You by Anna Dewdney; How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You? by Jan Yolen; God Gave Us Prayer by Lisa Bergren

**Mrs. Lucretia Fountain:** Twenty-one Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Jett Gottesfield; America’s White Table by Margot Theis Raven; How Does a Caterpillar Change?: Life Cycles with The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle; The Wall by Ronald Himler

**Reverend Andy Frazier:** Simple Church: Returning to God’s Process for Making Disciples by Thom Rainer; The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman; The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name by Sally Lloyd Jones

**Reverend John Jaye:** Skeptics Answered: Answering Tough Questions about the Christian Faith by Dr. James Kennedy; Jesus Would Have Been a Scratch Golfer by Chuck Hammett; A Table in the Presence by Carey H Cash; Where 2 or 3 are Gathered Together, Someone Spills His Milk by Thomas J. Mullen; 4-book series The Pacific Rim Series by Don Brown; The Summer House, Hurricane Season both by Lauren Denton; Heartland, Unlimited, Unscripted, Floriana’s Gate, Istanbul Express, Tranquility Falls, Burden of Proof, The Innocent Libertine, The Lazarus Trap, Lion of Babylon, The Night Angel, The Noble Fugitive, Rare Earth, The Solitary Envoy, Strait of Hormuz, All Through the Night, Drummer in the Dark, The Turning, Gold Of Kings all by T. Davis Bunn

## GIFTS, IN HONOR OF, AND MEMORIALS CONTINUED...

**Ms. Susie Lamon:** Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile by Bernard Weber; Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp; There's a Tiger in the Garden by Lizzy Stewart; The Great Smokey Mtn Salamander Ball by Lisa Horstman; Y is for Yellowhammer by Carol Crane; Little Explorers: Dinosaurs by Lee Bee Books; I'm Sorry by Barry Timms; A Dog Needs a Bone by Audrey Wood; As an Oak Tree Grows by G. Brian Karas

**Miss Charlotte Myers:** Hop on Pop, Fox in Socks, The Cat in the Hat Comes Back, Green Eggs and Ham, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish all by Dr. Seuss; The Best Snowman Ever by Stephanie Stahl; The Turtle Saver by Laurie Parker; The Foolish Tortoise by Richard Buckley; Lady Bug Girl Feels Happy; Jesus Loves Me; Always Hug a Unicorn by Stuart Lynch

**Mrs. Kay Robinson:** The majority of books in the fiction section.

**Mrs. Beth Stukes:** The Things God Made: Explore God's Creation Through the Bible, Science, and Art by Andy McQuire; The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney, Tale of Three Trees by Angela E. Hunt; The Curious Tiger by Catherine Veitch; God Always Keeps His Promises by Max Lucado; K is for Kindness by Jodie Shepherd

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sanders:** The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name, Little One We Knew You Would Come, Lift the Flap Bible, Bunny's First Spring, An Easter Egg Hunt for Jesus: God Gave us Easter to Celebrate His Life all by Sally Lloyd Jones; I Love you with all My Heart by Jane Chapman; Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See? by Eric Carle; Little Blue Truck's Christmas by Alice Schertle

**Mrs. Jeanette Sherer:** Three-book series by Tracie Peterson—Pictures of the Heart; Three-book series by Sarah Ladd—Whispers of the Moors

**Mrs. Jeanette Sides:** Ordinary Women of the Bible books; Rich Beyond Measure—Zalata's Story by Robin Hatcher; An Unlikely Witness—Joanna's Story by Ginger Garrett; No Stone Cast—Eliyanah's Story by Carol Towriss; Pursued by a King—Abigail's Story by Elizabeth Adams; The Life Giver—Shiphrah's Story by Connilyn Cossette; An Eternal Love—Tabitha's Story by Melanie Dobson; The Ark Builder's Wife—Zarah's Story by Tracy Higley; A Perilous Journey—Phoebe's Story by Mary DeMoth; The Last Drop of Oil—Adaliah's Story by Virginia Smith; A Mother's Sacrifice—Jocebed's Story by Carole Towriss

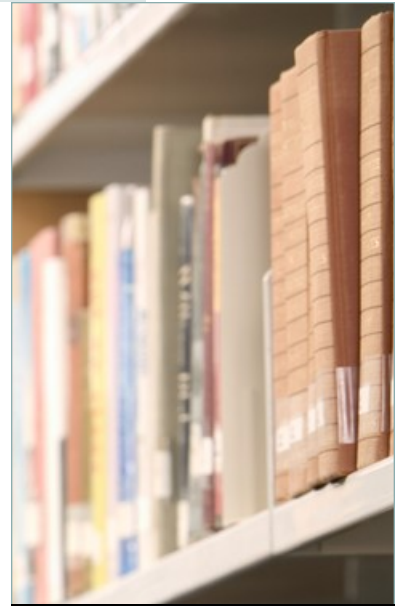
**Mrs. Dee Tuck:** The Women of Easter by Liz Curtis Higgs; The Legend of the Sand Dollar by Chris Auer

**Mr & Mrs. Frank Watts:** One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, Hop on Pop, Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in the Hat, Fox in Socks, Dr. Seuss's Lovey Things all by Dr. Seuss; The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle; Good Night Moon by Margaret W. Brown

### In Honor of John Jaye's 70th Birthday

**Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gurganus:** Weathering Life by James Spann; Benny and Chipper: Prepared not Scared; Wonder of Thunder by James Spann

**Mrs. Phyllis Barker:** All You Can Do is Pray by James Spann; Sumbunny by James Spann



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***“A library isn't about books – it's about getting the right resource into the right hands at the right time.”***

***Grace Snipp—retired church librarian***

## JFBC MEDA LIBRARY

### Purpose and Mission Statement

#### PURPOSE:

The Library Ministry of Jasper's First Baptist Church provides materials based on Christian values and doctrines in a systematically organized collection that supports the Christian education goals of JFBC and the leisure reading interests of the church congregation.

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the JFBC Library Ministry is to serve as a resource and reference center offering materials brought together to help enrich lives, deepen spiritual understanding, and offer spiritual nourishment and growth to individuals and congregational groups.

“And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

~Romans 12:2 (NASB)

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## OPEN CHECK—OUT MAY WORK BEST FOR YOU

### Our Library has 'Open Checkout' for your convenience.

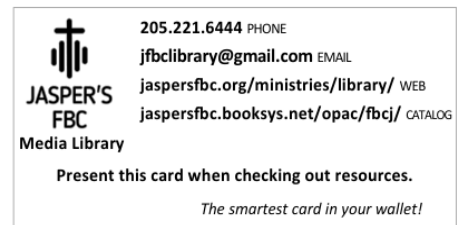
Because there is no way that someone can always man the library, the Library Team is offering 'Open-Checkout' for your convenience. Your church library door is open during regular office hours on weekdays and on Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

All you need to do is select your book(s), remove the card from the back pocket and sign your name to the card, place the signed card on the desk for us to put into the computer system, and return when finished reading by placing the book on the desk. We will check in your book(s) for you.

#### Children's Library Card



#### Adult Library Card



## Why Volunteer in the Church library?

Volunteering in our church library is a wonderful way to contribute to our faith community and serve others.

A church library is not just a physical space; it's also a ministry. It requires dedicated volunteers with a heart for people, not just a love of reading. As a volunteer in the church library, you can have the following opportunities:

- ⇒ Welcome and assist patrons finding the needed resources
- ⇒ Organize and catalog materials
- ⇒ Plan and execute library events
- ⇒ Check in/out library materials; shelving
- ⇒ Displays and graphics
- ⇒ Home Bound Ministry

The right book with a Biblical perspective can help one navigate life's journey ahead and even lead them to recognize the need for pastoral care.

## Adult, Youth, and Children Reading Challenge coming in June!

Keep watch at website and IG and FB for more information.