

Sunday Small Groups is to  
TEACH the Bible to change lives  
REACH the lost with the Good  
News of Jesus Christ and  
CARE for people through prayer,  
ministry and fellowship.



08-03-2025  
Attendance: 251  
Visitors: 13  
Enrollment: 502

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please submit your  
reservation by noon Tuesday  
before the meal on  
Wednesday.


NAME \_\_\_\_\_

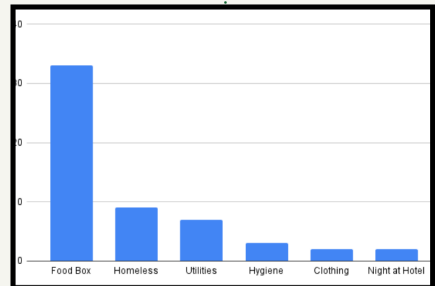
- Wednesday, August 13  
5:15 pm to 6:00 pm  
Smoked Sausage, Potato,  
Corn on the Cob, & Roll  
Alternate Choice: Chicken  
Tenders & Fries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regular meal plate  
\$5.00 per plate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken tenders & fries  
\$3.00 per plate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly reservation
- \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to make  
reservations on a weekly  
basis.

Payment is expected for  
cancellations after  
Tuesday, 12:00 pm.

### Our Benevolence Giving JULY 2025

33  
In the month of July  
we have helped 33  
people with various  
needs

  
783.77  
The amount used to  
stock the food  
pantry.



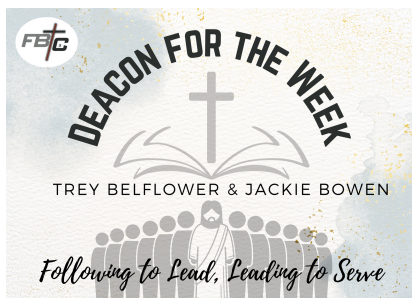
 58.9% Received a food box	 3.6% Received a nights stay in a hotel
 16.1% Homeless	 5.4% Hygiene
 12.5% Received help with utilities	 3.6% Received clothing

**\$953.46**      **\$180.00**  
The amount used to help      The amount used to help  
meet utility needs in July      meet housing needs in  
July.

### Adult Bible Study

Option 1  
4:30 Sanctuary  
Small Group  
Singing/Prayer/  
Bible Study

Option 2  
5:30 Adult Small Group  
Scripture Studies  
Conference Room



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Sunday, August 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:45 am Sunday Morning Small Groups  
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:30 pm Sanctuary Small Group (Sanctuary)  
5:30 pm Quarterly Conference & Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 13

- 5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship (Summit)  
6:30 pm First Kids Music & Missions (Multipurpose Room)  
6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall),  
6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
Youth Bible Study (Summit)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
101 South Second Street  
Cochran, GA 31014-6806

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U.S. Permit Pd.  
Permit No. 2  
Cochran, GA 31014

TITLE FIRST LAST  
ADDRESS  
CITY, STATE ZIP

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## CHURCH-WIDE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE & FELLOWSHIP MEAL

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 10  
5:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall  
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August Deacons' Meeting:  
August 10th @ 4:00 p.m.

In the Conference Room



Joseph “Yellow Kid” Weil — if the name doesn’t ring a bell, the movie *The Sting* starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman might — that Oscar-winning classic was inspired by him.

Joseph Weil started down the road of deception young, hustling gullible farmers by selling them cheap glasses in “solid gold” frames. But those early scams were just a warm-up. His true masterpiece? Creating an entire fake bank.

Weil got lucky when word spread through town that the National Traders Bank of Muncie was relocating. Seizing the moment, he rented a house in the right neighborhood and “opened” his own version of the bank. Chicago gangsters played the roles of bank tellers and clerks, and unsuspecting locals walked in — and handed over their cash like it was any other day at the bank.

But those small deposits weren’t the real prize. Weil had his eyes on a local multimillionaire.

To make the con believable, he let the wealthy man stew in the waiting room for an hour, then, posing as the “banker,” haggled endlessly over a fake land deal — finally “reluctantly agreeing” to sell nonexistent property for half a million dollars.

And if that wasn’t outrageous enough? Weil went on to swindle Benito Mussolini himself, selling the Italian dictator “exclusive rights” to develop imaginary mines in Colorado.

Money loved Joseph Weil — and he loved spending it. Lavish living, beautiful women, and a reputation as one of the boldest con men America ever saw. (excerpt from Dr. Neil Gale’s article on )

Joseph Weil died in 1976...of old age, while living in an assisted living facility. He did spend a total of 6 years in prison during his life but for the most part he avoided the penalties associated with such a nefarious lifestyle. In fact, when reading some of the accounts of his life, I sensed that this man was a bit revered, a celebrity of sorts owing to Mr. Weil’s panache and all the scams he successfully engineered.

But there is little written about the people whose lives were impacted by Mr. Weil’s skullduggery. Those folks who trusted the fake bank mentioned above and willingly handed over their hard-earned money - can you imagine their anger, bewilderment, or feelings of having been vandalized? I imagine some of these people refused to trust another financial institution...choosing instead to hide their money in mattresses!

This account of the “fake bank” con led me down the road of thinking about people who come to a church expecting one thing...but experience something entirely different. Jesus warned religious people about becoming “like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.” Most people visit a church expecting to encounter love and grace and kindness, a welcoming quality that can’t be experienced in anything the world has to offer. Imagine their consternation when “church” people are acting just like the rest of the world? I imagine some of these people might refuse to ever trust another spiritual gathering! I’m thankful for the welcoming spirit of FBC Cochran!! Peace & grace, love you! PK

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
DROP-IN

# Bridal Shower

HONORING  
Abbi Belflower

AUGUST

SAT  
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2025

10 - 11:30 AM @ THE WHIPPLE HOUSE  
119 SECOND STREET, COCHRAN  
REGISTRY CAN BE FOUND AT ABBIMARK.COM






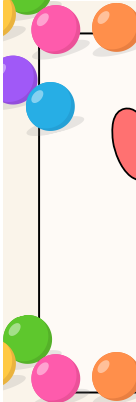


**FBTC**  
Legacy Builders  
May all who come behind  
us find us faithful

## Looking Ahead:

**AUGUST 21, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**LEGACY BUILDER BIBLE STUDY**  
**WITH REED CRUMBLISS**





# welcome

to our newest member

## Kase Davis





### COCHRAN COMMUNITY EMERGENCY NEED BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 11, 2025  
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Bleckley County Extension  
Office - Main Room  
165 Peacock St.

## WHEELS FOR THE WORLD



Accepting manual wheel chairs and  
walkers to refurbish and give to needy  
people around the globe.  
Contact the church office to learn how  
to donate.

A MINISTRY OF JONI AND  
FRIENDS



Happy  
18th  
Anniversary

Andrea Floyd