

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
15:30 pm Youth at Pal's
6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, August 24

6 pm Women's Fellowship at Pinstripes

Wednesday, August 26

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Potato Bar Dessert
5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Study
6 pm Women's Bible Study
Children's Summer Program
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Mid-Week Service
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 29

10 am Ignite Set-up
6 pm Ignite Saturday Night Worship

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Brenda Jones
Gene Miller

Home

Fred Boswell
Ray Cox
Amanda Alexander
Arleen Wyatt
Sharon Mullins
Lamar Elrod
June Stewart
Sonya Howard
Mary Jane Latoza

Carol Whelchel
Tressie Fletcher
Betty Goodner
Odell Culver
Joann Ezell
Stewart Mack Hannah
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Nell Smith
Pam McCullough
Sam & Mary-Lou Brown

Dale & Dolores Kinnison
Wiley & Helen Epperson
Winona Lewis

Nursing Home

Louise Fletcher
Mary Alkire
Ollie Grisham
Norma Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Bobby Harwood
Ruth Graham
Eloise Morris
Hazel Smith
Myrtle Thomas
Lila Archer
C. H. Tindall

Birthdays

Briley Cropper (23)
Marie Holder (23)
Suzie Headrick (24)
Lamar Hodges (24)

Betty Parrish (25)
Carl Morgan (26)
Elijah Williams (28)

Staff

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Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Bettye Dunwoody & family on the death of her son, Dale Dunwoody.



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Upcoming Events

Women's Fellowship

The next Women's Fellowship is this Monday, August 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Pinstripes Bowling Alley on Lee Hwy. We will leave the church on the bus at 6 pm. Cost will be \$12 per person which includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza & soft drink. Call Laura Jones 423-605-1816 or Laurie Brown 423-710-4117. Invite a friend!

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Thank you for the responses for Community Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Smith family. We are well on our way to getting the volunteers needed to make this a reality on Saturday, September 5 between 7 and 10:30 am. Please continue to call the church office or text or email Jeff Fletcher at 423-802-9644 if you can volunteer.

Church Picnic

Make plans to attend our Church Picnic on **Sunday, September 27** at Gilbert-Stephenson Park from 4 to 8 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy good food and fun at the park.

Guest Missionary Speaker

Ashish Mattoo a missionary friend from India will be with us on Wednesday evening Sept 9. He will give us insights to how the gospel is progressing throughout the Muslim world.

Exciting Improvements

Thank you to the Koinonia Class and friends for your effort in painting the upstairs of the Children Department! You are putting your beliefs into action. Investing into our children yields great gospel fruit!

August 19-26

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 23-29
Ronnie Born
Mark Fletcher
Hank Humphrey
Patrice Humphrey

Aug. 30-Sep. 5
Laurie Brown
Charles Helton
Jeff Ingram
Darlene Lane

Wednesday Meal

Aug. 26
Laurie Brown
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis

Sep. 2
P. Pennington
Terry Pennington
Olene Hendricks
Sandra Mullins

Security

Aug. 23-29
Raymond Pendley
Jeff Ingram

Aug. 30-Sep. 5
Tom Acker
Bryan Alexander

Greeters

Aug. 23
Harold Parrish
Betty Parrish
Terry Pennington

Aug. 30
Kay Swafford
Sue Overlin
Mary Jo Case

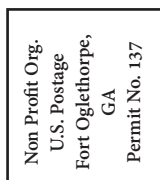
Extended Session

Sunday, Aug. 23

Babies Tracie Dodson
Sarah Kubler
1&2 yr olds Mackie Yatooma
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Rob Randall
Holly Randall

Next Sunday, Aug 30

Babies Louise Stinnett
Carrie Payne
1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Ron Mullins
Sandra Mullins



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

I'm always a little nervous when the plane begins to speed down the runway and prepare for takeoff. The same was true this past Monday afternoon as I sat onboard the Delta 747 with our missions team, preparing to depart from Atlanta to Zimbabwe. Yet, I had great confidence in knowing that Jesus has commanded us to go and make disciples, not just of our "neighbors," but of all nations. He wants us to be His hands and feet in the cause of teaching people all around the world to follow Him. This requires a



sacrifice and willingness on our part to step out and do what otherwise might cause us to be nervous and fearful.

The difference is this... When we are faithful to God, we do not have to be afraid. All authority has been given to Him. You and I can take heart that He has already overcome the world. And this same God who has all of the authority and victory has also promised to be with us to the very end of the age. Join me in praying for God to do amazing things in Zimbabwe this week. Thanks to God and the power of His presence, Zimbabwe will never be the same, and neither will I. I look forward to sharing a special Zimbabwe Missions report with you on the weekend of the 29th and 30th. Until then, God bless you!

-Jason

The Sunday Report		
Bible Study Attendance	218	
11 am Worship Attendance	258	
Ignite Attendance	22	
Annual Budget	549,050.20	
YTD Budget Needs	348,435.70	
YTD Budget Giving	335,940.47	
Total Receipts for the Week:	12,184.57	
Weekly Budget Giving	9,627.23	
Weekly Legacy Giving	1,526.22	
Weekly Missions Giving	711.12	

Announcements

Thank You
Thank you for the plant that was sent to the funeral home when my mom passed away. That was an act of true kindness. Forgive the lateness of this note but mom's leaving this world has left me empty. Please keep me in your prayers.
Kelley LaRoach

New Arrival
Congratulations to Traci & Jeremy Hicks on the birth of a Baby Girl, Lincoln Shaelyn (6 lb. 7 oz; 19 1/4 inches long) born August 11. Proud great grandparents are Betty & James Goodner.

Thank you
Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the love and kindness you have shown following the passing of our mother and grandmother, Bernice Banister. Thank you to everyone who took part in her memorial service and brought food, visits, cards, flowers and prayers.
Banister & Wyatt Family

Discipleship

Love is inside us but it seeks to be selflessly expressed outwardly toward the well-being of others. Love assumes the best about others. If someone inadvertently offends us, we choose to believe the offense was unintentional. If someone seeks to harm us, we "bear all things," forgiving unconditionally. If a positive light can be shed on a difficult encounter, we grasp it. If someone continually provokes you, we "endure all things." We never lose hope in the ones we love. We practice the same unconditional love toward others that Christ gives to us. We will be known by what we love.

Love has no limits. Love never says, "You've gone too far. I can't love you now." "All things" means everything is included. Christlike love leaves no



Andy Atkinson

doubt in the mind of another that you will continue to love steadfastly. Do those close to us know that they can fail and do foolish things, yet we will not falter in our love for them? Are others assured that, even when they hurt us, we still love them, holding nothing against them?

Paul said that he was nothing if he had the faith to move mountains, the tongue of an angel, and the gift of prophecy to understand all mysteries, yet did not have God's love. It is unacceptable to say, "Well, I just can't love people that way!" When God loves people through us, this is the only kind of love He has! Read the scriptures with gratitude that God has already expressed this complete and selfless love to you. His love is the ink of the good news!

Youth Spotlight

Back to school can be challenging with meeting new friends and just getting back in the routine of getting up early and studying your assignments for great grades! Praying for your friends and reaching out to new friends can be a reachable goal for this year! Have

Kevin Stone

a great year and remember we love you!

Bible Study at Pal's
Students meet every Sunday evening at Pal's for Bible Study. Invite your friends!

Children's Headlines

Back to School - As school begins, so does our busy schedules. Children go to school all day and then are involved in many things after school. The one thing we don't want to lose in our busy schedules is the time we take to talk and share about our daily walk with Christ with our children. I know that as a wife, a mom, a school teacher, and yes even as a minister, I am guilty of forgetting to do enough of this.

It is important to our children's spiritual growth that we make sure to take intentional time to perhaps have family devotions, scripture reading, or even praise and worship in the car on the way to and from activities. Another way is to make sure you carve out time for them to come and spend time with

their friends at church where they can also have that intentional time learning more about God's plan for their lives.

Children's Worship will begin after the new Sunday School year starts. More information will be coming soon!

Wednesday night activities – will start back with our regular schedule on Wednesday, September 2 at 6pm in the main room upstairs! We are very excited about welcoming new friends and teachers into our group! If your child goes to school in grades PreK – 5th grade, we'd love to have you come and worship with us on Wednesday nights!

Worship & More...

The Lord has been gracious in visiting us with His Presence during our corporate times of worship over the last several weeks! Comments such as "I sensed the Lord today" and "I felt God here" are great encouragements and are received with graciousness and humility.

There is an expectancy in the air as our Faith Family gathers for worship! People are anticipating His Presence. Hearts are focused on the Lord. Lives are being transformed!

Our purpose in the Worship Ministry is to connect people with God while ushering in the presence of God. The singers and musicians are joining together with **one voice** and with that one purpose. (See II Chronicles 5:13-14)

May I ask us all to continue to do three things:

- Spend time every day in personal worship, so when you come to corporate worship you will be **full** and ready to join with other Believers to lift up Jesus.

Brad Lewis

- Feel the **freedom** to express yourself in corporate worship (remembering it's for Him, not others) by singing, clapping, standing, sitting, or whatever expression allows you to direct your heart to the Lord.
- Invite others come with you to our corporate worship times to **share** in the Presence of God.

The Lord desires to continue to share Himself with us. I am grateful to be a part of a Faith Family that desires more of Him!

-Brad



Are you a H.O.S.T?

The first thing you need to know is that the idea of **H.O.S.T.** makes it possible for ordinary people to lead a small group. By that we mean that we're almost always talking about using a video-based small group study, bringing the teaching into the group via the television, and allowing the Host to do just that. In fact, the **HOST** acrostic stands for:

(H) Heart for your community
(O) Willing to **Open** your home for six weeks (or the length of the study)

(S) Serve a few simple refreshments

(T) Turn on your TV and **tell** your friends!

Pastor Andy would love to talk to you about a brief orientation on facilitating discussion and getting started on opening your life to what God can blow away our expectations! Email at andya@fbcfo.org

The Starting Point

The Starting Point Class will begin on September 13 @ 9:30 am, and continue for the next two Sundays. This is designed to help new members and frequent visitors begin a new journey with our church. We will meet during the

Sunday School hour. It is a great place to invite friends and visitors to find a special connection with our church! Make your plans to attend these informative classes.