

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, February 15

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, February 16

1 pm Joyful Praise Rehearsal

February 18-21

Kitchen Clean-Up

Wednesday, February 18

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli/Corn Casserole
Bread Dessert

You must RSVP by Tuesday

5:30 pm Youth Pizza

6 pm Women Bible Studies

Children Winter Program

6:15 pm Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 pm Business Meeting

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

6:30 pm Weight-loss Class

Saturday, February 21

10 am Ignite Set-up
4:30-6:30 pm Raymond & Louise Pendley's 60th Wedding Anniversary
6 pm Ignite Service

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Feb. 15-21

Bimol Poole
Jeff Wright
Cathy Cox
Ray Cox
Raymond Pendley

Feb. 22-28

Jeff Scott
Linda Daniels
Luke Daniels
Rob Randall

Wednesday Meal

February 18

Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Linda Daniels
Miki Ingram

February 25

Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant

Security

Feb 15-21

Tom Acker
Bryan Alexander

Feb 22-28

Raymond Dupree
Ray Williamson

Greeters

February 15

Bruce Underwood
Darlene Lane
Dolores Tant

February 22

Wayne Honeycutt
Rena Honeycutt
Terry Pennington

Extended Session

Sunday, February 15

Babies Louise Stinnett

1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts
Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Sarah Kubler

Next Sunday, February 22

Babies Joyce Rogers

1&2 yr olds David White
Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Amy Bradford
Brittany Stone

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Tressie Fletcher

Home

Doug Trew
Jack Smith
Jim Forester
Odell Culver
Taime Imler
Joann Ezell
Stewart
Opal Hyde
Mack Hannah
Larry Shipp
Linda Sikes
Georgia Dobson

Robin Ellis
June Stewart
Darrell & Beth
Daugherty
Nell Smith
Karen Webb
Angela Gann
Mary Jane
Lotoza
Sam & Mary-Lou
Brown
Dale & Dolores
Kinnison
Wiley & Helen
Epperson

Dottie Holland
Alabama

Nursing Home

Eunice Mosman
Mildred Watkins
Margaret Calvo
Lola Parker
Ollie Grisham
Bobby Harwood
Ruth Graham
Eloise Morris
Hazel Smith
Myrtle Thomas
Lila Archer
Winona Lewis
Myrtle Thomas

Birthdays

Tom Acker (15)
Brody Smith (15)
Nolan Richardson (16)
Hunter Griffin (19)

Mike Howard (20)
Kristi Mullins (21)
Lora Ogden (21)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Youth Director - Kevin Stone
Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram
Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins

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Christ Chapel

Dry Cereal

Christian Sympathy

To the family of Mildred Watkins.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the gifts
you have given me for my new
apartment! I sincerely appreciate
your kindness and generosity. My
apartment feels so much more like
home thanks to all of you. Love,
Flo Beck



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Upcoming Events

7th Annual Valentine Dinner

All Senior Adults (55 & over) with reservations join us this Saturday, Feb. 14 in the Fellowship Circle at 5:30 pm. Enjoy an elegant four course dinner. The menu will be Roasted Winter Squash appetizer, Slow Braised Beef Bracirole Entree (a Stuffed Beef Roll simmered in an Italian Tomato Sauce) and a few culinary surprises, with music and laughs with your friends.

The Starting Point

Join us beginning Sunday, March 1 @ 9:30 in the Fellowship Circle, for the Starting Point, Class. 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 on the first four Sundays in March. It is a great place to invite friends and visitors to find a special connection with our church!

Information Update

If you have a change of address or phone number please contact the church office so we can update our records. We have had returned newsletters and phone numbers that have been disconnected.

Women's Luncheon

Mark your calendar for the annual Women's Luncheon on Saturday, May 30 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Circle. If you would like to decorate a table please call Laura Jones (423-605-1816) as soon as possible.

Feb. 11- Feb. 18

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

I heard the words “try harder” all the time when I was a kid. To be nicer to my brother and sister, I needed to try harder. To play better on the ball field, I needed to try harder. And to make a good grade in geometry, I definitely needed to try harder. It was instilled in me from an early age that to get the desired result, a person needs to try harder.

Many of us have lived by that principle, and it serves us well in many areas of life. Yet, I am discovering through the beauty of the gospel that there are serious limitations to this principle

when it comes to pleasing God and achieving spiritual results. Imagine with the fruits of the Spirit, the apostle Paul telling us to try harder. Trying harder to be more loving, more joyful, more peaceful, more patient, more kind, more faithful, and more gentle will only get us so far. These are results to be desired, for sure, but they cannot be forced or manipulated by human effort. Instead, they are the product of a life changed by the refinement and cultivation of the Holy Spirit.

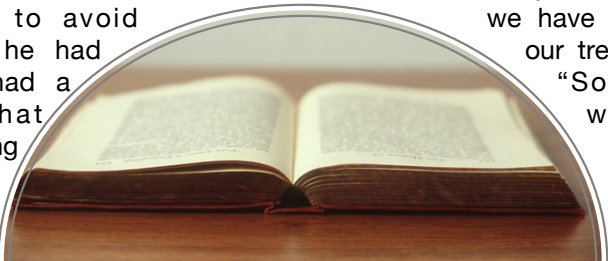
None of us can please God with these results on our own. They come from a life that is trusting in Jesus and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Yes, we should try harder, but maybe that means trusting more, repenting more, and praying harder. See you this weekend!

Live by the Spirit, Jason

Discipleship

Why live a righteous life? There is a freedom that comes in having nothing to hide. Living a life of integrity allows us this freedom. Our integrity is measured not by what we say about ourself but by what God says. Think about the prophet Samuel. Leaders who preceded him were dishonest and corrupt. It would have been easy for Samuel to compromise and continue this culture. At the end of his life, Samuel boldly stood before his people and asked them to reveal any offense he had committed against them. They could not think of even one. (1 Sam 12)

Samuel carefully guarded his heart and kept his relationships with integrity. So Samuel did not fear what others would say about him. He did not have to avoid anyone whom he had offended. He had a confidence that comes from living a transparent life. This is the freedom



Andy Atkinson

we have in Christ, a freedom from the guilt of the past and the empowerment to live with Christlike integrity. The gospel gives us an unearned righteousness that is not our own. With Christ, we suddenly have nothing to hide!

We pull away from a righteous life because we fall short. When we make mistakes, we cannot change the past, but we can choose to live with integrity from this day forward. Living righteously frees us to face anyone unashamedly, knowing you have behaved in a Christlike manner and confessing the transgressions. Let’s seek forgiveness from those we have wronged. Pray that God would guide our daily relationships so that we have no regrets about our treatment of others. “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them,” (Matt 7:12)

Just a Note

Great days are coming and you want to be a part of them. I am looking forward to Jason’s coming messages that will be addressing the forces that have our families under attack. We see it daily as forces seemingly beyond our control constantly have our values in their sights, not only in our personal families but our faith families as well.

I urge you to be in earnest prayer for our pastor as he takes the concerns that you have written down and through God’s word helps us find the answers and solutions.

We may feel “not in control” but God is in control. We need to seek Him and let Him work in our lives to

Dave Bolling

strengthen our families and overcome the problems we face with grace and courage.

These are tough times with tough challenges. Let’s stand fast as “Family”, helping one another to be over comers for Christ!

Still excited to be your servant. Let’s all catch the vision of what we can accomplish for the Lord if we “Get Excited” for Him. Blessings! Keep on Singin, Bro Dave



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	240
11 am Worship Attendance	260
Ignite Attendance	38
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	63,351.95
YTD Budget Giving	57,819.03

Total Receipts for the Week:	18,500.71
Weekly Budget Giving	12,602.91
Weekly Legacy Giving	2,456.20
Weekly Missions Giving	352.60

This Sunday’s Message:

We Are Family Series
“In the Face of Uncertainty”
Luke 8:22-25

Next Sunday’s Message:

“We Are Family” Series
Continues

Announcements

Thank You

My sincerest thanks for the beautiful flowers sent for Fletcher’s funeral. Most of all, thank you for your prayers, visits and food during his illness and home-going. God has given us unspeakable peace, hope and assurance, knowing that we will someday be reunited with him. We have the certainty that the same God who welcomed Fletcher home will keep us in His care.
Sue & Family

You Are Invited

Please join us for a celebration of Raymond & Louise Pendley’s 60th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, February 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Circle. Appetizers will be served. Please no gifts.

You are invited to celebrate with Gene & Preble McDaniel their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, February 22 in the FBCFO Fellowship Circle.

Youth Spotlight

Youth let Kevin know if you are interested in helping serve for the Valentine’s Banquet on Feb. 14.

D-Now (Mar. 6-8) Cost: \$15
Winter Jam (Mar. 15) \$10 at the door.

Note: Sunday Evenings Bible Study for boys at Pal’s Car

Kevin Stone

Wash each Sunday at 5:30 pm. Also, girl’s Bible Study at the home of Patrice Humphrey on Sunday evenings. Girls meet at the church at 5:15 pm.

Camp Deposits Please catch up on the camp deposit deadlines. The next deposit of \$25 is due March 1!

Children’s Headlines

Children’s Worship is this Sunday, 2-15-15. Children will leave the service immediately following the offertory prayer and look for Mrs. Sarah. Please come and find out how following God’s commandments can lead to a new you in this new year.

Pinewood Derby – The Pinewood Derby is approaching quickly. It will be Saturday, March 14th from 1 – 4. You can pick up an order form for your car kit from the welcome desks in both the preschool and children’s areas beginning this Sunday

morning. Return them to Sarah Kubler.

Wednesday Nights - We began a new curriculum series a few weeks ago that focuses on missionaries around the world while learning about the life of Paul. We are currently collecting money to go towards helping missionaries in Haiti. If your child is not involved on Wednesday nights yet, we’d love to have them!

I am praying that you have a blessed week this week!

Women’s Retreat

After the wonderful response we had to our first Women’s retreat to the Pinnacle, we will be planning another retreat on **Oct. 2-4. (Note date change)** The cost is \$127 per person which includes your room, 5 meals, and gas for the bus. A \$15 deposit is required in order to hold our spot. This is for any woman age 18 and over. If you are

interested in going, please get your \$15 non refundable deposit submitted to Laura Jones. If you have any questions you may call her at 423-605-1816.

Calendar Request

If you need to add something to our church calendar please contact the church office to do so. We are in transition to an

online calendar and want to avoid having something doubled booked.

Ministry Opportunities

Extended Session/Sunday School Teacher: Needing a teacher for the 2-year old Sunday School Class. Also needed, Extended Session Volunteers during morning worship

Security Team: We are looking for outside or inside team members. This would be a once every 6-8 week commitment.

Bus Ministry: Need drivers for Sunday morning.
KitchenVolunteers: Need workers on Wednesday evening. Greeters for Sunday Morning: Contact Carol McDowell if interested.