

# This Week @ FBC

**Sunday, May 17**

8 am Deacon's Meeting  
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:55 am Morning Worship/Children's Worship  
2 pm Heritage Baccalaureate  
6 pm Evening Service



**Wednesday, May 20**

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Pork Tenderloin Green Peas**  
**Oven-Roasted Potatoes**  
**Bread Dessert**  
5:30 pm Youth Pizza  
6 pm Women Bible Study  
Children's Spring Program  
6:15 pm Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Business Meeting  
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal  
Weight Loss Class

**Saturday, May 23**

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

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# Prayer Concerns

## Home

Ann Born  
Harold Parrish  
Carol Whelchel  
Lou Scott  
Luther Nicholson  
Angela Gann  
Jim & Shirley  
Forester  
Mackie Yatooma  
Arleen Wyatt  
Tressie Fletcher  
Sonya Howard  
Betty Goodner  
Helen Fisher

Sarah Delzell  
Odell Culver  
Taimie Imler  
Winona Lewis  
Joann Ezell  
Stewart  
Mack Hannah  
Linda Sikes  
June Stewart  
Robin Ellis  
Beth Daugherty  
Nell Smith  
Karen Webb  
Wayne Thomas

Clarence &  
Bobbie Allison  
Sam & Mary-Lou  
Brown  
Dale & Dolores  
Kinnison  
Wiley & Helen  
Epperson  
Dottie Holland  
Alabama

## Nursing Home

Joyce Miller  
Eva Stone  
Norma Carpenter

Eva Williams  
Eunice Mosman  
Henry Parker  
Ollie Grisham  
Bobby Harwood  
Ruth Graham  
Eloise Morris  
Hazel Smith  
Myrtle Thomas  
Lila Archer  
Georgia Dobson  
Mary Alkire  
C. H. Tindall

## Birthdays

Susan Key (17)  
Maitlee Massey (18)  
Caleb Born (19)  
Greg Suggs (19)

Dave Bolling (21)  
Rena Caradine (21)  
Odell Culver (21)  
Dana O'Steen (21)

Luke Paris (21)  
Larry Shipp (21)  
Kylia Goodner (23)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Youth Director - Kevin Stone  
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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

May 17-23  
Luke Daniels  
Rob Randall  
Jeff Scott  
Lina Daniels

May 24-30  
Jeanette Dupree  
Jeff Fletcher  
Bryan Alexander

## Wednesday Meal

May 20  
Frankie Trotter  
Hal Jones  
Charles Tant  
Dolores Tant

May 27  
Laurie Brown  
Wayne Rasbury  
Charlie Rasbury  
Pat Medearis

## Security

May 17-23  
Raymond Pendley  
Jeff Ingram

May 24-30  
Tom Acker  
Bryan Alexander

## Greeters

May 17  
Preble McDaniel  
Gene McDaniel  
Dolores Tant

May 24  
Louise Stinnett  
Barbara Poole  
Terry Pennington

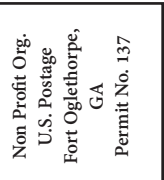
## Extended Session

**Sunday, May 17**

Babies Joyce Rogers  
Candy Vann  
1&2 yr olds David White  
Drew Todaro  
3 yr olds Amy Bradford  
Brittany Stone

**Next Sunday, May 24**

Babies Micki Atkinson  
Andy Atkinson  
1&2 yr olds Stacy Thomas  
Drew Todaro  
3 yr olds Pam Bethune  
Cindy Shipp



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## Christ Chapel

Canned Meat

## Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Miki, Jeff, Michael & Parker Ingram and Drew & Patrick Todaro on the death of Miki's Grandmother, Juanita Henry.



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## Upcoming Events

### Special Guest This Sunday

As we gather for worship this weekend, we have a special opportunity to meet Rev. Brad Lewis and his wife Elaine. Brad is a candidate for our Worship Pastor position, and will be traveling up from Florida to meet and worship with us. This is an exciting and prayerful time in the life of our church! Please join us.

### Vacation Bible School June 22-25

VBS is coming soon to a church near you! This year, we will experience an exciting jungle safari with LifeWay's "Journey Off The Map!" Registration will be available on our website soon. This is one of the biggest missions events of the year. Please save the dates of Monday, 6/22 - Thursday 6/25, from 6 to 8 pm each night. Encourage your kids & grandkids to experience the

### Graduate Sunday - Sunday, May 31

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors during Morning Worship. Call the church office if you are a graduating senior from high school, college or university by May 27.

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

We reached our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering! Thank you for your support and prayers. Every dollar will go towards church planting and missions in the United States.

Goal: \$6,000

Received: \$6,112

### Mandatory Mission Brazil Trip Meeting

If you have any interest in going on the Brazil Mission Trip October 13 - 22, we need you in attendance for this meeting after the service in the Lydia classroom May 31 @ 12:15pm. Please be praying for our members who are taking the gospel to all nations.

# May 13- 20



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Who do you have to speak up for you? Last week, we were encouraged to pray for our church leaders. Truthfully, we all need someone to speak up for us through prayer. I recall one afternoon in fourth grade being pushed around by a kid who was much bigger than me. Later, when my mom picked me up from school, she noticed a big knot that had come up on the side of my head. Of course, I tried to downplay the matter and reluctantly gave her the name of the “culprit” only after intense questioning. My mom did not make a big scene about it, but simply

spoke with my teacher to make sure that she would be there to look out for me in the future. Mom rightly believed that in my “tough” elementary school world, I needed an advocate. In our “tough” world, prayer is an important way for us to speak up for each other. Each prayer that we speak is received in heaven and presented to God through the one who stands at His right hand. Jesus is the righteous one “who speaks to the Father in our defense” (1 John 2:1). Because He is our high priest and mediator, “[l]et us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Heb. 4:16). Let’s all be encouraged to speak up and pray for each other as we work together to carry out God’s mission in our “tough” world. See you this weekend! Jason

# Discipleship

Spiritual maturity is not knowing everything nor is it acting like you know everything. Everyone feels the pressure of embarrassment when we face situations where we do not know what to do. Spiritually mature people do not “fake it till they make it.” They take responsibility by learning from it and pursuing to learn from others before them. The spiritually immature blame others and cannot properly handle pressure of what to do next with what they face. Go through the people of Scripture, notice how each one takes responsibility or blames others for their actions. Begin with Adam and Eve, they did everything to avoid taking responsibility for their sin. Adam blamed his wife. He even pointed an accusing finger at God, saying it was “the woman, whom You gave me.” Eve passed the blame to the serpent. Their excuses did not make a difference in

Andy Atkinson

the consequences for their actions. God knows the difference in excuses and rationale. God’s sovereignty overpowers our sin and our inadequacy. Have confidence in the mercy of God. Jesus did. God’s mercy is the only value of worth to overcome sin. When we refuse to take responsibility for our actions, we want to blame others for our problems, sin, even our lack of experience or knowledge. Yet forgiveness and restoration cannot happen until we accept full responsibility for our actions. If we make a habit of blaming others for our failures, we will not reach a point of honest repentance. God will hold us accountable for our own actions, not others (2 Cor. 5:10). Strive always to acknowledge and take responsibility for your own sins. Lean into His power to overcome your inadequacy. It will free you to receive God’s forgiveness and to press on to spiritual maturity.

# Just a Note

This is an exciting week for our church. Be praying for Brother Brad and his family who will be here to meet us all. Choir and orchestra please make an extra effort to be here if at all possible. Saturday and Sunday promise to be super great worship times. Mark Paulson will finish the day with a concert Sunday night. Mark always is a blessing when he sings. I hope that everyone will come and support and encourage him as he leads in this special worship hour. In two weeks, May 31st, we will be blessed to have the Emmanuel Quartet in the evening service for a full concert. These men have been together for over 20 years. They are from Cleveland TN. Their style is Acapella. The harmonies are beautiful. I have been playing their CD for pre service music on Sunday nights. Listen this Sunday night for a preview.

Dave Bolling

Future Sunday evening concerts include Brenda Williamson on June 14th, Ryan Stinson on June 28th and the “Florida Boys Quartet” on July 5th, to finish out the summer series. See you all there. Blessings Keep on singing Bro Dave

The Gibbs Gardens trip is this week. The date is Thursday, May 14th, leaving at 9AM.

# The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	224
11 am Worship Attendance	242
Ignite Attendance	35
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	200,614.50
YTD Budget Giving	195,722.08
Total Receipts for the Week:	21,642.09
Weekly Budget Giving	10,423.28
Weekly Legacy Giving	6,706.00
Weekly Missions Giving	1,633.75

**This Sunday’s Message:**  
“Are You ‘Alive’?”  
Alive - To Share God’s Love”  
Matthew 5:38-48

**Next Sunday’s Message:**  
Sermon on the Mount  
Series Continues

# CERT Tool Auction

The auction will be held on Saturday, May 23 in the CERT Bldg. Power & hand tools will be auctioned off. Pass the word to your friends. Doors open at 8 am to inspect the tools, and the

auction will start at 9 am. If you have tools you want to donate bring them with you. All proceeds go to the CERT mission trips. If you have questions, call Marlin at 423-290-4093.

# Men’s Ministry

“Men’s Steak-Out” We’re inviting all our men to come out on June 4 at 6:30 pm for our Thursday night “Steak Out!” We will meet at the church and enjoy a grilled steak with all the trimmings. Cost and

other details to follow soon. There will be several get-togethers for our men all summer long. Watch for upcoming events in the future. Mark your calendar for this event!

# Youth Spotlight

**Fuge Camp -** Glorieta, New Mexico is June 11-20.  
**Camp Deposits-** 5 payments of \$25 already due for camp. If you have not paid these, see Kevin.

Kevin Stone

**Sunday Evenings Bible Study**  
Both Boys & Girls at Pal’s Car Wash at 5:30 pm this Sunday. Meet at Pal’s.

# Children's Headlines

**Happenings in the Preschool and Children's Department:**  
**Important-**  
Please remember to check your child in at the welcome desk downstairs on Sunday mornings if they are in our Preschool Department.

**Children's Worship** is this Sunday. We will wrap up our unit on Fruits of the Spirit.

**VBS Is Coming!** Join us June 22 – 28 as we Journey Off the Map this year to discover a deeper understanding of God’s Word! If you would like to volunteer to help out in the biggest outreach our church offers to the children in our community, Please let the church office know or email Sarah

at Sarahk@fbcfo.org. It will take us all to make a difference in the lives of the children we will reach that week!

**Wednesday Nights:** We are racing across the world learning more about missionaries and their work in different countries through our Really Amazing Race program. We would love to have your children join us. The fun begins at 6:00 on Wednesday nights upstairs!

**Camp Information:** Dawn passed out packets of paperwork for camp this summer. Please make sure you turn those in as soon as possible so we can make sure all affairs are in order for our big trip!

# Women's Ministry

**Women’s Luncheon-** Tickets are on sale in the Welcome Center or buy them at the church office for the Annual Women’s Luncheon on Saturday, May 30, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Sue Moore of Forgiven Much Ministries and our worship music will be led by our own Touched by Grace. Cost is \$15 per person, which will include a

nice lunch of Rosemary Crusted Pork Loin and the trimmings. also still need 3 additional women who would be interested in hosting a table. ***If you need child care contact Laura Jones!***

# Deacon Nomination

The Deacon Nomination Election Committee urges the church members to participate in the deacon selection process by submitting the names of those whom they would like to serve as deacons. Nomination cards are located at each entrance of the Worship Center and at the Welcome Center. Please take the card and list your nominations, sign the card and turn them in to

the church office via the Sunday offering plate, or *directly to Chairman of Deacons, Jeff Fletcher.* All Church Members 21 yrs. & older are eligible for nomination. Contact the persons you nominate to make sure they are willing to serve!