

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship/Youth Sunday
5:30 Youth at Pal's Car Wash
6 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday, July 29

12 - 5pm Blood Assurance Blood Drive
5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Vegetable Soup Dessert
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
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 1

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

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

July 26-Aug. 1

Marlin Paulson
James Swafford
Mary Jo Case
Joe Montgomery
Ron Mullins

Aug. 2-8

Bimol Poole
Jeff Wright
Cathy Cox
Ray Cox
Raymond Pendley

Wednesday Meal

July 29

Nancy Smith
Charles Helton
Brenda Jones
Betty Parrish

Aug. 5

James Swafford
Elaine Steele
Mary Jo Case
Cathy Cox

Security

July 26-Aug. 1

Alvin Davis
Ron Bethune

Aug. 2-8

James Swafford
Mickey Caradine

Greeters

July 29

Rena Caradine
Micky Caradine
Mary Jo Case

Aug. 2

Pat Medearis
Mackie Yatooma
George McDowell

Extended Session

Sunday, July 26

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

Next Sunday, Aug. 2

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

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Fred Boswell

Home

Richard Long
Jim Forester
Arleen Wyatt
Patricia Clark
Jo Hill
Sharon Mullins
Lamar Elrod
Bernice Banister
June Stewart
Stan Grell
Sarah Delzell

Mary Jane

Latoza
Carol Whelchel
Tressie Fletcher
Sonya Howard
Betty Goodner
Odell Culver
Joann Ezell
Stewart
Mack Hannah
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Nell Smith
Pam McCullough

Clarence &

Bobbie Allison
Sam & Mary-Lou
Brown
Dale & Dolores
Kinnison
Wiley & Helen
Epperson

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

Shirley Bryan (27)
Jim Carlton (27)
Michael Fulmer (27)
Paul Page (28)
Lindsey Smith (29)

Mac Fitzpatrick (30)
Laura Montgomery (30)
Kailey Hennessee (31)
Brenda Jones (31)
Joe Montgomery (31)

Joanne E. Stewart (31)
Frankie Trotter (31)
Jean Beavers (1)
Jeff Nelms (1)
Candy Vann (1)

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Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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Christ Chapel
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Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Angie, Lyla, Eila and Kyla Smith & family on the death of Randall Smith



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Upcoming Events

Youth Sunday

This Sunday Morning, July 26, our Student Ministry will be leading us in worship as we celebrate the recent mission trip to New Mexico. This will be a wonderful opportunity to worship God and to learn how He is working in the lives of our students. Let's all invest our time, energy and resources in our students!

Ignite Team Meeting

If you have been part of the Ignite Saturday Night Service in any way, please join us at 4 pm this **Sunday, July 26** in the Fellowship Circle for a special time to talk, share, and plan for the future. Please mark your calendar and be praying about the next steps for this worship ministry.

New Playground is Here

Our new playground has arrived and is ready for installation. We will have professional crews conducting the installation next week, but there are still some things for us to do. We will be landscaping and mulching around the new playground and repairing the fencing as soon as the installation is complete. Please see Sarah Kubler for more details and to help out. We look forward to opening the new playground in the next few weeks.

Blood Assurance Drive

There is power in the blood, and we need yours next Wednesday, July 29 from 12-5 pm! So far, we still need folks to sign-up. Please visit the Welcome Center or call the Church Office to sign up soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community in the wake of the events of last Thursday. We appreciate your courageous support!

Special Worship Rally

Our evening service on Sunday, August 2 will be at 6 pm at LaFayette High School for the Family Back to School Rally. Chris McDaniel will be leading the music and Gerald Harris, editor of the Christian Index, will be speaking. If you want to ride the bus to LaFayette High School, please meet at our church campus at 5 pm. This is a great way for you to support our teens as they get ready for the new school year.

July 22-July 29

Word From Our Pastor

Words cannot fully describe the power of the worship experience that we shared this past weekend. Many of you have expressed how moved you were by the Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Indeed, we were a people of one faith who gathered together with need, hope, and great expectation that God would meet with us. And yes, God did not disappoint. His Holy Spirit moved powerfully through our time in prayer, praise, and preaching. I say a special thank you to Brad, Mike, Joseph, the Choir, and Orchestra for being vessels and instruments



Jason Thomas

for God’s Spirit. And now as we look ahead to a time of worship this weekend, what should our expectations be? Very simply... They should be the same. Every worship service is a new and exciting opportunity to meet with God in a powerful group dynamic. Let it be that we not even go and do unless God’s presence is with us. Consider God’s word through Moses in Exodus 33:15, “And he [Moses] said to him [God], ‘If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.’” The presence of God makes all of the difference. May He be with you every day this week, wherever you go, with your body serving as is His temple. May He also gather us strong together in His name for worship this weekend. See you then!

-Jason

The Sunday Report

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| Bible Study Attendance | 245 |
| 11 am Worship Attendance | 278 |
| Ignite Attendance | 42 |
| Annual Budget | 549,050.20 |
| YTD Budget Needs | 306,201.07 |
| YTD Budget Giving | 295,751.65 |

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| Total Receipts for the Week: | 13,596.08 |
| Weekly Budget Giving | 11,301.05 |
| Weekly Legacy Giving | 1,297.00 |
| Weekly Missions Giving | 684.00 |

Announcements

Invitation Cards

We now have special “Be My Guest” cards for you to pick up on campus and share with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone you meet. These cards make it easy for you to invite people to come and experience what God is doing on our campus!

Zimbabwe Mission

Pastor Jason is joining with a team of pastors from our Baptist Association for a short term mission trip to Zimbabwe. The trip will be in August. Please be praying for Jason and the mission team.

Church Picnic

Make plans to attend the church picnic on Sunday, September 27 at Gilbert-Stephenson Park from 4 to 8 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the fellowship at the park.

Discipleship

When God places people in your life who are in need, He is aware of what they lack, and He will give you the resources to meet those needs. You know God does nothing by accident. When a need surfaces around you, immediately go to the Father and say, “You put me here for a reason. What did You intend to do through me that would help this person become closer to You?

Recognizing a need in someone’s life can be one of the greatest invitations from God you will ever experience. It’s easy to become frustrated by the problems of others, but God is saying “join me!” Needs can overwhelm you as you become aware of them and the enemy is hard at work too! Rather than looking at each new problem as one more drain on your time, energy, or finances, ask God why He



Andy Atkinson

placed you in this situation. Allow God to help you see beyond the obvious needs of others to the things He wants to accomplish in their lives. Let Him “Faith” your eyes! Don’t miss God’s activity because you’re reluctant to carry the load of others.

Maybe God is developing your life through which He can provide for others. God’s heart is fully aware of the hurts of people. But is our heart? Has God granted you a strong, healthy family life? It may be that He requires such a home to minister to the hurting families all around you. Has God miraculously provided for your needs? It may be that He has been purposefully building things into your life so that you can now be the kind of person who will carry the burdens of others.

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Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

August 7 - After Party Lock-In

We will start at the FO Pool at 6 pm for the church-wide pool party with hot dogs and all the fixings. The Youth (6-12 grade) will have the pool until 10 pm then move to the church for an evening of Winners Circle, sardines, card/board games, food and a lot of FUN! Be sure to bring friends. **Parents** pick up youth at 8 am on August 8.

Youth Service on Sunday

Don’t forget the Youth Service on Sunday. Youth, you need to meet at church on Friday, July 24 at 6 pm for practice.

Pal’s Bible Study

Boys and girls meet at Pal’s Car Wash Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm.

Children's Headlines

Wednesday Nights are in full swing and we'd love to have you join us. Join us this week for a fun filled evening of learning about God!

Pool Party - The church-wide back to school pool party will be Friday, August 7th from 6-8 pm at the Fort Oglethorpe Pool. Please make plans now to come out and join us!

Volunteers - We are looking for volunteers for the Extended Session Childcare rotation. The more people who volunteer the fewer times we will need to serve!

Music & More...

WOW! That is pretty much all I can say about this weekend’s worship experiences, especially Sunday morning... God’s presence was strong, God’s Word was powerful, and God’s people were encouraged!

As I have reflected on the Presence of God in our worship and His goodness in revealing Himself to us, here are some takeaways that I have determined:

We don’t have to wait for tragedy to experience God’s Presence. God’s Word is full of promises that He desires to reveal Himself to us. (Psalm 16:11; Psalm 21:6; Psalm 41:12)

If we’ll desire the Presence of God and cry out for it, God will reveal Himself. Moses did just that and God said, “My Presence will go with you.” (Ex 33:12-14)

It is not a musical style that ushers in God’s Presence. Rather, it is a heart that seeks after Him and is open to His Presence that opens the door for Him to reveal Himself.

Experiencing God’s Presence personally is mandatory for us to experience His Presence corporately.

Deacon Retreat

Our 2015 Deacon Retreat will be in beautiful Ellijay, GA on August 14 & 15. Cost of lodging will be \$89 plus tax. Voices of Grace will be leading us in worship and the Rev. Frank Kelly will be our speaker. All deacons are encouraged to attend.

Women's Retreat

Sign-ups are still underway for our Women’s Retreat at the Pinnacle, Oct. 2-4. There will be a brief planning meeting in mid August to discuss the retreat. The cost is \$127 which includes lodging, 5 meals, and gas for the bus. The only extra costs will be your lunch while we travel on Friday and Sunday. You may pay a little at a time or pay in full by the first week

Church-Wide Pool Party

Join us on August 7 at 6 pm at the Gilbert-Stephenson Pool for our annual pool party. We will have hot dogs with all the fixings. Invite

Brad Lewis

Most of us spent much time in prayer over the days leading up to Sunday. We were in His Presence personally as we cried out to Him, and He honored us with His Presence as we worshipped together.

Allow me to encourage and even challenge you to seek His Presence daily, and to come expecting God’s Presence every time we worship together as a Faith Family!

-Brad

