

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
 10:55 am Morning Worship
 6 pm Family Worship Rally in LaFayette

Tuesday, August 4

10 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, August 5

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

Friday, August 7

6 pm Church-wide Pool Party/Youth Lock-in

Saturday, August 8

8 am Pick-up Youth from Lock-in
 10 am Ignite Set-up
 6 pm Ignite Saturday Night Worship

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Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Fred Boswell

Home

Arleen Wyatt
 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

Barbara Holland (2)
 Hank Humphrey (2)
 Christian Stocky (2)
 Frances Hilley (3)
 Dawn Emous (4)
 Patti Godfrey (5)

Bob Johnson (5)
 Dolores Kinnison (5)
 Mary Ann Jones (6)
 Corey Smith (6)
 Luke Daniels (7)
 Carl Little (7)

Lou Scott (7)
 Holly Trotter (7)
 Don Bates (8)
 Joshua Brumbaugh (8)

Staff

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Christ Chapel
 Crackers

Christian Sympathy
 Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Wayne, Pam & Brad Robinson & family on the death of Wayne's Mother, Norma Robinson.

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 2-8
 Bimol Poole
 Jeff Wright
 Cathy Cox
 Ray Cox
 Raymond Pendley

Wednesday Meal

<u>Aug. 2-8</u> Bimol Poole	<u>Aug. 9-15</u> Jeff Scott	<u>Aug. 5</u> James Swafford	<u>Aug. 12</u> Linda Daniels
Jeff Wright	Linda Daniels	Elaine Steele	Joyce Rogers
Cathy Cox	Luke Daniels	Mary Jo Case	Cindy Shipp
Ray Cox	rob Randall	Cathy Cox	Ronnie Born
Raymond Pendley			

Security

<u>Aug. 2-8</u> James Swafford	<u>Aug. 9-15</u> Wayne Honeycutt
Mickey Caradine	

Greeters

<u>July 26</u> Rena Caradine	<u>Aug. 9</u> Regeania Nicholson
Micky Caradine	Luther Nicholson
Mary Jo Case	Marlin Paulson

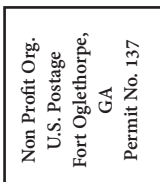
Extended Session

Sunday, Aug. 2

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

Next Sunday, Aug. 9

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



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Upcoming Events

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.

Deacon Confirmation

The Deacon confirmation will be this Sunday, August 2 during the Morning Worship! The four candidates for deacon are Mary Anna Paulson, Wayne Rasbury, Tim Miller and Gene McDaniel. Please continue in prayer for the Deacons, and for this conformation process.

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.

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 friends and neighbors for an enjoyable night!

Mandatory Extended Session Volunteer Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for volunteers on Sunday, August 16 right after church in Fellowship Circle. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who would like to learn more about volunteering in the Extended Session is welcome to attend as well!

July 29-Aug. 5

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

There was a calm before the storm. Jesus knew that the storm was coming, but still insisted that His disciples get into the boat and leave the safety of the shore. We read about this in Mark 6:45. "Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side..." Jesus stayed behind to pray and watch as "they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them" (6:48). Their journey into the storm was difficult and dangerous, but was still an important part of God's plan for them. Jesus came along during the journey to give

them the assurance and peace that they needed to make their way through the storm.

This week, our church family has walked through a difficult "storm." And we have done so knowing that God has positioned us and equipped us with everything that we need for such a time as this. His presence has made all of the difference. We worship a God who has promised to be with us, just as Jesus miraculously walked on the water so that He could enter the boat to be with His disciples. By His Spirit, God is also with us, and we can hear the gentle whisper of His voice reminding us, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (6:50). I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during this special time. You are deeply loved and appreciated! See you this weekend.

-Jason



Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

As a disciple we are obliged to view our actions in light of how they will affect others. We will discover God's will for our life when we consider His activity in the lives of others. This should be a daily prayer request. This is distinct from being nosy or smothering. It comes from the Spirit's work in your heart. The culture encourages us to live our own life, taking care of our own needs and wants first. Sin is independence from God. Thus sin promotes independence relationally. It isolates us from others and separates us from those we could help or who could encourage us. God designed us for interdependence with him first and with others second.

Whenever we meet another disciple, we come face to face with Christ (See John 13:20). There ought to be a deep respect within you as you

encounter other lives guided by the Holy Spirit. Do not live as if you have no responsibility toward your Christian brothers or sisters. God holds us accountable for how we relate. Paul celebrated his freedom in Christ, but he was sensitive to other Christians. He was aware that his sin could not take place in isolation but could bring pain to many others.

We have a responsibility to live in such a way that we do not hurt others, but also to help others. We must deny ourself and allow the Holy Spirit to put to death our natural inclination to be self-centered. As long as you focus on yourself, you will be oblivious to the needs of others. Ask God to free us from selfishness so that our life is free to bless others.



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	252
11 am Worship Attendance	269
Ignite Attendance	40
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	316,759.73
YTD Budget Giving	302,124.65

This Sunday's Message:

"Alive - To Encourage Others"
Matthew 7:1-6

Next Sunday's Message:

Sermon on the Mount
Series Continues

Total Receipts for the Week:	56,895.64
Weekly Budget Giving	6,376.00
Weekly Legacy Giving	6,470.80
Weekly Missions Giving	1,726.90

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!

Thank You

Dear Church Family & Friends, Thank you for your many expressions of loving care you gave to us since May 8 when I underwent cranial surgery. We are just about back to normal now at the Born House; thank the Good Lord. Every prayer was felt and greatly appreciated.

Ronnie & Ann Born

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.

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 campus for an evening of Winners Circle, sardines, card/board games, food and a lot of FUN! **Don't forget to bring an extra change of clothes and a**

towel! Be sure to bring friends. **Parents** pick up your youth at 8 am on Saturday, August 8.

Youth Family Rally in LaFayette

We will be leaving the church at 5 pm and go to LaFayette. **Please dress for hot weather!**

Children's Headlines

Wednesday Nights are in full swing and we'd love to have you with 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!

Extended Session - There will be a mandatory meeting for volunteers on Sunday, August 16 right after worship in Fellowship Circle. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who would like to learn more about volunteering in the Extended Session is welcome to attend as well!

Music & More...

Brad Lewis

I asked this question in this article a couple of weeks ago: **What is the best preparation for worship?** My answer was simple: **The best preparation for worship is worship!** (If you missed that article, please find and read it...)

Continuing that thought, allow me to make a few comments...

If the best preparation for worship is worship, then it is not only what we do on the way to the church campus on Sundays (hopefully worshipping), but also what we do in our personal lives on Monday through Saturday.

You see, corporate worship is the culmination of what has happened during Monday - Saturday in our lives, not the beginning point. Although we leave encouraged and **spiritually full**, we don't gather to worship for the sole purpose of getting our tanks full. We gather because our tanks are **already full** of God's grace, and we want to express it corporately.

Put another way, the level and intensity of our personal worship directly affects the level and intensity of our corporate worship. If we are not

worshipping personally throughout the week, we cannot expect our corporate worship to be powerful.

Rather than depending on the worship pastor and worship ministry teams to **feed us** in worship, we should all bring our own contribution to the table of worship that they set for us.

So may I ask: Are you having a consistent, personal time alone with God each day? Are you worshipping Him throughout your Monday - Saturday? Do you wake up on Sunday morning overflowing with the goodness of God in your life?

Ponder these thoughts, and come this weekend having worshipped, and ready to worship!



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.

You can contact Jeff Fletcher for more information.

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 of September. Contact Laura Jones 423-605-1816 or Laurie Brown 423-710-4117. We promise you will really enjoy this time of worship and fellowship with the ladies!

Women's Fellowship

We will have our next Women's Fellowship on Monday, August 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Pinstripes Bowling Alley on Lee Hwy. We will leave 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!