

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:15 PM Extended Session Childcare Meeting
Women's Retreat Meeting
5:30 pm Youth at Pal's
6 pm Evening Worship/Deacon Ordination

Monday, August 17 - Friday, August 28

Zimbabwe Mission Trip

Wednesday, August 19

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Chili Dessert
Pimento 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 Business Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 16

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

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Ray Cox
Louise Fletcher
Brenda Jones
Gene Miller

Home

Fred Boswell
Gene Miller
Amanda Alexander
Arleen Wyatt
Sharon Mullins
Lamar Elrod
June Stewart

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

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

Brandon Malone (17)
Hadyn Griffin (18)
Charles Tant (19)
Mark Fletcher (20)
Gene MCDaniel (20)
Mike Mullins (20)
Mason Swafford (20)
Tim Born (21)
Ron Brock (21)
Pat Perry (21)
Nanci Clark (22)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Youth Director - Kevin Stone
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Christ Chapel
Crackers

Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Carla, Lamar, Stephen and Joshua Wyatt and Tim, Lisa, Christopher & Laura Banister & family on the death of Bernice Banister.



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Upcoming Events

Important Extended Session Lunch Meeting

There will be a very important lunch meeting for all nursery workers and volunteers this Sunday, August 16 right after church in the Fellowship Circle. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who would like to learn more about volunteering in our nursery is invited to attend.

Women's Retreat Meeting

We will have a meeting of everyone who plans to go or is interested in going on the Women's Retreat on October 2-4 this Sunday, August 16 following the Worship Service at 12:15 pm. Plan on this meeting lasting 15-30 minutes. If you cannot be there, but plan to go, contact Laura Jones 423-605-1816 or Laurie Brown 423-710-4117 in order for them to get information packs to you. If you have not already signed up and would like to go, please plan to attend this meeting as well.

Deacon Ordination

Gene McDaniel, newly elected deacon will be ordained for service for the upcoming church year! Please be in prayer for Gene and returning deacons as they commit themselves to the service of others.

Zimbabwe Mission Trip

Please remember in prayer for those leaving on the Zimbabwe Mission Trip Monday, August 17 and returning on Friday, August 28!

CERT Team Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for our CERT Team who will be taking a group to Eastover Retreat Center in Surry County Virginia on August 30- September 4.

August 12-19

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 16-22
Bryan Alexander
Jeanette Dupree
Jeff Fletcher

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

Wednesday Meal

Aug 19
Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant

Aug 26
Laurie Brown
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis

Security

Aug. 16-22
Bimol Poole
Eddy Trotter

Aug. 23-29
Raymond Pendley
Jeff Ingram

Greeters

Aug. 16
Aurelia Little
Margaret Box
Dolores Tant

Aug. 23
Harold Parrish
Betty Parrish
Terry Pennington

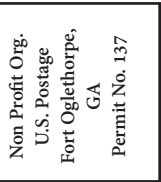
Extended Session

Sunday, Aug. 16

Babies Micki Atkinson
Andy Atkinson
1&2 yr olds Mackie Yatooma
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Rob Randall
Holly Randall

Next Sunday, Aug. 23

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



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Many times I have made that commitment... Driving several hours, waiting in line, paying for the ticket, and even sitting in the rain to experience my favorite team play football. And I am not alone. Even on those rainy days, I would be joined by at least 80,000 other people who had made a similar commitment.

When it comes to events like college football, the distance between I **won't** and I **will** is very short. Yet, the same is not true when it comes to the gathered church. That distance for events like corporate worship is

growing larger day by day. More and more people are missing out on the joy of experiencing God with a family of other believers. We see it in the decline of church attendance across our country. This should not be.

Remember what King David wrote in Psalm 84:10, “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.” This is not a “knock” on college football. I love it too. Yet, what I love even more is to gather with you and all of our faith family and guests to experience the power of God together. We find amazing encouragement and refreshment when we gather together for worship. Let's look forward to our gathering this weekend and invite others to share in the experience!

-Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	
11 am Worship Attendance	
Ignite Attendance	
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	337,877.05
YTD Budget Giving	326,323.24

Total Receipts for the Week:	14,154.40
Weekly Budget Giving	111,418.94
Weekly Legacy Giving	1685.00
Weekly Missions Giving	301.00

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!

School Supplies

Now is a great time to buy school supplies for your Samaritan's Shoeboxes during the back-to-school sales! It is a good time to prepare for filling your shoeboxes!

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.

Discipleship

Our response to God greatly determines His presence in our lives. If we seek God with all of our hearts, then we will find Him. The Lord wants to have fellowship with us, but He will not force a relationship upon us. We cannot reject fellowship with God and expect Him to remain near. He does not merely follow us throughout our day in case we need His assistance.

It is silly to treat a sovereign God like a servant who should wait upon us. God will relate to us on His terms, not ours. God desires a close walk with us. He will make His presence real and personal if that is our desire. If we repent of our sin and seek God on His terms, we can look forward to intimate fellowship with Him. We are

Andy Atkinson

to continually seek Him, not content to enter a new day without the assurance that God is walking beside us. Do you say you want to experience God's presence while your actions reveal otherwise?

If you say you want to know God better but neglect His Word, are you truly seeking Him? Have you regularly forsaken the place of prayer? If your actions reveal that you are genuinely seeking God, then He promises that you will find Him. **“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8**

Kevin Stone

Bible Study at Pal's

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

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 a great year and remember we love you!

Children's Headlines

"God does not call the equipped, he equips the called." How many times have you heard this phrase? I think about it often when I feel as though God has called me to do something that I know I would never be able to do. But every time, I find that God gives me the skills I need to do exactly what he has called me to do. Maybe God is calling you to work with our children or preschoolers. I would love to encourage you to join us for an **Extended Session Childcare meeting** after church on August 16th. Lunch will be provided! This

Wednesday nights - come and be a part of our fun-filled Wednesday nights. We start at 6:00 and end at 7:15. We look forward to seeing you!

Worship & More...

I love the words that Pastor Jason has shared recently about God's presence: **If God is not in it, then I don't want to be in it.**

That has been my heartbeat for my life: Everything I do, every word I speak, every relationship I have: If God's presence isn't there, then I am just spinning my wheels and accomplishing nothing.

The same can be said about my ministry: When we gather for corporate worship, if God's presence is not present, then we are simply going through the motions.

We don't have to wait for Sundays (or Saturdays) to experience God's presence. We can be purposeful in everything that we do to seek Him, and ask Him to show Himself strong.

I regularly remind the members of the Worship Ministry that rehearsals are a time for worship and seeking God's presence, and a by-product is that

Brad Lewis

we practice. Many of our rehearsals are powerful times of experiencing God's presence.

I hope that you will look at your life and corporate worship participation in that same way. Seek the presence of God in everything you do, every word you speak, and in every relationship. Purpose to make corporate worship a time of seeking God and experiencing His presence.

Seek, ask, knock...

-Brad

Deacon Retreat

Our 2015 Deacons' Retreat will be this Friday and Saturday, August 14-15 in the beautiful mountains of Ellijay, Georgia. Please pray for our Deacon Servants as they take time to refresh and prepare for a new year of service and ministry. The

special guest speaker for this year's retreat is Pastor Frank Kelley from Oakwood Baptist Church.

Starting Point Class

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.

Women's Fellowship

We will have our next Women's Fellowship on Monday, August 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Pinstrikes 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!

