

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

10:55 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth at Pal's

2 pm CDC Open House

4 pm Discipleship Leadership Team

6 pm Evening Worship

Sunday, August 30 - September 4

CERT Mission Trip - Eastover, VA

Tuesday, September 1

10 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, September 2

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Taco Salad Dessert

5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Study

6 pm Women's Bible Study

Children's Fall Program

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 pm Mid-Week Service

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Home

Brenda Jones

Gene Miller

Fred Boswell

Ray Cox

Amanda

Alexander

Arleen Wyatt

Sharon Mullins

Lamar Elrod

June Stewart

Sonya Howard

Mary Jane

Latoza

Carol Wheelchel

Tressie Fletcher

Betty Goodner

Odell Culver

Joann Ezell

Stewart

Linda Sikes

Robin Ellis

Beth Daugherty

Nell Smith

Pam McCullough

Sam & Mary-Lou

Brown

Dale & Dolores

Kinnison

Wiley & Helen

Epperson

Nursing Home

Louise Fletcher

Mary Alkire

Winona Lewis

Ollie Grisham

Norma Carpenter

Eva Williams

Eunice Mosman

Bobby Harwood

Ruth Graham

Eloise Morris

Hazel Smith

Myrtle Thomas

Lila Archer

C. H. Tindall

Birthdays

Charles Helton (29)

Preble McDaniel (30)

Kayela Robinson (30)

Lebron Williams (30)

Catherine Billington (31)

Laurie Bowman (31)

Betty Puckett(31)

Dianah Carlton (1)

Raymond Dupree (2)

Michelle Fletcher (2)

Sandra Mullins (2)

Don Pernis (2)

Betty Westbrook (2)

Ela Alexander (3)

Ray Cox (3)

Craig Missildine (3)

Jerry Gann (4)

Noah Grell (5)

Staff

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Christ Chapel

Crackers

Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Aline Hannah & family on the death of her son, Mack Hannah in Dunwoody, GA.



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Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

We are selling tickets for the Pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the PO2 Randall Smith Family. You can come by the church office or Capital bank and purchase them for \$6 in advance for 1 adult or 2 kids under 12. We also need people to sell tickets at their work place, school or neighborhood. Please contact Jeff Fletcher at 423-802-9644 if you can volunteer.

Discipleship Leadership Team (DLT) Meeting

Please be in prayer as we assemble a team of people to thoughtfully consider how we can align our disciple making efforts in future church ministry. We will meet Sunday afternoon at 4pm in the Lydia classroom.

CDC Open House

This Sunday at 4pm, our Child Development Center will be hosting an Open House for prospective families for the 2015-2016 year! Please help us spread the word through the community about this wonderful ministry! Prayers are appreciated!

Guest Missionary Speaker

Ashish Mattoo, a missionary friend from India, will be with us on Wednesday evening Sept 9. at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Circle. He will give us insights to how the gospel is progressing throughout the

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.

CERT Team Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for our CERT Team who is leaving this Sunday morning at 6 am for Eastover, VA.

Aug. 26 - Sep. 2

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug.30-Sep. 5

Laurie Brown

Charles Helton

Jeff Ingram

Darlene Lane

Sep. 6-12

James Swafford

Mary Jo Case

Joe Montgomery

Ron Mullins

Marlin Paulson

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 2

P. Pennington

Terry Pennington

Olene Hendricks

Sandra Mullins

Sep. 9

Nancy Smith

Charles Helton

Brenda Jones

Betty Parrish

Security

Aug.30-Sep. 5

Tom Acker

Bryan Alexander

Sep. 6-12

Raymond Dupree

Ray Williamson

Greeters

Aug.30

Kay Swafford

Sue Overlin

Mary Jo Case

Sep. 6

Laurie Brown

Elaine Steele

Extended Session

Sunday, Aug. 30

Babies Louise Stinnett

Carrie Payne

1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Ron Mullins

Sandra Mullins

Next Sunday, Sep. 6

Babies Joyce Rogers

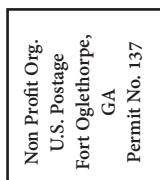
Lora Ogden

1&2 yr olds David White

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Nichole Stookey

Brittany Stone



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Greetings to you once again from Zimbabwe, Africa! This is day number nine of my mission trip, in which we have seen God rain down His Spirit through our time in the villages and our time in the nightly worship services.

I have been working with a local pastor ("mifundis") in a village area called Chicanga. His name is Ian Maromo, and he is 40 years old with a lovely wife and three young children. Together, we have been leading a revival through daily outreach and worship gatherings. God is

reaching people here in ways that, unfortunately, we don't commonly see in America. The people have very little "stuff" economically, but they are rich with love and a heart for Jesus!

Dream with me of a future day when all believers in Christ will be gathered around the throne of grace, singing and worshipping God together. God gives us a glimpse of this in Revelation 5:9. People from every tribe, tongue, and nation will be gathered there. God is working mightily this week to help make this future promise a reality. It is exciting and humbling to be part of His worldwide mission!

Thank you so much for your prayers as I wrap up my work here and prepare to head back to Georgia. I hope to see you and share more this weekend!

Jason

Discipleship

God's voice is precious. It is never a minor issue to know God's will and not do it. Scripture calls this sin. We can make excuses for our lack of obedience: *"I'm just not ready yet"* or *"I'll do it later!"* or *"I don't think it will make a difference"* or *"I can't afford to!"* We rationalize, we procrastinate; yet, in God's eyes, rationalization and procrastination are nothing more than disobedience.

It seems we deceive ourselves into thinking that good intentions equal obedient actions. They do not. A good intention without corresponding activity is disobedience. When we encounter God and He gives us a direction, it is not enough to write down the date in our bible, or even to tell our friends and church of our *"decision."* God's call is not to *"make a decision"* but to obey! Deciding to obey is not

Andy Atkinson

equal to obeying (Matt. 21:28-31)! Loudly affirming the necessity of obedience is not the same as obeying (Luke 6:46). Making commitments, even publicly, is not the same as following Jesus. Substituting our own good works is not the same as hearing and obeying his voice.

Like I mentioned Sunday night, the worst blasphemy is not profanity, but lip service. No one knows what the Lord has in store for us. Today is the time to respond to him and humble ourselves with our hearts and not just our mouths. **"Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." James 4:15-17**



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	208
11 am Worship Attendance	231
Ignite Attendance	25
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	358,994.36
YTD Budget Giving	343,080.47

Total Receipts for the Week:	18,665.00
Weekly Budget Giving	7,140.00
Weekly Legacy Giving	1,035.00
Weekly Missions Giving	220.00

Announcements

Thank You

Words cannot express the gratitude and thanks for the support you gave thru prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers and just being there in the death of my son, Dale Dunwoody. The choice of music was Dale's request and was beautiful. Thanks to row Lydia Bible Class, you are a wonderful caring class. Thank you, Bettye Dunwoody Daughter, Jennifer Hopkins

The Point

Our new Children Worship service will return on Sept 13 in the Family Life Center. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Pastor Andy. The Fall dates are Sept 13, Sept 27, October 11, October 25, Nov 8, Nov 22 & Dec 6. Mark your Calendars now!

Movie Nights

We will be having themed family movie nights this fall. Everyone is invited to gather and fellowship together. The first one of the season will be Thursday evening, Sept 17 @ 6:30pm in the Family Life Center! More info to come!

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Youth Parents - The youth ministry will begin a new bible study starting in September which will require a little extra time on Sunday mornings. Our teachers work very hard in preparing the studies and it's not beneficial to the students to have an incomplete study. Sunday School starts at 9:30 am, and I am requesting that you please make every effort to have your students there

by 9:30 am. (yes, you may have to wake them a little earlier...). If your students make it to school on time isn't Sunday School just as important?

Bible Study at Pal's

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

Children's Headlines

There are a few important things coming up in the next few weeks in the Children's Department. If you haven't had the chance, come by the children's department and check out the updates that have been made! The children would like to say a huge thank you to the team that has been hard at work transforming our space!

Parent Council -If you have a child in the Preschool or Children's Departments and are interested in being on the Parent Council, please email sarahk@fbcfo.org and let Sarah Kubler know. The Parent Council

meets to discuss policy and procedure for both areas as well as plans events and makes decor decisions regarding both departments.

Move Up Sunday will be Sunday, September 6, 2015. The children will promote to their new Sunday School class on this day.

Wednesday Nights will return to our regular schedule and activities on September 2. We would love to have your students come and worship with us!

Worship & More...

Are we singing songs, or are we worshipping? I like to periodically ask this question so we can evaluate how we are doing as we gather to worship the Lord.

It is easy to find ourselves going through the rote actions of seeing words on a screen and singing them like we always have, rather than intimately and passionately worshipping the Lord.

Learn a new song? I'd rather sing the familiar ones because it's easier. Don't feel like worshipping? Maybe I'll just stand here and do nothing until it's over. Oftentimes we worship based on our personal preference, rather than God's preference.

The Bible encourages us to do this: **Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his Name.** (Hebrews 13:15) A **sacrifice** means that we give up something. What are you giving up as you worship? **Continually** means that we do it every time we worship. Are you consistently sacrificing as you worship?

Brad Lewis

The Bible goes on to say this: **Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 96:1) As you read** that, what did God say to you in your spirit?

Allow me to encourage you to do these things as you worship: Sing familiar songs with passion. Sing new songs with passion. In every song, seek intimacy with the Lord.

I am blessed to have the privilege to lead our congregation to the Throne of God. I am blessed to lead a team of gifted and passionate musicians and singers. I am blessed that we are a church of worshippers!

-Brad

Are you a H.O.S.T?

The first thing you need to know is that the idea of **H.O.S.T.** makes it possible for ordinary people to lead a small group. By that we mean that we're almost always talking about using a video-based small group study, bringing the teaching into the group via the television, and allowing the Host to do just that. In fact, the **HOST** acrostic stands for:

(H) Heart for your community
(O) Willing to **Open** your home for six weeks (or the length of the study)

The Starting Point

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.

