

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
6 pm **NO** Evening Worship

Monday, September 7

Happy Labor Day
(Church Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 8

10:30 am Keenager's Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Meat Loaf Pinto Beans Slaw
Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread
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

Special Guest- Ashish Mattoo from India

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Home

Amber Walker
Brenda Jones
Winona Lewis
Gene Miller
Fred Boswell
Ray Cox
Arleen Wyatt
Sharon Mullins
Lamar Elrod
June Stewart
Sonya Howard
Mary Jane Latoza
Carol Whelchel

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
Josh Strange

Larry Hutcheson
Wiley & Helen
Epperson

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

Noah Smith (6)
Kevin Stone (6)
Ray Williamson (6)
Braylee Witherow (6)
Joshua Wyatt (6)
Ann Born (7)
Lila Mears (7)

Nathan Denton (8)
Cindy Nabors (8)
Faye Smith (8)
Kyla Smith (9)
Hailey Emous (10)
Parker Emous (10)
Chad Hodges (10)

Robin Ellis (11)
Janet Goodner (11)
Olene Hendricks (12)
Jordan Long (12)
Jean Stone (12)
Arleen Wyatt (12)

Staff

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Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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Welcome New Members

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Ringgold, GA 30736

Dewayne Scudgins
113 Diane LN
Ft. Oglethorpe 30742

Heather Craig
23 Oxford Way
Rossville, GA 30741

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Sep. 6-12

James Swafford
Mary Jo Case
Joe Montgomery
Ron Mullins
Marlin Paulson

Sep. 13-19

Jeff Wright
Cathy Cox
Ray Cox
Raymond Pendley
Bimol Poole

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 9

Nancy Smith
Charles Helton
Brenda Jones
Sandra Mullins

Sep. 16

James Swafford
Elaine Steele
Mary Jo Case
Cathy Cox

Security

Sep. 6-12

Raymond Dupree
Ray Williamson

Sep. 13-19

Alvin Davis
Ron Bethune

Greeters

Sep. 6

Laurie Brown
Elaine Steele

Sep. 13

Lois Carlton
Joyce Tindall
George McDowell

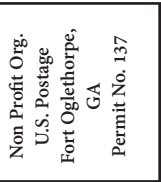
Extended Session

Sunday, Sep. 6

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

Next Sunday, Sep. 13

Babies Andy Atkinson
Micki Atkinson
1&2 yr olds Stacy Thomas
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Nichole Stookey
Brittany Stone



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Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

This Saturday September 5 @ 7:30am will be the Pancake Breakfast! 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.

Guest Missionary Speaker

Ashish Mattoo, a missionary friend from India, will be with us next 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 Muslim world.

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!

The Point

Our new Children's Worship Service will return on Sept 13 in the Family Life Center. Children will be dismissed from the 11 am Worship Service at the beginning of the Fellowship Song. If you would like to help volunteer 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!

The Starting Point

The Starting Point Class will begin on September 13 @ 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Circle, 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

Sep. 2 - Sep. 9

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

The early church knew best, that when it comes to being the church, it is “both and.” “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people” (Acts 2:46-47). Did you notice the “both and?” The early church members were committed to their large corporate gatherings in the temple courts, but they also enjoyed more personal gatherings in their homes. This allowed them to grow and learn from each other, just

as iron sharpens iron. It also helped them to reach out to new people in the community. Notice that the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Dr. Thom Rainer writes about the importance of small groups in his new book, I Will. Looking at a recent trend in Baptist churches across our nation, he offers this startling observation... Approximately 84 percent of those who join the local church will leave it within five years if their only connection is with the worship service. The percentage of drop-out decreases to about 17 percent with those who find a small group connection. The real difference comes through relationships that God can empower to bring lasting fruit into your life. Are you experiencing God work through personal church relationships? See you this weekend! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	235
11 am Worship Attendance	238
Ignite Attendance	25
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	369,553.02
YTD Budget Giving	350,622.63
Total Receipts for the Week:	10,899.92
Weekly Budget Giving	7,542.16
Weekly Legacy Giving	2,611.17
Weekly Missions Giving	576.59

Announcements

Sympathy
Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Fletcher, Humphrey, Pierce and Wright Families on the death of Mark Fletcher.

Keenager’s
The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Circle. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

Movie Nights
Free Movie nights will be on Thursday, Sep. 20 at 6:30 pm for the movie **“Nacho Libre”** and on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 6 pm the movie will be **“McFarland USA”**. Both movies will be in the Family Life Center Gym.

Discipleship

A disciple means learner. One hindrance to hearing a word from God may be our own wisdom. Wisdom, like success, can delude us to think we should take the role of teacher rather than student. Our knowledge lulls us into thinking we have sufficient wisdom to meet any challenge. Great teachers are first great students. The Pharisees were the religious experts of their day. They possessed much information about God, but they had no personal relationship with Him. Jesus thanked His Father that it was not to these “experts” that the Father had revealed spiritual truth, but rather to those who were humble and who recognized their need for God’s revelation. When religious leaders experience spiritual failure, their downfall is often met with surprise. It shouldn’t be.



Andy Atkinson

Religious people with the most knowledge are sometimes the ones least responsive to God’s Word. Knowledge can easily lead to pride, and pride impedes us from seeking God. How do you know if you are a “Pharisee”? When we do not have a teachable spirit. When we do not seek to hear from God, believing we already know what He thinks. When we feel that we are capable of helping others in their spiritual lives, but no one can teach us anything. Don’t allow the limited knowledge we now have to blind us to the great truths God still wants to reveal to us. **“Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:12 NIV**

Youth Spotlight

Youth Parents - The youth ministry will begin a new bible study starting this Sunday 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

Kevin Stone

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 Ministry. 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 Ministries 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 areas of ministry.

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

Wednesday Nights will return to our regular schedule of activities on September 9. We would love to have your students come and worship with us!

Worship & More...

In America, our church culture has taught us things that may not be biblically-based, although they are culturally accepted. One of them is the purpose of Worship. Allow me to make a few comments...

Worship is **NOT** primarily for:

- ...**Evangelism**, although oftentimes the Presence of God during worship is so strong that people come to Christ.
- ...**Preparation for the sermon**, although oftentimes the Presence of God during worship makes the heart a fertile ground to receive God’s Word.
- ...**To make us feel good**, although oftentimes the Presence of God during worship makes us feel good. This is because our spirit is connecting with God’s Spirit.
- ...**For our edification**, although oftentimes the Presence of God during worship builds us up. Rather, worship is for God’s edification: To declare His worth.

That last point is essentially the purpose of worship: **To lift up and**

Brad Lewis

edify the Lord Jesus (including God, the Holy Spirit, the Name of Jesus, etc.). We worship not for us, for Him. Did you notice the common theme in all of the above statements? It is the **Presence of God**. Like Moses, our cry needs to be, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.” (Exodus 33:15) May we passionately and intimately worship with all that we are and all that we have. May we take our eyes off of ourselves, and turn our eyes upon Jesus, and only Jesus!

-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)

Catoosa County Schools Mentors

Catoosa County Schools are in need of mentors, especially male mentors, this school year. We recommend a mentor volunteer commit to work closely with a young person by making weekly 30 minute visits. There are several schools with students on a “wait list” including many boys who are wanting a male mentor. As you may know, over 35% of children are

being raised in single parent homes. These children often desperately need a positive adult role-model. All volunteers must complete a Mentor Training Class. Contact Buffy Hemphill, Catoosa Co. School Partnership Coordinator at 423-619-0816 or bhemphill@catoosa.k12.ga.us to volunteer!

(S) Serve a few simple refreshments
(T) Turn on your TV and **tell** your friends!