

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, September 13

8 am Deacon's Meeting

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

The Starting Point Begins

10:55 am Morning Worship - **Lord's Supper**

The Point (Children Worship)

6 pm Evening Worship - **Prayer Service**

## Tuesday, September 15

6:30 pm Miriam Class Meeting

## Wednesday, September 16

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

### Breakfast Menu

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 Business Meeting

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 17

6:30 pm "Nachos w ith Nacho"

Fall Family Movie Night "Nacho Lebre"

**Bring your favorite Nacho Dish!**

Find more info online at [www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Lamar Hodges

Jennifer Poteet

Beverly Parker

## Home

Amber Walker

Brenda Jones

Winona Lewis

Gene Miller

Fred Boswell

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

Josh Strange

Sam & MaryLou

Brown

Dale & Dolores

Kinnison

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

Brooke Frizelle (13)

Esther Suggs (13)

Anita Helton (14)

Lynn Lamb (14)

Brandon Smith (14)

Bryan Alexander (15)

Molly Thompson (15)

Amy Bradford (16)

Niki Kelley (16)

Morgan Broyles (17)

Alexa Grell (17)

Laura Banister (18)

Cameron Born (18)

Cody Born (18)

Shirley Forester (18)

Judy MacDonald (18)

Jim Forester (19)

Sherry McKinney (19)

Terry Pennington (19)

Madeline Pittman (19)

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## Welcome New Members

Wayne & Pauline Kelly

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## Upcoming Events

### Join The Starting Point

The Starting Point Class begins this Sunday, September 13 @ 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Circle, and continue for the next two Sundays. This is designed to help new members and visitors to 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.

### The Point

Our new Children's Worship will return this Sunday, 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. Get excited & invite your friends!

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper Sunday morning at the 11am service. Pray with the expectation of opening our hearts to partaking in his forgiveness and love. Pray that it will be a fresh and meaning worship experience!

### 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!

### Fall Family Movie Nights - "Nachos with Nacho"

Fall Family Movie nights is new exciting opportunity to spend time together as family with your faith family! The first one will be on Thursday, Sep. 17 at 6:30 pm for the movie "Nacho Libre". We are calling it "Nachos with Nacho," bring your favorite nachos dish and let's have a great time together in the Family Life Center (FLC). Invite your neighbors to join us!

## Sep. 9- Sep. 16

# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

Sep 13-19

Jeff Wright

Cathy Cox

Ray Cox

Raymond Pendley

Bimol Poole

Sep 20-26

Bryan Alexander

Ron Mullins

Jeff Scott

## Wednesday Meal

Sep. 16

James Swafford

Elaine Steele

Priscilla Pennington

Terry pennington

Sep. 23

Linda Daniels

Joyce Rogers

Cindy Shipp

Shannon Dunn

## Security

Sep. 13-19

Alvin Davis

Ron Bethune

Sep. 20-26

James Swafford

Mickey Caradine

## Greeters

Sep. 13

Lois Carlton

Joyce Tindall

George McDowell

Sep. 20

Preble McDaniel

Gene McDaniel

Mary Jo Case

## Extended Session

### Sunday, Sep. 13

Babies

Joyce Rogers

Lora Ogden

1&2 yr olds Stacy Thomas

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Nichole Stookey

Brittany Stone

### Next Sunday, Sep. 20

Babies

Sarah Kubler

Darlene Lane

1&2 yr olds

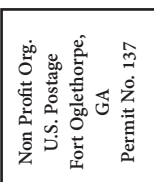
Cindy Shipp

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds

Mackie Yatooma

Pam Bethune



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# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

This used to be me... Moments before the big football game, I would find myself praying to God in hopes that my team would emerge victorious. Chances are that while I was lifting up my prayer, there was someone else praying a very similar prayer for the team on the other side. How was God supposed to answer those prayers? Was He simply going to answer with the goal of providing me or the other “guy” with temporary happiness? Could it be that God was and is working in ways that are much bigger than our temporary happiness? If you have followed Jesus for very long, then you know that the source of your happiness is much bigger than what you can find in the temporary. Jesus knew from his time on earth that there are too many ups and



downs for happiness to be found in the temporary. Maybe that is why He reminded His disciples, “...my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27). Our faith in Jesus gives us a living hope from which we can find true happiness. Consider these words and preach them to yourself this week, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials” (1 Pet. 1:3–6). Nothing in the world compares to the happiness that we have in Christ. Let’s celebrate Him this weekend no matter what happens in the big football game!

-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 225  
11 am Worship Attendance 280

Annual Budget 549,050.20  
YTD Budget Needs 380,111.68  
YTD Budget Giving 360,644.99

### This Sunday’s Message:

“Alive - On the Solid Rock”  
Matthew 7:24-29

### Next Sunday’s Message:

Baptism Service

Total Receipts for the Week: 17,370.97  
Weekly Budget Giving 9,806.36  
Weekly Legacy Giving 3,574.16  
Weekly Missions Giving 641.08

## Announcements

### Baptism Service

Join us on Sunday, September 20 at the 10:55 am Worship Service for a Baptism celebration. Please be in prayer for this special day for the families who are making this declaration!

### Visitor Cards

Sunday School Teachers, look in your rosters for the new Connection Cards. Please tell visitors to return it to the Welcome Desk and receive our Special Guest Package!

### New Phone Line

If you need to get in touch with the pastoral staff after office hours with an emergency need, Call the Pastoral Emergency Number (423) 708-5303. Save to your contacts or write it in your little black book!

# Discipleship

Jesus was not the first person to teach the Scriptures to a group of disciples. What set Jesus apart was that He taught with **spiritual** authority. To many of the scribes, the Scriptures were meaningless theological speculation, but Jesus taught them as the living words of God. When the religious leaders searched the Scriptures, they came away empty-handed. When Jesus read the very same Scriptures, the Father gave Him a full measure of His wisdom and His authority.

There is a radical difference between practicing religion and sharing a word directly from the Lord. There is a significant difference between secular reasoning and counsel that comes straight from the living & breathing Word of God. Is it possible to share a message from the Scriptures but not from



## Andy Atkinson

the Lord? Yes! The Pharisees did this regularly. They had an religious authority but not **spiritual** authority. Is it possible to counsel someone with advice that seems appropriate and yet is contrary to God’s Word? Of course! But the existence of muddy waters cannot keep us from seeking the clear streams of the Living Water.

Whenever you counsel or share a word of encouragement, be very careful that the words you share are Holy Spirit driven and are not just your own thinking or desires. Only way is to be in touch with our heart and develop a sensitive ear to hear His voice. This takes a long process of learning about who God is and our identity as children of God. God promises to stand by His word. When you share a word that has come from God, we can do so with great confidence.

## Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

**Movie** - The Youth are going to see the movie **“War Room”** this Sunday, September 13. (Time to be announced!) The cost is \$10.00 plus food & drink. Don’t miss this movie! Contact Kevin (423) 902-9017.

**Clay Shooting** - We are going to Mt. Lake Shooting Club on Mowbray Mountain on Saturday, September 19 Meet at the church at 8:15 am and plan on returning around 4 pm. The cost is \$20.00.

# Children's Headlines

We are so excited about the start of the new year in the Children’s Ministry! We have lots of exciting things happening. Our teachers and children are having a blast in Sunday School! We get started in their rooms at 9:30 and move out to the main room at 9:40 for celebration and corporate worship time. We finished up in their classrooms around 10:35! We would love to have your children join in the fun!

**The Point** (Children’s Worship) will be this Sunday in the FLC during the 11am service! Come and check it out!

**Wednesday Nights** begin at 6pm and we would love to have your children join us in the fun!

Parents, there are a few things to remember. Please make sure you pick your children up by 10:40am on Sunday mornings and by 7:15pm on Wednesday nights. Children in Sunday School upstairs need to remember to stop by and pick up their name tags on the way into Sunday School!

We are having a great time growing and learning! See Miss Sarah to find out how you can join in on the fun!

# Worship & More...

This past weekend I had the privilege of officiating the wedding ceremony of my niece and (now) nephew. What a blessing it was for me to share in the joining of two hearts in a lifetime covenant!

Every time I officiate a wedding, or even attend a wedding as a guest, I am drawn to the picture that we have in God’s Word where we as Believers are the Bride of Christ. This picture gives the wedding and marriage that we as physical beings are privileged to participate in a truly spiritual dimension.

Even as an engaged couple have been betrothed (committed) to each other, we as Believers are betrothed (committed) to Christ. Christ committed Himself to us on the cross, we have committed ourselves to Him at salvation.

God’s Word reminds us: **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.** (Ephesians 5:25) Although as a husband I am exhorted to love my wife, we can **all** celebrate

## 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

## Brad Lewis

that Christ loves us and gave Himself for us!

As the bride waits for the groom to come for her for the marriage ceremony, we wait for the Bridegroom to come for us! This is a beautiful place for Believers to be: Waiting for the one we are betrothed to!

May we wait for and look to the Savior we are betrothed to! May we passionately and intimately worship Jesus when we gather this Sunday for corporate worship!

-Brad

