

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 27

9 am Kids Camp Meeting in Fellowship Circle

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

The Starting Point final session

10:55 am Morning Worship

Kids Worship @ The Point

12:15 pm Youth Camp Meeting (FC)

4 pm Church Picnic at the park

5 pm BBQ Dinner at the park

6 pm Worship at the park

Wednesday, September 30

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Chicken Pot Pie Salad

5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Study

6 pm Women's Bible Study

Children's Fall Program

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 pm Prayer With the Pastor

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 2 - 4

9 am Women's Retreat at the Pinnacle Mountain

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Sept 27- Oct. 3

Ronnie Born

Mary Anna Paulson

Jeff Fletcher

Oct. 4-10

Laurie Brown

Raymond Pendley

Charles Helton

Wednesday Meal

Sept. 30

Frankie Trotter

Hal Jones

Charles Tant

Dolores Tant

Oct. 7

Wayne Rasbury

Charlie Rasbury

Pat Medearis

Sue Fletcher

Security

Sept. 27 - Oct. 3

Wayne Honeycutt

Volunteer needed

Oct. 4-10

Terry Pennington

Eddy Trotter

Greeters

Sept. 27

Louise Stinnett

Barbara Poole

Louise Stinnett

Oct. 4

Bruce Underwood

Gene McDaniel

Marlin Paulson

Extended Session

Sunday, Sep. 27

Babies Melissa Pittman

Candy Vann

1&2 yr olds Jennifer Stone

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Tracie Dodson

Becky Pennington

Next Sunday, Oct. 4

Babies Louise Stinnett

Candy Vann

1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds Ron Mullins

Sandra Mullins

Prayer Concerns

Home

Lamar Hodges

Brynna

Humphrey

Louise Pendley

Taime Imler

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

Dale & Dolores

Kinnison

Larry Hutcheson

Wiley & Helen

Epperson

Nursing Home

Louise Fletcher

Ollie Grisham

Norma Carpenter

Eva Williams

Eunice Mosman

Bobby Harwood

Ruth Graham

Eloise Morris

Hazel Smith

Myrtle Thomas

Lila Archer

C. H. Tindall

Mary Alkire

Birthdays

Lindsey Parrish (27)

Gene Smith (27)

Sarah Kubler (28)

Tressie Fletcher (29)

Gabrielle Parents (29)

George McDowell (30)

Bryan Malone (1)

Diedra Smith (1)

Rita parker (2)

Ed Vickrey (2)

Tina Malone (3)

Madison Thompson (3)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas

Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis

Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson

Youth Director - Kevin Stone

Children Director - Nichole Stookey

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Pastoral Emergency Line

(423) 708-5303

Old Literature

Place your old Sunday School literature, at the end of the quarter, in the Preschool and Main Welcome Centers! Edwin Hodges' Ministries recycle the literature and send the items to ministries needing literature!



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Upcoming Events

Welcome the Stookey Family

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Nichole Stookey will be our new Minister of Preschool & Children! She was confirmed at our business meeting last Wednesday night and will begin right away in a time of transition with Mrs. Sarah. Let's welcome Nichole, her husband Chris, and their entire family!

Summer Camp Meetings

There will be two important summer camp meetings this Sunday in our Fellowship Circle. Dawn Emous is hosting a meeting for parents of children 3rd through 5th grade at 9 am and Kevin Stone is hosting a meeting for parents of youth at 12:15 pm.

Community & Church Picnic

Make plans to attend our annual Community/Church Picnic this **Sunday, September 27** at Gilbert-Stephenson Park from 4 to 8 pm. Games begin at 4, eat at 5, and worship at 6. The meal will be barbecue, baked beans, potato salad and slaw. **Bring your favorite dessert.** Cost: Adults \$5 - Children \$3.50 (10 & under) Family (same household) \$13. **Special guest quartet: 4 Guys With A Song coming from Cleveland, TN.** Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy good food and fun at the park!

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry is planning a fellowship to go to the "Chonda Movie: Laughing in the Dark" at the East Ridge 18 on **October 27** at 7pm. The tickets are \$12.50 per person, but we may receive a discount for 10 or more people. If interested in going please notify Laura Jones or Laurie Brown ASAP. We will meet at the church and take the bus over to the theatre.

A Special Thank You

We are deeply appreciative of the wonderful ministry of Sarah and Kris Kubler over this past year! Sarah has developed meaningful relationships that will have eternal impact for the gospel. As you see Sarah or Kris this next week please mention to them how thankful our church is for their intensive spiritual work!

Sep. 23-Oct. 7

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

It was time for a service revolution. Two of Jesus’ closest disciples stood by while their mother went to Jesus asking for her sons to be given special positions in God’s kingdom. When the other disciples learned of what James and John wanted, they became indignant with them. Jesus, then, called them all together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you, must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came

not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:25-28). Jesus taught with words and demonstrated with action that He and his followers must cease being “I want” followers and instead become “I will” servants. The same is true for you and I. It is time for a service revolution. Think about your own attitudes about church. Are you an “I want” follower or an “I will” follower? This is a good question to prayerfully consider this week. Together, let’s pray for God to give us servant hearts that are focused on helping others instead of helping ourselves. Let’s pray for each other and ask God for opportunities to serve. If He opens that door, will you give Him one hour of service each week for the rest of the year? Together we can! See you this Sunday after a week in the harvest field! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	252
11 am Worship Attendance	302
Annual Budget	549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs	401,228.99
YTD Budget Giving	383,820.85
Total Receipts for the Week:	15,502.06
Weekly Budget Giving	11,033.66
Weekly Legacy Giving	3,836.00
Weekly Missions Giving	440.40

This Sunday’s Message:
“More Than Conquerors: Conquer My Heart”
2 Chronicles 7

Next Sunday’s Message:
“More Than Conquerors”
Series Continues

Announcements

The Starting Point

The Starting Point will conclude this Sunday morning at 9:30 am with a final session on church membership and Holy Spirit-led ministry. We will also take a brief walking tour of the church campus. All visitors and new members are invited to join in on the fun!

Thank You

Thank you all so much for your recent prayers, cards and visits when my mother died. My sisters couldn’t believe that so many of you made the trip to Red Bank for her services. Mother raised me with a lot of love, and I seem to be continuing that way with my loving church. **Cheryl Arnold**

New Phone Line

If you need to get in touch with the pastoral staff after office hours with an emergency need, call our new Pastoral Emergency Number **(423) 708-5303**. Leave a brief message with your name and number, and your call will be returned promptly.

Discipleship

Our joy should not depend on our circumstances. Joy comes from God, and therefore cannot be affected by what is outside of us. Its so easy to be fooled into letting the actions of others determine our joy. True joy comes from knowing that God Himself lives within us and has fellowship with us, regardless of our environment. Real joy lies in the knowledge and experience of a holy God completely forgiving us of every sin. Choose the eternal perspective and value the home he prepared in heaven where our eternity lies. The circumstances of our lives cannot change these truths. But honestly often we feel shackled to our current situation, others’ perspective and muddy desires. Paul and Silas faced some of the most difficult situations imaginable, but they



Worship & More...

Andy Atkinson refused to allow their horrific situation to dampen their joy and faith in Christ! They did not blame God. Instead, they praised Him for His goodness! In the darkness of the night, they prayed and they sang. God released them from their chains, but perhaps the greater miracle was that His Spirit filled them so that even in their painful imprisonment they could overflow with joy! I imagine overwhelming laughter, tears and surrender to something so much bigger than their current moment. Do not allow situations to cancel the joy of being a child of God. Process how that shapes your desire and influences your values. Choose to allow God’s Spirit to fill you with His unquenchable joy, and your life will be a miracle from an eternal perspective.

Worship 8 More...

How do you worship? I am asking that question for all of us to have a look at ourselves. And, I am asking that question in two different ways... In terms of **practice**, what do you do while you worship? God’s Word is full of examples of **how** to worship: Standing (Ps 24:3); Singing (Rom 15 9); Instruments (Ps 150: 3,4,5); Lifting Hands (Ps 134:2); Shouting (Ps 100:1); Kneeling (Phil 2:10); Bowing/Prostrate (Ps 95:6); Clapping (Ps 47:1). (These are just a few of the practices of worship listed in God’s Word.) In terms of **passion**, what do you do while worshipping? Are we giving our **whole heart** to the practice of worship of our Lord? Is our heart **connected** to God’s heart as we worship, or are just going through the motions? Do we prefer to be “sung to” by someone rather than “singing to” the Lord?

Worship 8 More...

Brad Lewis May I remind us that worship is about the Lord, and not about us. **He** is the focus of our worship. Oftentimes, we participate in worship as if **we** are the focus of our worship. (Please take a moment to think about this last paragraph.) May I challenge us to examine not only our **practice** during worship, but also our **passion** during worship. May it be said of us that we **Worship Well!** -Brad



Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Important Youth Camp Meeting
Parents and campers please meet in the Fellowship Circle this Sunday after our Morning Worship Service if you are interested in going to Youth Camp next summer. Fund Raising luncheons will help provide funding for you to go to camp. The lunches will begin next **Sunday, October 4** after the Morning Worship Service.

Youth Fall Retreat - Nov 13-15, Please begin to be praying for this special time.

Family Movie Night - Saturday Oct 10 6pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite sports team apparel.

Pals continues this Sunday evening!

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Children are a gift from the Lord; They are a reward from Him."
Psalms 127:3

I'm Mrs. Nichole and I am the new Children's Minister. I am excited about this opportunity and privilege. My family and I are so thankful that God has brought us here to First Baptist! My husband Chris and I have five children; Ashley (18), Erie (13), Madison (12), Callie (10), and Christian (9). I will continue teaching at the CDC, which has been my passion for the past 6 years.

Children have always been a huge part of my life and I am excited to begin working with all the loving and very talented teachers and volunteers. Together, I hope to be able to minister to many children and families and make a difference in many lives!

Kids Worship @ The Point will be this Sunday in the FLC during the 11am worship service! Come and check it out! Invite your friends, teammates, and neighbors!

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. Mentoring requires a weekly commitment of only 30 minutes on the school campus to meet with your designated student. There are several schools with students on a “wait-list,” including many boys who want a male mentor. As you may know, over 35% of children are

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

Pastor Andy would love to talk with you and invite you to a brief orientation on how God could use you as a host. It is easier than you might think. Email Andy at andya@fbcfo.org

being raised in single parent homes. These children often 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!