

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, October 25

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study - Sunday School Picture Day  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
Kid's Worship @ The Point  
4 pm Disciple Leadership Team (DLT) Meeting  
6 pm Evening Worship

## Monday, October 26

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, October 27

10:00 am CDC Fall Festival  
5:45 pm Women's Ministry  
"Chonda Pierce Movie"

## Wednesday, October 28

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Chili Hot Dogs**  
**Slaw Dessert**  
6 pm Women's Bible Study

## Trunk-or-Treat

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

<u>Oct. 25-31</u>	<u>Nov. 1-7</u>
Jeanette Dupree	Jeff Fletcher
Wayne Rasbury	Jeff Scott
Gene McDaniel	Tim Miller

## Security

<u>Oct. 25-31</u>	<u>Nov. 1-7</u>
Bimol Poole	Gene McDaniel
Eddy Trotter	Jeff Ingram

## Greeters

<u>Oct. 25</u>	<u>Nov. 1</u>
Brenda Jones	Pam Bethune
Linda White	Mary A. Paulson
G. McDowell	Louise Stinnett

## Extended Session

### Sunday, Oct. 25

Babies	Sarah Kubler
	Darlene Lane
1&2 yr olds	Cindy Shipp
	Drew Todaro
3 yr olds	Mackie Yatooma
	Pam Bethune

### Next Sunday, Nov. 1

Babies	Melissa Pittmann
	Candy Vann
1&2 yr olds	Jennifer Stone
	Drew Todaro
3 yr olds	Tracie Dodson
	Becky Pennington

## Hospital

Aline Hannah  
Dolores Kinnison  
Joyce Herston

## Home

Raymond  
Dupree  
Wayne  
Carpenter  
Ronnie Hixon  
Brynna  
Humphrey  
Taime Imler

Brenda Jones  
Winona Lewis  
Gene Miller  
Arleen Wyatt  
Sharon Mullins  
Lamar Elrod  
June Stewart  
Sonya Howard  
Mary Jane  
Latoza  
Carol Whelchel  
Tressie Fletcher  
Betty Goodner  
Odell Culver  
Nell Smith

Joann Ezell  
Stewart  
Linda Sikes  
Robin Ellis  
Beth Daugherty  
Josh Strange  
Dale & Dolores  
Kinnison  
Larry Hutcheson  
Wiley & Helen  
Epperson  
John Messina

**Nursing Home**  
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

Jennifer Pitts (25)  
Robbie Stephens (25)  
Nancy Austin (27)  
Pat Medearis (27)  
Heather Nave (27)

Gabe Paris (27)  
Ryan Randall (27)  
Chloe Payne (28)  
Clarence Allison (29)  
Beionca Evans (30)

Heather Payton (30)  
Wyatt Groover (31)  
Lillian-Kate Groover (31)  
Sonya Howard (31)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Youth Director - Kevin Stone  
Children Director - Nichole Stookey  
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**Christ Chapel**  
Crackers

**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
(423) 708-5303

**Monday, November 2**  
**Baptist Women**  
**Day of Prayer**



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## Upcoming Events

### Trunk-or-Treat

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held October 28 @ 6pm. Make plans to attend and invite all of your friends and family!! We will have lots of fun, food, and games!! In order to make this event spectacular we will need volunteers to decorate cars and give out candy. Refer to the sign-up sheets that are located in the Welcome Center!

### Discipleship Leadership Team Meeting

The team will meet in the Lydia Classroom this Sunday, October 25 at 4 pm.

### Vote for First Baptist Fort Oglethorpe

Chattanooga Times Free Press North Georgia "Best of Best" for "Best Place of Worship." You can vote once per email address! Our heart is not to brag or compete but to engage our community so people learning about our community also learn about us!

### Alana Long Baby Shower

You are invited to the Fellowship Circle on Sunday Nov. 15 from 2-4pm! Alana and Jordan are registered at Target.

### Operation Christmas Child

We will focus our mission efforts in November towards Operation Christmas Child. Our collection Sunday will be November 15. The collection week will be Nov. 16-21, and we will be volunteering at the Atlanta distribution center on December 10. There is boxes in the Welcome Center to fill your shoeboxes.

**Oct. 21 - 28**



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

The barriers were very real for Joshua and his people. God had said that the great city of Jericho was already delivered into their hands. But this was something they would have to see and trust with eyes of faith.

Our barriers are also very real. They may not be as visible as the walls around Jericho, but they are real. We are talking about spiritual barriers of sin and guilt that keep people separated from a holy God and keep people disconnected from His Church. There are thousands of people right here in our community who are lost and separated, and



they don't even realize their condition. You may be one of them.

If so, take heart that God has already won the victory! He has made a way for the barriers to fall down. **Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel** (Col. 1:21-23)! This is the good news that will conquer any spiritual barrier for you and me and all who believe. And this is our time to be more than conquerors by trusting God and taking the good news out to where the people are. See you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!

-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 239  
11 am Worship Attendance 244

Annual Budget 549,050.20  
YTD Budget Needs 443,463.62  
YTD Budget Giving 426,718.87

Total Receipts for the Week: 9,165.36  
Weekly Budget Giving 6,760.00  
Weekly Legacy Giving 894.24  
Weekly Missions Giving 395.10

## Announcements

### Shoeboxes

Join us on Thursday, 12/10 to serve at the Atlanta Distribution Center from 1-5 pm. We will meet at the church at 9 am and return around 8 pm. Call the church office to reserve a spot on the bus. We only have (2) volunteer spots left.

### Pecans

A new crop of pecans and nuts should be delivered around November 11... Call Rena and Wayne at 706-866-2497 to place your order or sign up in the Welcome Center.

### 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

One of Satan's subtle deceptions is that we can do things in secret that will never be revealed. This is simply not the truth. The Bible stresses that everything done in darkness will one day be brought to light. We love through truth not only because we want what is best for people, but also because we know that we all will face this truth at one point.

The knowledge that God sees what we do, the certainty that we are accountable for every word and action, ought to motive us avoid rationalization of our sin. It is easy to get into a habit of conveniently ignoring our sin. We can become so alienated from God that even this knowledge does not deter us. **Love is experienced in His presence, His fellowship, & His companionship.** Without truth, His presence, His fellowship & His companionship is like watered down sweet



### Andy Atkinson

tea. It leaves us longing for more and strangely dissatisfying. The truth is ultimately, everything we do will be exposed.

Still, some people cannot define sin, nor believe their sin will be discovered. God has provided a safeguard against sin: the certainty of disclosure. Scripture commands us to expose the deeds of darkness as we become aware of them. As Christians we are to be the light that dispels darkness in our world. Sin cannot continue in the Christian's experience, for light cannot dwell with darkness. The discipline of being real is distinctly Christian because love and truth embodied itself perfectly in flesh through our Savior Jesus. If the truth of the flesh's morality tells us anything, it consistently tells us the truth of eventual exposure.

## Youth Spotlight

### Kevin Stone

**Oct. 24 -**  
10 am **Break ground for Community Garden.**  
5 pm **Haunted Corn Maze**; return unknown! The cost is \$12.00.

**Nov. 1 - Camp Fund Raiser Lunch**

**Nov. 13-15 - Youth Campout**  
Meet at the church at 5 pm on the 13th and return around noon on the

15th. Bring a tent if you have one. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow!

**Pals' Bible Study** - Every Sunday evening!

**June 4 -10 - YOUTH CAMP in CHARLESTON, SC**

October **camp deposits (\$25)** are now due.

### Nichole Stookey

## Children's Headlines

**"They are like the angels, they are God's children."** -Luke 20:36

Our FBCFO children are like angels, and I am having a great time getting to know each and every one of them! Stop in sometime and see how much fun these kids are having while learning about our Lord and Saviour!

### Trunk-or-Treat

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat is next Wednesday, October 28 @ 6pm. If you plan to volunteer please sign the list located in the Welcome Center by this Sunday! Any candy

donations can be turned ASAP. There is a box in the Welcome Center and at the preschool check-in desk for all candy donations. Baked goods can be brought on Sunday or Wednesday by 5pm. We are expecting a great turnout and I appreciate everyone helping us make this event wonderful!

### The Point

Kids' Worship @ The Point in the FLC will be this Sunday, October 25 during the 11am service. Children will be dismissed with Mrs. Nichole from the Worship Center.

## Worship & More...

I am continually encouraged by the evident Presence of God in our corporate worship. Seeing and hearing passionate and intimate worship among our people each week makes my heart leap. It is a joy to serve the Lord here!

As I have written in this column before and as I shared this past Sunday, God's Word tells us that there is **freedom** in worship. If you are led to stand, stand. If you are led to lift your hands, lift your hands. If you are led to come to the "altar area" and pray (yes, during the worship songs), then come forward and pray. There are no rules, only intimate and passionate worship of Jesus!

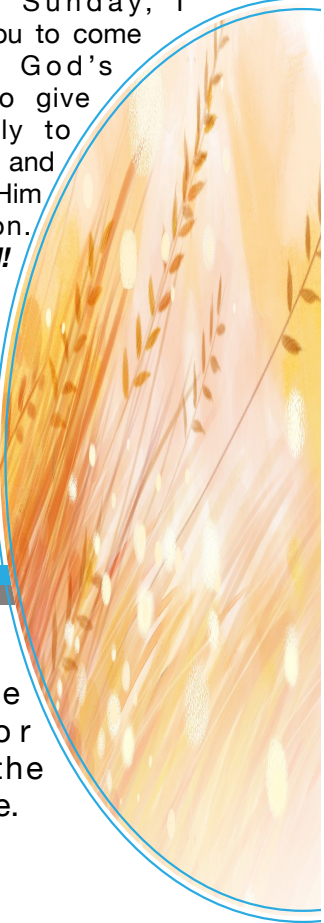
Please know that I do not take my calling nor position here lightly. I spend hours before the Lord, seeking His heart and mind in choosing music, singers, musicians, and service flow. My heart is to help people connect with the Lord, both Believers and Unbelievers alike.

### Brad Lewis

My hope is that after every service the people *don't* say "that song was great" or "the soloist sounded good", but I hope people say "I met with Jesus today". Because when people have an encounter with the Living God and have engaged with the Presence of God, I have fulfilled my calling.

This Sunday, I encourage you to come expecting God's Presence, to give yourself fully to God's Praise, and to worship Him with Passion. **Worship Well!**

-Brad



## Global Hunger Relief

The monetary contributions, rice bowls & bread banks are to be turned in this Sunday, Oct 25. Give your monetary contributions through your offering. Leave rice bowls or bread banks in the basket in the

Welcome Center or bring to the church office.

## Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry is planning a fellowship to attend the "Chonda Movie: Laughing in the Dark" at the East Ridge 18 Theatre on October 27 at 7pm. The tickets are \$12.50 per person, but we may receive a

discount for 10 or more people. If you are interested in going, notify Laura Jones or Laurie Brown ASAP. We will meet at the church and take the bus to the theatre.

## School Partnership

Battlefiled Elementary is one of our partnership schools. They are in need of mentors to spend 30 minutes each week at the

school to be a positive adult role-model. Contact Buffy Hemphill (Partnership Coordinator) at 423-619-0816.