

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, November 1

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study - Sunday School Picture Day
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:15 pm Summer Camps Fund Raising Luncheon
6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, November 2

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3

10:00 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, November 4

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Beef Tips and Noodles

Green Beans Salad Dessert

5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Study

6 pm Women's Bible Study

Children's Fall Ministry

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer Service

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 6

Feed Ridgeland Band

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Nov. 1-7

Jeff Fletcher
Jeff Scott
Tim Miller

Nov. 8-14

Charles Helton
Jeff Wright
Ron Mullins

Wednesday Meal

Nov. 4

James Swafford
Elaine Steele
Mary Jo Case
Cathy Cox

Nov. 11

Linda Daniels
Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Shannon Dunn

Security

Nov. 1-7

Gene McDaniel
Jeff Ingram

Nov. 8-14

Tom Acker
Bryan Alexander

Greeters

Nov. 1

Pam Bethune
Mary A. Paulson
Louise Stinnett

Nov. 8

Rena Caradine
Mickey Caradine
Elaine Steele

Extended Session

Sunday, NOV. 1

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

Next Sunday, Nov. 8

Babies Louise Stinnett
Candy Vann
1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Ron Mullins
Sandra Mullins

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Aline Hannah
Joyce Herston
Louise Stinnett

Home

Raymond
Dupree
Wayne
Carpenter
Ronnie Hixon
Brynna
Humphrey
Taime Imler

Angela Gann
Winona Lewis
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
Janice Knauff

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

Brenda Williamson (1)
Tyler Alexander (3)
Tanner Alexander (3)
Linda Daniels (4)

Hannah Lee (5)
Ronald Pierce (5)
Joe Young (6)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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Children Director - Nichole Stookey
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Monday, November 2
Baptist Women
Day of Prayer



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Upcoming Events

Time Change!!

Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night before bedtime to enjoy an extra hour of sleep that you lost in March. Be ready for Bible Study at 9:30 am!

Summer Camps Fund Raising Luncheon

Enjoy lunch after Morning Worship this Sunday, November 1, for a donation to our 2016 Children and Youth Summer Camps. We will enjoy Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Garden Salad, Yeast Rolls and Dessert. Make plans to stay for lunch!

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!

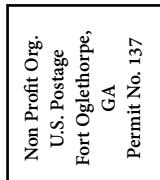
Baby Shower for Alana Long

You are invited to the Fellowship Circle on Sunday November 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 are boxes and brochures in the Welcome Center to fill your shoeboxes.

Oct. 28 - Nov. 4



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

This week, I read an interesting article in which the writer asked the question, “How do you view yourself?” We live in a world that is filled with labels, many of which are defined by our circumstances or the voice of the enemy. These labels lead you from one extreme to the other. Some days you are boastful and “all that,” while other days you are beat down and “worthless.”

Imagine how Joshua felt after his army was defeated in Ai. These were his words after the stunning defeat, “**Ah Sovereign Lord, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us? If**

only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan” (Josh. 7:7)! In that moment, with torn clothes and dust on his head, the label he would have used for himself would have been, “Loser!”

But God had a different label. **The Lord said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face?”** (Josh. 7:10)? It was time for Joshua to view himself and the people as God viewed them. This meant facing up to the reality of their sin... Yes, they were sinners, but it also meant seeing themselves as people created by God and chosen by Him to be His people. The same is true for you. Take time this week to face up to your sin, whatever it is. Confess it and turn from it. Yet, never forget to embrace your identity as a chosen, child of God!

-Jason

Discipleship

God’s work happens in the hearts of people. Throughout Jesus’ ministry on earth, He never seemed intimidated by the crowds. Instead, He looked into the multitudes and focused on those whom His Father was sending to Him. Jesus knew that because of sin, no one naturally seeks after God. Our inclination is to hide from God, rather than to come to Him. Therefore, whenever Jesus saw that the Father was drawing a person to Himself, Jesus immediately began relating to that person. We must identify the person God wants us to relationally understand so we can met their spiritual need.

Jesus observed the great lengths to which Zacchaeus had gone to see Him pass by. In response, Jesus left the crowd and spent time with this man in whom God was obviously working. As the multitudes gathered around Jesus,



Andy Atkinson

He spoke truths that were difficult for the people to grasp (John 6:60). So challenging were His words that many of His listeners departed, but Jesus did not become discouraged. He identified who the Father was working in, and that is where Jesus invested His time.

As you desire to spend time alone with Jesus, recognize that this is the Father drawing you to His Son. Praying for others is a discipline that removes us from a self-centered perspective. But let’s go to the next step and pray that God would identify to us the person He desires us to intentionally relate with in order to be a spiritual light in their world. Sometimes we identify first, then intercede, but often we must intercede to identify who God has for us to reach out to. But in both cases, we must be relational and intentional as Jesus is.

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

A **big THANK YOU** to **Nolan Richardson** for helping and teaching the Youth on how to prepare beds for gardening. Morgan Trotter, Sarah McClure, Spencer Maslanik and Spencer Emous did a fantastic job. We are ready for a great spring planting.

If you are going to attend Youth Mission Fuge June 4-10 the \$25 deposit is due on 10-1, 12-1, 2-1, 4-1, 5-1.

Sunday, Nov. 1-Camp Fundraiser Lunch. Please have your student in the Fellowship Circle at 9 am. Plan on staying until 1:30-2:00 pm for clean-up.

Fri.-Sun. - November 13-15-Campout - Leaving church on Friday at 5 pm and returning Sun. by 12 noon. Form and supply list will be provided in the next couple of weeks. **This will be an electronic free weekend.** There may be a small fee for Frisbee Golf at Cloudland Canyon. Details will follow.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"God has more in store for you than you can even imagine." Ephesians 3:20

Our Children and Preschool Ministries are consistently growing! We are looking for volunteers to help out in these areas. Please let me know if you are interested in giving some of your time to this wonderful ministry!

Children's Fundraising Lunch is

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Have you ever heard the phrase **Do as I say, not as I do**? We have identified that as a great demonstration of inconsistency, because we are asking others to not follow our example, but rather follow our command.

Sometimes in worship, we take that idea even further toward inconsistency by singing words, but not doing what we sing. I call this **empty words**. Some examples:

- We sing “I **stand** amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene” while sitting.
- We sing “**All** that thrills my soul is Jesus” while allowing the things of the world to thrill our soul.
- We sing “And I, I’m **desperate** for You” while only occasionally seeking the Lord.
- We sing “I surrender **all**” while keeping a tight grip on most of our lives.

Too often we treat worship as simply another thing to do without even understanding what we are doing during our worship. We show up, sing a little, and then move on to what’s next.

On the other side, we put great passion into preparing for, watching, and gloating/trash-talking our favorite team’s game. Or, we eat tasty food and savor every bite, sometimes even closing our eyes to get the full experience.

May I challenge us to evaluate our personal worship experience and expression. Listen to what you are singing. Understand the words leaving your mouth. Be purposeful in your worship! Be passionate in your worship!

T h i s Sunday, come expecting God’s Presence, give yourself fully to God’s Praise, and worship Him with Passion. *W o r s h i p Well!*
-Brad

Ready to Give Thanks!

How do you give thanks? During the month of November, we will have the opportunity to express our thankfulness for all that God has done for us. It is a perfect time to reflect on the salvation that you have in Christ and to consider the blessings

that you can now share with others. We give back to God and share with others as an overflow of our thankful hearts!

Pecans & Variety of Nuts

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

the Welcome Center. Don’t miss this opportunity to buy these fresh pecans and nuts.

School Partnership

Battlefield 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.

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.

Celebration

You are invited to an Adoption Celebration Meet & Greet in honor of Gene & Amy Jones Brown’s newly adopted daughter (Addison Lynn) on Sunday, November 8 in the Fellowship Circle from 2 to 4 pm.

Congratulations

to Trey Baldwin (who was baptized and grew up in this church) and to parents Beth Daugherty and Jimmy Baldwin (deceased). Trey finished the IROMAN Competition on October 10. The percentage of those completing this race is very low.