

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, November 15

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship - Shoebox Collection
2 - 4 pm Baby Shower for Alana Paulson
6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, November 16

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir - Parkside

Wednesday, November 18

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Turkey & Dressing Green Beans
Sweet Potato Casserole
Bread Dessert
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Study
6 pm Bible Study (Galatians) Room 212
Children's Fall Ministry
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Business Meeting -
Budget Proposal
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19

CDC Thanksgiving Lunch

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

<u>Nov 15-21</u> Patrice Humphrey Bryan Alexander Cathy Cox	<u>Nov 22-26</u> Jeff Ingram Ronnie Born Mary Anna Paulson
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Security

<u>Nov. 15-21</u> R. Dupree Jeff Wright	<u>Nov. 22-28</u> Alvin Davis Ron Bethune
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Wednesday Meal

<u>Nov. 18</u> Frankie Trotter Hal Jones Charles Tant Dolores Tant	<u>Nov. 25</u> No Evening Meal
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Greeters

<u>Nov. 15</u> Pat Medearis Mackie Yatooma Brenda Jones	<u>Nov. 22</u> Wayne Honeycutt Rena Honeycutt Regeania Nicholson Luther Nicholson
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Extended Session

Sunday, Nov. 15

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

Next Sunday, Nov. 22

Babies	Andy Atkinson Micki Atkinson
1&2 yr olds	Stacy Thomas Drew Todaro
3 yr olds	Rob Randall Holly Randall

Prayer Concerns

Home

Raymond
Dupree
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Lila Mears
Wayne
Carpenter
Ronnie Hixon
Brynna
Humphrey
Taime Imler
Winona Lewis
Sharon Mullins
Lamar Elrod

June Stewart
Mary Jane
Latoza
Carol Whelchel
Tressie Fletcher
Odell Culver
Nell Smith
Joann Ezell
Stewart
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Dale & Dolores
Kinnison
Larry Hutcheson

Wiley & Helen
Epperson
John Messina
Janice Knauff

Nursing Home

Aline Hannah
Joyce Herston
Norma Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Ruth Graham
Eloise Morris
Hazel Smith
Myrtle Thomas
Lila Archer
C. H. Tindall
Mary Alkire

Birthdays

Dana Fulmer (15)
Penny Pitts (16)
Mollie Miller (17)
Susan Touchstone (17)
Stacy Thomas (18)
Abby Thompson (18)

Jameson Adams (19)
Bruce Underwood (19)
Dolores Tant (20)
Colin Wright (20)
Joyce Herston (21)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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Children Director - Nichole Stookey
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Special Family night @ The Point

Our annual Christmas Family
Night will be a special
invitation for all of us to
worship with our kids on their
"home field." The kids are
working on exciting and fun
Christmas music and will be
leading us in a "Happy
Birthday Jesus" celebration
for the entire family. Don't
miss the fun @ 5 pm on
December 13.



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Upcoming Events

Join the Launchpad

Launchpad is a great opportunity for us to minister to families with young kids. It gives parents a chance and a choice to worship, free from the burdens of parenting. When serving in Launchpad, you will always have at least 1 other person serving with you. One great trend we have seen is couples offering to serve together. This is a great way to get our men more involved with our kids! We are planning a Launchpad Lunch on Jan. 10, 2016. As you sign up to volunteer, you can look forward to this free lunch and orientation. Again, our goal is 107 volunteers. Sign up at the Welcome Desk this Sunday!

Operation Christmas Child

Bring you Shoebox gifts this Sunday morning to the Worship Center so that we can celebrate and pray for the big send-off next week. Our goal is 300 shoeboxes that will bless the lives of children all around the world!

Youth Campout This Weekend

Meet at the church campus at 6 pm this Friday (eat dinner before you come). You will need \$10 for Frisbee Golf at Cloudland Canyon on Saturday. Due to the cost of campsites, we are camping in the back of the church campus. Remember this is **ELECTRONIC FREE WEEKEND!**

New Ambassadors Small Group

We are excited to announce a new Sunday morning small group led by Marlin & Mary Anna Paulson. The class name is "The Ambassadors," and is meeting in room 204-206, next to the upstairs Coffee room on the main Sunday School hall. This class is perfect for those who are looking for a new Bible study and a chance to rediscover their identity in Christ.

Nov. 11-18

Word From Our Pastor

Have you ever noticed that Thanksgiving involves the act of giving? It is contemplated within the word itself. When we truly appreciate something, there is always a response of giving. And yet, we see that the subject of giving has become sensitive within church families these days. Many church members are saying, “I won’t” when it comes to giving, and they don’t like to be challenged about it.

Though giving is a personal matter, it should not be a sensitive one. God has never been sensitive about giving. In fact, He has always been a generous giver.

Jason Thomas

He has given each one of us life, even knowing that we would rebel against Him. And then, “**while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**” (Rom. 5:8), clearing the way for us to receive Christ’s righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and the promise of eternal life!

After we have received this amazing gift, God invites us to partner with Him and share with others so that they may also receive this gift. Yet, notice that even in this invitation to share and give, God still remains generous to us... “**whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully**” (2 Cor. 9:6). Together, let’s pray about how we should respond to God’s generosity and then visualize the bounty that God wants to share with us through our partnership in the gospel! See you this Sunday after a week in the Harvest field! -Jason

Discipleship

As disciples, we have been pardoned, given spiritual life, and adopted as God’s children, His heirs! Thankfulness is a conscious response that comes from looking beyond our blessings to their source. Thankfulness embraces the divine design of the relationship between a Creator and a creation. Thankfulness is to value the beauty of Jesus Christ in a manner that reframes our entire life.

Lepers in Jesus’ day were social outcasts. Their contagious condition ostracized them from those they loved. When ten lepers encountered Jesus, they desperately implored Him to show them mercy. Jesus sent them to the priest. As they obeyed, they were healed! These ten men had been forbidden to enter their own villages, to live in their own homes, to work in their own jobs, or even to touch their own kids. Imagine what unrestrained joy must have filled them as they ran home again! Imagine the

Andy Atkinson

thoughts they had once they calmed down enough to ponder what kind of power Jesus possessed.

One of the lepers, a Samaritan, stopped and ran back to thank Jesus. Samaritans were normally shunned by the Jews, but Jesus had healed him! Jesus asked, “Where are the others?” Ten lepers had been healed. Ten lepers were reveling in their newfound health, rushing to share the good news. But only one considered the Source of that blessing and stopped to thank the One who had given him back his life.

We, too, have been healed and made alive by the Savior. Could we, like the nine lepers, rush off to glory in our blessings without stopping to thank our Redeemer? Our worship, prayers, service, and daily life ought to seek complete saturation with thanksgiving to God.

Worship & More...

“**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)**

We have a treasure! I am so grateful that God loves me so much that He sent His only son to die for my sins, and He has a place in heaven for me when I die. What a great salvation!

But according to the above verse, we also own a field. What is that field? Look at the verse again... The field is **the Kingdom of Heaven**. It’s ours, and it’s here right now. Imagine that: The Kingdom of Heaven right here, right now for us to live in!

We don’t have to wait until we “pass on to glory” to live and walk in the Kingdom of Heaven. We have full access to God’s Kingdom right here, right now.

What does access to the Kingdom of Heaven allow us to do? It allows us to “see” in the spiritual world

Brad Lewis

what God is doing behind the scenes in our lives and in the lives of others.

When we see people, we see them folks who need a touch from the Lord. When we see circumstances, we see them as events designed to grow us spiritually and deepen our faith.

May I challenge us to **seek first the Kingdom of God** and His righteousness. May we look beyond what we see in the physical world, and seek to live in the spiritual world.

This Sunday, make the Presence of God your priority. Worship Him with passion and intimacy. **Worship Well!**

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 244
11 am Worship Attendance 246

Annual Budget 549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs 475,139.60
YTD Budget Giving 461,188.47

Total Receipts for the Week: 19,476.96
Weekly Budget Giving 11,508.66
Weekly Legacy Giving 4,614.50
Weekly Missions Giving 674.70

This Sunday’s Message:

“Give Thanks:
With the Gift of Talents”
2 Chronicles 29

Next Sunday’s Message:

Pastor Andy’s
Panama Missions Message

Announcements Help!

The Stepping Stones Class is taking on a project to help provide items for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission to help feed and clothe the homeless. Contact Lavanda Swafford (423.902.6168, email lavenderlovesherboys@gmail.com). Drop items off in their classroom.

Baby Shower

You are invited to the Fellowship Circle on Sunday, November 15 from 2-4 pm for a Baby Shower for Alana Long. Jordan and Alana are registered at Target.

The Point

The next Children’s Worship will be Sunday, November 29. The children will leave to the FLC during the Welcome Song. Please pick up your children after the Morning Worship Service. Invite your friends to attend with you!

Youth Spotlight

Camp deposit past due Oct. \$25, \$25.00 is due Dec. 1.

Remember that the **Campout Retreat** is a electronic-free weekend (no phone, no lights, no motor cars, not a single luxury) *Money awarded if you can tell me where that phrase came from.* Things to bring: sleeping bag, pillow, tent (if you have one), plastic or tarp to put under tent, bible, a pad with paper, pen, clothes, towel, toiletries,

Children’s Headlines

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we get closer to the holidays, this time of year reminds us to take a moment to reflect and be mindful of those things that really matter in life. This week at then DCD and with our children on Wednesday evening, I will be teaching what being “Thankful” really means, I challenge each of you to take a break from your busy schedules and evaluate everything you truly have to be thankful for! We, simply as

Kevin Stone

deodorant. , flashlight, games, chairs or something to sit on.

Parents needing to contact the students, please call my cell phone **423.902.9017**. You can pick your child up right after Morning Worship. If your child is coming late or needs to leave early, please let me know. Once they are on the church campus they will not be allowed to leave without your permission (*even if they drive*).

Nichole Stookey

humans, take so much for granted and need to be appreciative and grateful for God’s many blessings.

Christmas Choir: We will continue working on music for the Children’s Christmas Choir on Wednesday evenings. Be here at 6pm to practice!

Bring-a-friend-to-church: Mrs. Nichole has a special treasure chest!! Each time you bring a friend with you to the church campus, you will get to pick a prize!

CDC: The Church’s Daily Preschool has spots available for this school year. Please see Nichole Stookey for more information.

Ready to Give Thanks!

How do you give thanks? During this 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 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 this week... 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.

Women of Joy Conference

Give your \$25 deposit to Laura Jones this Sunday if you plan to go to the *Women of Joy Conference*. The conference features several speakers, comedians and music artist including Patsy Clairmont, Chonda Pierce, Natalie Grant and more. The cost for 2 nights

lodging (4 to a room) and the conference is \$149.00 per person. (Meals are extra). Laura will be making our reservation for the conference and our rooms next week.