# This Week @ FBC

Sunday, November 29

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study 10:55 am Morning Worship Kid's Worship @ The Point

NO Evening Worship



10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir - Rosewood

Tuesday, December 1

10:00 am Women on Mission12 pm Lydia Class Christmas Party - FC

Wednesday, December 2

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Beef Stew Salad Bread Dessert
6 pm Bible Study (Galatians)
Children's Winter Ministry
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer Service
(WMU Mission Focus)
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

*Friday, December 4* 6 pm Youth Christmas Party

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

# **Our Volunteers**

#### Deacons of the Week

Nov 29-Dec. 5
Gene McDaniel
Laurie Brown
Raymond Pendley
Dec. 6 - 12
Tim Miller
Mary Jo Case
Bimol Poole

#### Security

Nov. 29-Dec. 5
James Swafford
Mickey Caradine

Dec. 6 - 12
Raymond Pendley
Paul Overlin

#### Wednesday Meal

Dec. 2

Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis
Sue Hughes

Dec. 9

Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
Ronnie Born
Elaine Steele

#### Greeters

Nov. 29

Aurelia Little

Margaret Box

G. McDowell

Dec. 6

Harold Parrish

Betty Parrish

Mary Jo Case

#### **Extended Session**

#### Sunday, Nov .29 Next Sunday, Dec. 6

**Babies** Melissa Pittman Babies Sarah Kubler Candy Vann Darlene Lane 1&2 yr olds Jennifer Stone 1&2 yr olds Cindy Shipp Drew Todaro Drew Todaro 3 yr olds Tracie Dodson Mackie Yatooma **Becky Pennington** Pam Bethune

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Joanne Ezell
Stewart
Laura Jones
Home
Raymond
Dupree
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Wayne
Carpenter

Ronnie Hixon

Humphrey

Brynna

Taime Imler
Winona Lewis
Lamar Elrod
June Stewart
Tressie Fletcher
Odell Culver
Nell Smith
Joann Ezell
Stewart
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Dale & Dolores
Kinnison
Mary Alkire

Larry Hutcheson Wiley & Helen Epperson John Messina Janice Knauff

on A A J N

Nursing Home
Aline Hannah
Joyce Herston
Norma Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Ruth Graham
Eloise Morris
Myrtle Thomas
Lila Archer
C. H. Tindall

## Birthdays

Joseph Frejosky (29) Clarence Lance (29) Callie Stookey (30) Emily Young (30) Wayne Carpenter (1) Ginny Grant (1) Nicholas Parente (1) Leland Dodson (2) Micah Young (2) Abbey Bradford (3) Mary Davis (3) Chris McDowell (3) Bobbie Graham (4) Carole Bolling (5) Pat Long (5) B.J. Pack (5)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson Youth Director - Kevin Stone Children Director - Nichole Stookey Adminstrative Assistant - Miki Ingram Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins

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# Upcoming Events

### **Have you Joined the Launchpad yet?**

Launchpad is a great opportunity for you to minister to families with young kids. It gives parents a chance to worship on Sunday mornings, while their young ones are in good hands. As we get closer to the Launchpad Lunch on Jan. 10, 2016, remember our goal of 107 volunteers. We are halfway to our goal, which is very exciting, but we still need more of you to get on board! Sign up at the Welcome Desk this Sunday!

#### Give Thanks to the Lord

Have you expressed thankfulness through the act of giving? This Sunday will be the fifth Sunday of the month, which is a perfect time to catch up on our giving to the church budget, the Legacy building fund, and missions. With thankful hearts, let's pause this week to reflect on how much God has blessed us and how we can express our thankfulness by giving back to Him. It pleases God when we worship Him through giving.

## Celebrate Christmas with Children & Youth

The first weekend in December will be special for our Children and Youth. Friday night, 12/4, is our big Christmas Party for Middle School & High School. See Kevin Stone for details. Sunday night, 12/6, is our Christmas Skating Party for Preschool & Children. See Nichole Stookey for details. Invite your friends and family to these special events!

#### **Pray for the Lottie Moon Offering**

We kick off the Christmas season next week with the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer. Join us in prayer next week and for the special devotion night on Wednesday, 12/2 at 6:30 pm. When we pray and support the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, we are furthering God's mission all around the world!

Nov. 25-Dec. 2

## Word From Our Pastor Jason Thomas

I am thankful for you! Have you ever noticed that in all but one of the Apostle Paul's letters to the churches, he included a special word of thanksgiving for the lives and the faith of those believers? He did this, not to patronize or to receive anything in return, but to sincerely thank God for

the fellow believers and the Christian ministry that they shared together.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me" (Phil. 1:3-7).

It is right for you and I to be thankful for each other. Together, we share in God's grace, we are partners in the gospel, and we know that God will complete the good work that he has begun in us. Considering all that we are and all that we share together as followers of Jesus Christ, let's pause this week to give thanks to God. He is doing an amazing work in us and through us as we share in His grace together! Have a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving Day with your families, and then, look forward to the Bible study and worship celebration this Sunday with your Faith Family!

-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 245
11 am Worship Attendance 238

Annual Budget 549,050.20 YTD Budget Needs 496,256.69

496,256.69 **This Sunday's Message:** 

"You are Highly Favored!" Luke 1:26-38

Total Receipts for the Week: Weekly Budget Giving Weekly Legacy Giving

YTD Budget Giving

Weekly Missions Giving

8,175.99 527.00 93.00 Next Sunday's Message:

Advent Continues

### Can You Help?

The Stepping Stones Class is collecting items for the Chattanoga Rescue Mission. The last day for donations is Sunday, Dec. 13. They are asking for new items specifically for this Christmas list. If anyone wants to donate gently used items, we can separate the items as additional donations. Put in the classroom.

#### Thank You

Thank you so very much for the lovely basket of flowers you sent for my mother's memorial service. It was a beautiful expression of support and sympathy, which meant so much to our family. With warmest gratitude,

Lisa & Pierce Family

#### The Point

This Sunday, November 29 will be the Kid's Worship @ The Point. The children will leave to the downstairs FLC during the Welcome Song. You may pick up your children in the FLC after the Morning Worship Service. Invite friends to attend with your children!

## Discipleship

If we do not hate sin the way God does, then we do not truly know Him (1 John 3:6). There are people who continue in their sin yet insist that they love God and belong to Him. John makes it clear: If you have a lifestyle of sin, you have not seen Him and do not know Him. You may have prayed a prayer, or made a commitment in church, or been baptized, but the evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life is that you are dealing with sin. This does not mean that we will never sin, but it does mean that we refuse to make sin a lifestyle and we immediately seek forgiveness when we sin (1 John 1:10).

It means that we are opposed to sin, as God is, and we allow the Holy Spirit to eradicate every trace of sin in our life. It means that when we sin,

\$25.00 is due Dec. 1.

\$2. Dinner will be provided.

#### Andy Atkinson

we immediately confess it and repent of it and do whatever is necessary to avoid repeating our sin.

If you find yourself falling into sinful habits or not grieving over your sin as you once did, this indicates that communion with Him is broken. Return to Him in repentance; restore your fellowship with Him; and you will once again experience victory over your sin. But floating through life and not dealing with our sin, it is a decision as much if not more as it is a weakness. It is sin's root declaration that we would "rather reign in Hell, than serve in Heaven." "We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God

does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. "

1 John 4:6

#### **Kevin Stone**

#### Community Christmas Dinner

Dec. 12. Students need to be there by 9 am and plan to stay all day.

Bible Study @ Pal's Car Wash - Sunday evening @ 5 pm. We will not be meeting this Sunday evening. See you next Sunday evening!

## **Children's Headlines**

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Youth Spotlight

Camp deposit past due Oct. \$25,

Youth Christmas Party - Dec. 4, 7-11

pm. Bring a gag gift costing less than

Christmas Skating Party: On December 6, from 5-7pm we will be having a Happy Birthday Jesus-Christmas Skating Party for all the Preschool and Children at Roller Coaster Skate World! Invite your friends and family and come out to celebrate with us! If you plan to ride the bus be at the church by 4:30 and the buses will return to the church at 7:15. There is no charge.

The Point: Children's worship at The Point will be held in the FLC this Sunday, November 29 during the 11:00 am worship hour. Children will be

dismissed from the Worship Center during the fellowship song and need to be picked up at the end of service from the FLC.

**Nichole Stookey** 

December 13: We will have a fun-filled day of worship and celebration of December 13. During the Sunday School hour children will have a Christmas Treat with their teachers, so don't be late! Our Orchestra and Choir will be putting on their Christmas presentation during the Worship Service. Sunday evening from 5-7pm will be our Family Christmas Night! Our children have been working hard on Christmas music to present you with on this special night. Please make plans to be with us through all these activities on December 13.

## Worship & More...

me to challenge us to make our time with

intentional in our conversations. How can

we do that? The best way I have found is by

conversation? Ask great questions. Want to

move through awkward moments of silence?

Ask great questions. Want to help people

celebrate people, and validate people. But

asking great questions requires thought and

preparation. Here are three reasons to create

clarify their lives? Ask great questions.

One way to do that is to be

Want to involve people in a

Great questions involve people,

family and friends purposeful.

asking great questions.

vour questions in advance:

We are almost in the holiday season, and that means a lot of great things:

Fun memories, good food, and more... Allow

people steering the conversation their way, everyone is included.

3) It draws everyone together.

**Brad Lewis** 

3) It draws everyone together. Along with drawing everyone out, good questions can can draw everyone in. Conversation can create intimacy and connection as people see their ideas and thoughts validated. Even people who start out on the edge of a conversation can feel included and appreciated.

This holiday season, I challenge us to turn off the TV, forget our favorite team, focus on others, and be intentional in our conversations. (Next week I will offer 9 questions to try out this holiday season!)

Worship Well!

-Brad

1) It gives you a track to run on. Conversations can be difficult because it takes effort to find a topic that works. Sometimes it's impossible to get past small talk. But if you prepare questions in advance, it takes the pressure off.

2) It levels the playing field. We all like to talk about whatever comes easily to us, but that may mean discussing topics that leave others out. Crafting advance questions gives us a chance to think through topics that everyone can discuss. Instead of a few

Community Christmas Dinner
Our annual Community Christmas volunteers

Dinner will be Saturday, Dec. 12. We will need your help with this wonderful event, especially for delivery drivers from 2 to 6 pm. Church members, bring desserts that do not have to be refrigerated on Friday, Dec. 11 after 5 pm to the Fellowship Circle. We also need

volunteers
after 5 on the
Dec. 11 to help
set up or Dec.
12 starting at
7 am and going
until 6 pm. Contact
Kevin Stone for more
information.

## **Pecans & Variety of Nuts**

Cinnamon Pecans now available thru the Keenagers. They are so delicious and only \$10! And, as are all the pecans, walnuts and nuts. 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.

## **Special Night @ The Point**

Our annual *Christmas Family Night* will be a chance for you to experience what we do @ The Point. Our kids are working on Christmas music and will be leading us in a "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebration for the entire

family. Don't miss the fun & food @ 5 pm on December 13.
Bring your favorite finger foods!