

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, December 6

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:15 pm Summer Camp Fund Raising Luncheon
5 pm Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration & Worship
at the Fort O. Roller Coaster Skate World
6 pm No Evening Worship on campus

Monday, December 7

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir - NHC Rossville

Tuesday, December 8

10:30 am Keenager's Meeting
6 pm Koinonia Class Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 9

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Bread Dessert
6 pm Bible Study (Galatians)
Children's Winter Ministry
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer Service
6:30 pm Combined Choir & Orchestra
Special Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, December 10

9 am Operation Christmas Child Trip to Atlanta
5 pm Community Dinner Set-up & Preparation

Friday, December 11

6 pm Community Dinner Set-up & Preparation

Saturday, December 12

7 am Community Christmas Dinner

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Dec. 6 - 12

Mary Jo Case
Bimol Poole

Dec. 13-19

Ray Cox
Cathy Cox
Wayne Rasbury

Wednesday Meal

Dec. 9

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

Dec. 16

Priscilla Pennington
Terry Pennington
Olene Hendricks
Sandra Mullins

Security

Dec. 6 - 12

R. Pendley
Paul Overlin

Dec. 13-19

Wayne Honeycutt
Ken Lee

Greeters

Dec. 6

Harold Parrish
Betty Parrish
Mary Jo Case

Dec. 13

Kaye Swafford
Sue Overlin
Marlin Paulson

Extended Session

Sunday, Dec. 6

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

Next Sunday, Dec. 13

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

Hospital

Joanne Ezell
Stewart

Home

Leann
Alexander
Laura Jones
Raymond
Dupree
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Wayne
Carpenter
Ronnie Hixon

Prayer Concerns

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

Larry Hutcheson
John Messina
Wiley & Helen
Epperson
Janice Knauff

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

Ron Bethune (7)
Ronnie Born (8)
Mike Mead (8)

Dedee McMahan (11)
Fred Boswell (12)

Staff

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

Christian Sympathy

Our church family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Miki, Jeff, Michael & Parker Ingram & family and Drew & Patrick Todaro on the death of Miki's Uncle, Edward Henry.



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Upcoming Events

Launchpad Is Ready for You

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!

Summer Camps Fund Raising Luncheon

Enjoy lunch this Sunday after the morning worship and help send our Children & Youth to their 2016 missions camps! The menu will be Spaghetti, Salad, Potato Soup, Garlic Rolls & Dessert.

Special Evening Worship

Join us this Sunday night from 5 to 7 pm as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We are taking our celebration off campus to the Fort O. Roller Coaster Skate World. There will be free skating for the kids and special worship & carols for all ages to enjoy. Refreshments will include a special "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake. Friends and family are all invited to attend.

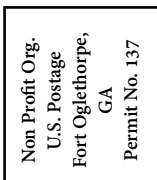
2016 Budget Confirmation

We will have a brief time at the end of the Worship Service this Sunday morning to confirm our 2016 Budget. Our finance team has worked hard to keep the budget lean while we are also addressing the separate Legacy building loan and missions giving. Please be in prayer this week about how you & your family will be part of helping us meet and exceed these 2016 financial needs and opportunities.

Lottie Moon Offering

Our Goal: \$16,500.00
Received: \$ 177.00

Dec. 2-Dec. 9



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Are you hoping for victory this season? You will find victory in the words we read this past Sunday in Luke 1:38, “May it be to me as you have said.” In those words, Mary was opening her heart and mind to the Holy Spirit, who would pour into her life with the power of the Most High. Through this power, what at first was impossible for Mary in her own strength, would become possible with God.

So often, you and I seek victory in our own strength. Take for example the common tendency this time of year to eat too much chocolate (of which I am very guilty). What if you made a rule that you will not eat anymore chocolate. You then commit yourself to obeying this rule,



only to discover that it does not set you free from the underlying desire for chocolate. Your new rule actually seems to make the desire even stronger. What will you do then?

This is where God teaches us to live each day by the power of His Spirit. **“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you” (Rom. 8:11).** This is the same power that made the impossible suddenly possible for Mary. It is also the same power that makes victory possible in your life.

This power is available to you from the moment you say “yes” to Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. Through Him, all of your sin has been defeated, and you are free to live each day by the power of His Spirit. Call on Him with these empowering words, “May it be to me as you have said.” God will make the difference! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 217
11 am Worship Attendance 224

Annual Budget 549,050.20
YTD Budget Needs 506,815.57
YTD Budget Giving 486,094.02

Total Receipts for the Week: 12,121.69
Weekly Budget Giving 9,167.69
Weekly Legacy Giving 2,240.00
Weekly Missions Giving 602.00

Announcements

Can You Help?

The Stepping Stones Class is collecting items for the Chattanooga 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, they can be included as separate items. Take all donations to their classroom.

Shoeboxes

If you have signed up the go to the Atlanta Distribution Center on December 10, the buses will be leaving from the upper parking lot at 9 am. We will be stopping for lunch at Chick-fil-A and dinner (tba) on the return home!

Thank You

The decorating team would love to give a special “thank you” to everyone that helped decorate the church last Monday! The church is beautiful! We pray that it enhances your enjoyment of the Christmas season!

Discipleship

Do you have absolute trust in your Good Shepherd? Do you value the nourishment that comes from Him more than any you might obtain from the world? Do you ever worry that God might be withholding from you something that you need? The psalmist was convinced that he would “want” for nothing (Psalm 23). By His very nature, the Good Shepherd cares for His sheep and will lay down His life for them (John 10:11).

Living like a sheep can bring you incredible peace of mind! The biblical shepherd knew everything about his sheep. He understood what foods were best for them and what would harm them. He knew when they should eat and when they should drink. His demeanor told the sheep if they were in danger or if it was safe to rest. The shepherd was an expert of the terrain and



-Andy

Andy Atkinson

was aware of the best places for food and water. As long as the sheep trusted and followed their shepherd, they would always have their needs met at the right time. Their shepherd would give them the best that he had.

Have you allowed your focus to shift from the Shepherd to what the Shepherd gives you? If you find yourself “wanting,” it is not that your Shepherd is unable or unwilling to perfectly meet your needs. It may be that you lack the faith to receive all that He has to give. Could it be that you have become dissatisfied with what your Shepherd has been providing? Are you missing the joy that comes from having a Shepherd who cares for you?

Return to Him and trust Him to meet the needs in your life that only He can meet.

Kevin Stone

Youth Spotlight

Camp deposit Catch up on your summer camp deposits: \$25 was due in October and \$25 was due Dec. 1.

Youth Christmas Party - This Friday, on campus from 7-11 pm. Bring a gag gift costing less than \$2. Dinner will be provided.

Children's Headlines

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:14

Christmas Skating Party: This Sunday, from 5-7pm we will be having a “Happy Birthday Jesus” Skating Party for all the Preschool and Children at the Fort O. 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.

December 13: We will have a fun-filled day of worship and celebration on December 13. During the Sunday School hour, children will have a Christmas treat with their teachers, so

Nichole Stookey

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. Make plans to be with us for all of these activities on December 13.

Camp Lunch: There will be a camp fundraising lunch this Sunday after the 11:00am worship hour. Be here at 9:00am for set up and plan to stay afterwards for clean up. Bring a dessert for extra points!

Worship & More...

Last week in this space I encouraged us to ***be intentional in our conversations*** during our holiday gatherings. The best way I have found to do that is by asking great questions.

What kind of questions work best? Here are some suggestions to give you a head start:

9 Questions to Try out This Holiday Season

Here are some great questions for getting things going in the right direction in our intentional conversations. Also, these are especially effective around the end of the year or when getting together with people you haven’t seen in a while.

- How do you define a great holiday experience? What’s the best one you can remember?
- What are your top three strengths—and how do they benefit others?
- If you had one million dollars to give to charity, how would you spend it?
- What is your favorite trait in other people?
- As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up—and how does that relate to what you do now?
- When you look back on the last year, what are you most proud of?
- What are the two biggest lessons you learned this last year?

Community Christmas Dinner

Our annual Community Christmas 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

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 &

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 special worship celebration for the entire family.

Brad Lewis

- When you think about the coming year, what are you most excited to accomplish?
- What new capability do you want to develop in the next year?

Did you notice the one thing all these questions have in common? People usually find it easy to talk about themselves. The more you let people share about themselves, the simpler the whole situation will be. Great conversations are like anything. Success is usually not an accident. It’s planned.

This Christmas season, I again challenge us to turn off the TV, forget our favorite team, focus on others, and be ***intentional in our conversations. Worship Well!***

-Brad

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

Wayne Honeycutt at 706-866-2497 to place your order or sign-up in the Welcome Center.

