

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, November 22

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
6 pm Evening Worship

## Monday, November 23

10 am Decorating for Christmas  
10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir - NHC Ft. O.

## Wednesday, November 25

Church Office Open 1/2 Day  
No Evening Activities

## Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

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# 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 Wheelchel  
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  
Myrtle Thomas  
Lila Archer  
C. H. Tindall  
Mary Alkire

## Birthdays

Synthia Schmid (22)  
Kathy Rainey (23)  
Ashley Stookey (23)  
Austin Maslanik (24)  
Judy Shipley (24)

Ronald Hill (25)  
Chrissy Seward (26)  
Karen Ward (27)  
Ronnie Bradford (28)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
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## Welcome New Members

**Rosie McDonald**  
**113 Diane Ln.**  
**Ft. Oglethorpe, GA**  
**30742**

**Brad & Elaine Lewis**

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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

<u>Nov 22-26</u> Jeff Ingram Ronnie Born Mary Anna Paulson	<u>Nov 29-Dec. 5</u> Gene McDaniel Laurie Brown Raymond Pendley
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## Security

<u>Nov. 22-28</u> Alvin Davis Ron Bethune	<u>Nov. 29-Dec. 5</u> James Swafford Mickey Caradine
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## Wednesday Meal

<u>Nov. 25</u> No Evening Meal	<u>Dec. 2</u> Wayne Rasbury Charlie Rasbury Pat Medearis Sue Hughes
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## Greeters

<u>Nov. 22</u> W. Honeycutt Rena Honeycutt R. Nicholson Luther Nicholson	<u>Nov. 29</u> Aurelia Little Margaret Box George McDowell
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## Extended Session

### Sunday, Nov. 22

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

### Next Sunday, Nov. 29

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



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## Upcoming Events

### Join the Launchpad

Launchpad is a great opportunity for you to minister to families with young kids. It gives parents a chance to worship, while their young ones are in good hands. When serving in Launchpad, you will always have at least 1 other person serving with you. This is a great way for couples to serve together. 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. Our goal is 107 volunteers. Sign up at the Welcome Desk this Sunday!

### Give Thanks to the Lord

How do you give thanks? With five Sundays in November, we have a special opportunity to express our thankfulness to God through worship. With thankful hearts, let's pause this month 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.

### Sponsor a Young America Child

This Sunday will be our final opportunity to sponsor a local child or teen for the upcoming Young America Christmas retreat. Visit the special display in the main Welcome Center for more information. There will be a special offering this Sunday morning during the worship service.

## Nov. 18-25



Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

You can make a difference! In the final chapter of his book, I Will, Thom Rainer shares the story of what God did in 1857 through the faith of one man. This man, Jeremiah Lanphier, was not a professional minister. He was a middle-aged merchant with no pastoral experience. Yet, he had a vision to see his city turn back to God through repentance and prayer.

Though he handed out over 20,000 flyers in NYC, only 6 people came to the first prayer meeting. Then 23 the next week. Though the group was small, the presence of God was very powerful. Rainer writes, “Those who were in the meetings decided to have the gatherings every day. And the numbers



continued to increase. By winter of 1857, the prayer meetings were filling three large churches everyday. Then, by March 1858, every available public hall and church in NYC was filled every day.” An amazing prayer movement had begun!

God works powerfully through simple beginnings. Remember what God told Abram in Genesis 15:5, when Abram was already older and still without children, “**He took him [Abram] outside and said, ‘Look up at the heavens and count the stars - if indeed you can count them... So shall your offspring be.’**” Though he could not see what God was saying, Abram believed what God was saying. And through his faith, God not only built a nation, but also provided a Messiah who was and is building the Body of Christ!

Through your faith, you can make a difference. Together, let’s faithfully say “I will” and dare to believe what God will do! See you this Sunday after a week in the Harvest field!

-Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 245  
11 am Worship Attendance 256

Annual Budget 549,050.20  
YTD Budget Needs 485,698.25  
YTD Budget Giving 469,364.46

Total Receipts for the Week: 9,639.99  
Weekly Budget Giving 8,175.99  
Weekly Legacy Giving 770.00  
Weekly Missions Giving 439.00

This Sunday’s Message:

“A New Battle Cry for the Nations”  
Psalm 33

Next Sunday’s Message:

Thanksgiving Weekend  
Special Message

Announcements

Can You Help?

The Stepping Stones Class is collecting items for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission to feed and clothe those in need. If you would like to help, contact Lavanda Swafford by phone at 423.902.6168 or email [lavenderlovesherboys@gmail.com](mailto:lavenderlovesherboys@gmail.com). Items can be dropped off in their classroom.

Christian Sympathy

Our Church family extends our deepest sympathy and prayers to Mary Anna Paulson and all the Paulson and Peck families on the death of Mary Anna’s brother, Archer Peck; and also to the Trew and Walsh families on the death of Becky’s sister, Sue Walsh.

The Point

The next Children’s Worship will be Sunday, November 29. 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

Is life tough right now? Are you tempted to give up? Do you feel like God has forgotten you? First of all, remember the opening lines of God’s message to you in 1 Peter. Read it so that the theological terminology does not hide the personal message! You are not forgotten. God knows you by name and knows exactly where you are and what you are going through.

Take this opportunity to grow in your faith. A disciple is a learner and a follower. So learn and follow! Never, never ever forget that God is with you. That alone makes anything we go through bearable. This spiritual journey must be traveled with a deep conscience of God and faith in His ultimate good!

So look to our Savior. Reflect on what He has done for you. Your story is a masterpiece!



-Andy

Andy Atkinson

Peter, once a coward but a follower of Christ who became mighty—not just in words but in action—reminds us when we are in a season of adversity: “What counts is that you put up with it for God’s sake when you’re treated badly for no good reason.

There’s no particular virtue in accepting punishment that you well deserve. But if you’re treated badly for good behavior “and continue in spite of it to be a good servant, that is what counts with God” (1 Peter 2: 19–20 from the Message). God has given us a heart that desires to learn and follow! Jesus is our model of perseverance—and He is our model of ultimate healing and victory.

Don’t give up. You can make it. Remember, when you are weak, He is strong.

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

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

will need to bring a wrapped gift under \$2.

Community Christmas Dinner -

Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 am-5 pm. Plan on staying all day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Pal’s Car Wash - Sunday evening @ 5

pm.

Christmas Party - Friday, Dec. 4. 7-11

pm. Dinner will be provided, and you

Children’s Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6**

**Christmas Choir:** Our children are doing a fantastic job learning and singing the Christmas music on Wednesday nights! We are eagerly preparing for Family Christmas night on December 13. Please make plans to be with us to see all the hard work our FBCFO Children are doing! On December 16, we will be going caroling!

**Christmas Skate Party:** On December 6 from 5pm-7pm we will be having a Happy Birthday Jesus - Christmas Skating Party at Roller Coaster Skate World! This event will be for all the preschool and children. I'm excited to get together with everyone and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Sunday School Parties:** Be sure to be in Sunday School on December 13 for a special Christmas treat with your teachers!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

What a powerful message on giving that was shared by Pastor Jason this past Sunday! I don’t know about you, but I was encouraged, inspired, and challenged.

May I share a few of the takeaways that I focused in on:

- **The ability to give... Is a gift from God.** God was a giver from before the beginning. He gives us everything, including the ability to give. It’s all from Him.
- **God wants to pour abundantly into our lives, but we limit what He will give by what we are willing to share.** It is God’s heart to give to His children, but we must not be hoarders. When we hold on to what God shares with us, we limit what He gives.
- **God’s generosity towards us continues even when we turn our backs on Him.** Because God is generous by nature, our response does not change the way God acts towards us, but it does limit how much He gives.
- **It thrills God’s heart when His people take what He gives them,**

**and they share it with others.** Because God is a giver by nature, and because we have His nature living in us (we are created in His image), we too ought to be generous givers.

- **The Thanksgiving Question: What is God giving to me that I can share with others?** Instead of simply being thankful, we need to prove our thankful hearts by giving away that which has been given to us.

May we be generous, reflecting the nature of God in our lives! **Worship Well!**

-Brad



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 5 pm. God always blesses us and so many others through this special

effort. Keep this date in your prayers. Contact Kevin Stone for more information.

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.

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!