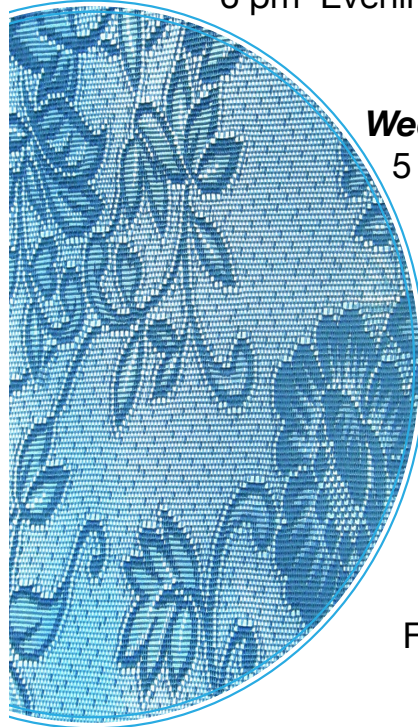


This Week @ FBC

Sunday, January 24

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



Wednesday, January 27

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans
Bread Dessert
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Study
6 pm Daniel Bible Study
Children's Clubhouse Friends
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Winona Lewis
Vera Thomas

Home

Opal Hyde
Wanda McArthur
Louis Clark
Laura Jones
Clarence Lance
Raymond
Dupree
Ken & Betty
Goodner

Bimol Poole
Ronnie Hixon
Lamar Elrod
June Stewart
Tressie Fletcher
Odell Culver
Nell Smith
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Dale Kinnison
Mary Alkire
Larry Hutcheson
John Messina
Janice Knauff

Wiley & Helen
Epperson
Myrtle Thomas

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

Andy Atkinson (24)
Laura Grant (24)
Charlie Rasbury (24)
Jack Smith (24)
Levi Swain (24)
Gabriel Swain (24)
Avery Thomas (25)

Renee Goodale (26)
Patrice Humphrey (26)
Nancy Smith (27)
Miki Atkinson (29)
Jackie Bell (29)
Marie McDaniel (29)
Connie Miller (29)

Ruth Stinson (29)
Shelly Wilson (29)
Michael Ingram (30)
Cree Jeffress (30)
Kenny Lee (30)
Nicole Miller (30)

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Christ Chapel Item
Crackers

Congratulations

To Ray & Jackie Bell on the new arrival of a Grandson, Brooks Robert Beene (7 lbs 8 ozs; 20 inches long) born January 18. Proud parents are Jenny & Zach Beene and brother, Chance.

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Jan.24-30
Jeff Scott
Gene McDaniel
Laurie Brown

Jan.31- Feb 6
Jeff Wright
Mary Jo Case

Wednesday Meal

Jan 27
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis
Sue Hughes

Feb 3
Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
Mary A Paulson
Marlin Paulson

Security

Jan 24-30
James Swafford
Mickey Caradine

Jan 31-Feb 6
Raymond
Pendley
Paul Overlin

Greeters

Jan 24
Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Brenda Jones

Feb 7
W. Honeycutt
Rena Honeycutt
G. McDowell

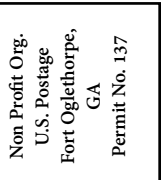
LaunchPad

Sunday, Jan 24

Babies Joyce Rogers
Lora Ogden
1&2 yr olds David White
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Ron Mullins
Sandra Mullins

Next Sunday, Jan 31

Babies Julie Wright
Cindy Shipp
1&2 yr olds Chrissy Seward
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Linda Daniels
Laura Jones



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Upcoming Events

Young America Baptism Service

Due to weather and health concerns, our Young America Baptism Service has been rescheduled to Sunday, 2/21 at 6 pm. This will be part of our Evening Worship, as we celebrate the recent salvation decisions of 30 young people who have been reached through the local Young America Youth Ministry.

Launchpad Orientation Packets

The Launchpad orientation packets are available at the Children's Ministry Welcome Center. **Forms A & B need to be returned to Nichole ASAP.** Thank you for your great response to this ministry! You proved we can come together and accomplish the impossible through the power of Christ in us! It is not too late to sign up. See Pastor Andy and Nichole for details.

The Starting Line

The Starting Line will take a break this Sunday, 1/24/16, but will resume with two final sessions on 1/31 and 2/7. Pastor Jason is leading this class for visitors and anyone who would like to learn more about our church and what it means to follow Jesus. The class meets at 9:30 am in our downstairs Fellowship Circle.

A Word from Thailand

Join us on Sunday, 1/31, at 6 pm, as we welcome the Betts family, missionaries to Thailand. Leigh and Lea Betts are friends with Jeff & Miki Ingram and will share how God is doing a special work with the Pwo Karen people group in Thailand. The Betts are planning to return soon to the village where they've spent the last 12 years in ministry. Their goals will be Bible translation, evangelism, and discipleship.

Lottie Moon Offering

Our Goal: \$ 16,500
Received: \$ 13,490

Jan. 20- Jan. 27

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Why do some people see it and others do not? The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:20 that “**since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.**” So again, why do some people see it and others do not? Perhaps the biggest problem is with their perspective.

I read an interesting story this week of a man who kept gazing out the window of his commuter train and saying, “Wonderful; just wonderful!” What he was looking at was a bunch of run-down apartment buildings and

trash spilling over onto the sidewalks. The people around him remarked that it did not look very “wonderful” to them. The man, however, replied, “I’ve been blind for the past thirty years. But through the skill of a surgeon, the generosity of a donor, and a corneal transplant, I’ve been given the gift of two new eyes. And to me, everything I see is wonderful!”

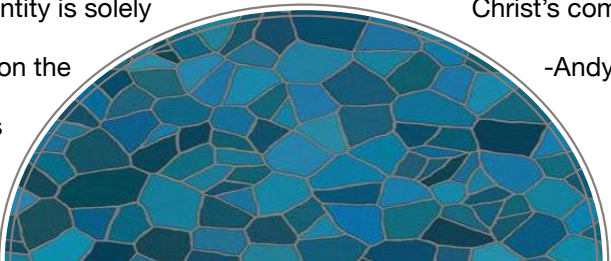
Perhaps you and I need a fresh perspective on what we are seeing each day. Do you see the hand of God? Did you see the beauty and complexity of His design when we saw the zoo animals this past Sunday? Did you perceive the closeness of His presence through worship? If not, don’t be afraid to ask God to open your eyes. “**Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him**” **Luke 24:31.** See you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!

-Jason

Discipleship

If anyone could understand the temptation to let busyness distract Him from the Father’s activity, Jesus certainly could! God’s plan for Jesus was to be on earth for just 33 years and only around 3 years of public ministry. Christ still had a sense of urgency, but not busyness, a sense of zeal, yet compassionate grace.

Jesus told a parable that clearly illustrated this danger of busyness through the parable of the Good Samaritan. Biblically, busyness is not a virtue of productivity or accomplishment, it is **a tragic burden** which can veil our eyes to the heart of God. Today, we have become so accustomed to this “**tragic burden**” that we do not know what it is like to be relieved from it’s pressure and find true rest. Our identity is solely from Christ’s accomplishment on the cross. These accomplishments are poor substitutes for our greatest



-Andy

Andy Atkinson

prestige found in His adoption. It’s easy to become so busy that we are oblivious to those in need. Our schedule can become so full of accomplishing good things that we are of no help to the people God puts around us. Know that God is at work in the lives of our friends, our neighbors, our family members. He may ask us to interrupt our day long enough to join Him as He ministers to them.

Nothing on our agenda, no matter how pressing, is reason enough to ignore the direction of God when He leads us to stop and help. If we have become too busy to minister to those around us, **ask God to reestablish our priorities** so that we do not miss opportunities to serve Him. When you look at people, do you have Christ’s compassion?

Youth Spotlight

Parents - Thank you so much for your support and prayers. We are excited about what God is doing through our Student Ministry.

WinterJAM was an amazing experience where our students worshiped alongside of thousands of their peers in our community. Pray that their experience generates a desire for more of Him!

Children's Headlines

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

Clubhouse Friends: We are off to a great start with our new Wednesday night ministry. The kids are enthusiastic about all the new things we are doing and learning. We meet each Wednesday from 6:00-7:15. Invite some friends to come join us!!

The Point: The spring semester is coming at you! On Sunday Jan 31, we will kick off with great energy and new experiences. You will not want to miss this excitement!

Kevin Stone

Camp Deposit - Catch up on your Summer Camp Deposits: \$25 was due in October and \$25 was due Dec. 1. Next deposit is due Feb. 1.

Next Fund-Raiser - Mark your calendar for the next Summer Camp Fund-Raiser Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Nichole Stookey

Children's Summer Camp: Please remember to pay your \$50 camp deposit to Dawn Emous if you haven't already done so. Campers will earn a badge in Clubhouse Friends this year as well!

LaunchPad: Please check your emails for information pertaining to LaunchPad spots. If you haven't picked up an info packet, they are located in the Children's Welcome Center. VolunteerSpot is active and the “How-to” guide is available at the Children’s Welcome Center.

Worship & More...

OK, I’m waiting... Last week in this space I shared some encouragements about waiting. We determined that waiting is an inevitable fact of life. How we position ourselves when we do have to wait, and how we leverage our spiritual resources during the wait will do one of two things: It will either propel us forward into a greater intimacy with God and spiritual growth, or it will keep us simply mediocre.

Here are two things we can do as we wait:

1) **Make preparations for the best.** We need to act and speak as if what we are waiting for **is** going to happen. That is what **faith** is.

You might ask, “But what if it doesn’t happen?” Wouldn’t you rather have expected and prepared for the **best** possible outcome, being ready for when it does happen instead of being discouraged and negative about the **worst** outcome.

A life lived with a positive attitude will open doors for you, cause others to want to be around you, and make you more productive. On the other hand, a life lived with a negative attitude will depress you, drive others away from you, and keep you from achieving very much.

Disciple Leadership Team

Our newly formed Disciple Leadership Team (DLT) will meet @ **4pm** in the Faith Optics Room on **Sunday January 31, 2016.** This team will work to put into sync and into focus our intentional efforts of developing learners, leaders, and followers of Jesus Christ. Please be

New Bible Study

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Miki Ingram will be facilitating “Breathe, Making Room for the Sabbath,” by Priscilla Shirer. This is a 6 week study with video and study guide. If you have questions call the church office @

Women's Retreat-“Women of Joy”

April 22-24, Pigeon Forge, TN. If you have paid the \$25 deposit, the balance must be paid by February 27 to avoid any late fees. Make checks payable to the church and note that it is for the Women of Joy Conference. If you did not get your \$15 deposit

Brad Lewis

2) **Remind yourself of God’s Promises.** God’s Word is full of His promises for those who believe in Him. When difficulties come or when you must wait, remind yourself of specific promises in His Word and say, “God has me in His hand, and no weapon formed against me will prosper. I **am trusting** (not **will trust**) in my God to see me through!”

This puts the responsibility on us to find and learn the promises in His Word. May I encourage you to turn off the TV and spend time in the Word searching for the hidden treasures of God’s promises.

May we wait well, prepare well, trust well, and Worship Well!

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	245
11 am Worship Attendance	298

Annual Budget	553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs	31,924.10
YTD Budget Giving	26,920.38

Total Receipts for the Week:	8,885.37
Weekly Budget Giving	7,484.15
Weekly Legacy Giving	1,027.48
Weekly Missions Giving	303.74

Announcements

Love Knows Your Name!

The Ambassador Class is collecting “survival” items for the area homeless. You can help by bringing small items including, **socks, gloves, wipes, tissue, feminine items, bottled water, granola bars, crackers, hand sanitizer, body wash, hot hands, deodorant, hot chocolate, instant coffee, Styrofoam cups, and lip balm** to the collection box located in the main Welcome Center.

This Sunday’s Message:

The Presence of Darkness
Genesis 4
Pastor Andy

Next Sunday’s Message:

“Origins” Sermon Series
Continues

Bring your items by **Sunday, 2/7,** and join in on the family-friendly packing party on **Saturday, 2/13 at 2 pm** in the FC.

Jeremiah 31:3

“the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you

with an everlasting love;”

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.