

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

Starting Line

10:55 am Morning Worship

1 pm 50th Wedding Reception -

Ron & Sandra Mullins

4 pm Church Council Meeting

5 pm LifeGROUP

6 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday, January 19

11:30 am Lydia Class Fellowship

Wednesday, January 20

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans

Bread Dessert

5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Study

6 pm Galatians 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

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Jan.17-23

Wayne Rasbury

Jeff Ingram

Ronnie Born

Jan.24-30

Jeff Scott

Gene McDaniel

Laurie Brown

Wednesday Meal

Jan 20

Frankie Trotter

Hal Jones

Charles Tant

Dolores Tant

Jan 27

Wayne Rasbury

Charlie Rasbury

Pat Medearis

Sue Hughes

Security

Jan 17-23

Alvin Davis

Ron Bethune

Jan 24-30

James Swafford

Mickey Caradine

Greeters

Jan 17

Louise Stinnett

Barbara Poole

Elaine Steele

Jan 24

Donnie Lindsay

Donna Lindsay

Brenda Jones

LaunchPad

Sunday, Jan 17

Babies

Louise Stinnett

Candy Vann

1&2 yr olds

Jenny Pitts

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds

Nichole Stookey

Brittany Stone

Next Sunday, Jan 24

Babies

Joyce Rogers

Lora Ogden

1&2 yr olds

David White

Drew Todaro

3 yr olds

Ron Mullins

Sandra Mullins

Hospital

Lila Archer

Bimol Poole

Fred Boswell

Winona Lewis

Vera Thomas

Myrtle Thomas

Home

Opal Hyde

Wanda McArthur

Louis Clark

Laura Jones

Clarence Lance

Raymond

Dupree

Ken & Betty

Goodner

Ronnie Hixon

Taime Imler

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

Nursing Home

Dolores Kinnison

Aline Hannah

Joyce Herston

Norma Carpenter

Eva Williams

Eunice Mosman

Ruth Graham

Eloise Morris

Lila Archer

C. H. Tindall

Birthdays

Susan VanWagner (17)

Carolyn Crane (18)

Barbara Poole (18)

Josh Paris (21)

Amanda Alexander (22)

Joyce Barger (23)

Anita Vickrey (23)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas

Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis

Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson

Youth Director - Kevin Stone

Children Director - Nichole Stookey

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Christ Chapel Item
Crackers

FBC Church Council
will meet this Sunday,
January 17 at 4 pm in
the Agape Classroom.



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Upcoming Events

Special Worship this Sunday Morning

There will be a special edition of our Children's Worship this Sunday morning at 10:55 am in our main Worship Center, as we welcome the Chattanooga Zoo to be part of our worship experience. We will see the beauty & design of God's creation up close through some unique zoo visitors. Bring the family for this special event!

Launchpad Orientation Packets

The Launchpad orientation packets will be available to pick up at the Children's Ministry Welcome Center. **Forms A & B need to be returned to Nichole as soon as possible.** You can still sign up! Thank you for your great response and turnout during the Orientation Luncheon this past Sunday! You proved we can come together and accomplish the impossible through the Spirit-driven body of Christ!

The Starting Line in January

The Starting Line has three more sessions and continues this Sunday, 1/17/16. 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 with coffee & donuts.

Young America Baptism Service

Join us on Sunday night, January 24, at 6 pm in our Worship Center for a Special Baptism Service. This will be part of our Evening Worship, as we celebrate the recent salvation decisions of 25 young people who have been reached through the local Young America Youth Ministry.

Lottie Moon Offering

Our Goal: \$ 16,500

Received: \$ 13,440

Jan. 13- Jan. 20

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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

The disciples were facing what seemed to be the impossible. After a rich man walked away from Jesus in Matthew 19, Jesus told them that it would be “**easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God**” (Matt. 19:24). The disciples were “**greatly astonished**” and wondered, “**Who then can be saved?**” (Matt. 19:25).

Perhaps in this new year you are facing what seems to be the impossible. Maybe it is with someone you have been praying for, hoping for a breakthrough. Maybe it is a more personal need, such as a circumstance or sin that keeps getting the better of you. How bold should you

be in your prayer life, asking God to help you overcome what seems to be the impossible?

Jesus told his disciples that “**with God all things are possible**” (Matt. 19:26). He was speaking, of course, about the same God who is the **Great I am**, and the one who is the origin of all things. How can anything be impossible with a God who is that big? Jesus also told them that if they had faith in God, then “**nothing will be impossible for you**” (Matt. 17:21). Did they continue to have failures? Yes. Did they continue to need grace? Absolutely! Yet, as they learned to live close to God through the Spirit of God living inside of them, the results were greater than the impossible! May you and I seek the God who is greater than the impossible. May we focus on Him rather than on the impossible. And may we trust Him even above our own understanding of what is possible. See you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!

-Jason

Discipleship

One of the most freeing statements we can make is “**I don’t know.**” Our world is full of self-proclaimed “experts.” There are people everywhere who want to convince you of the wisdom of their opinion. This pressure can be exhausting. Yet God says that it is not the one who declares his viewpoint the loudest who is the wisest, but the one who is vindicated over time. (Luke 7:35)

Wisdom is not proven by argument or debate. Wisdom is proven over time. Some people adamantly proclaim that their opinion is best. Regardless of how convincingly these people defend their viewpoint, time is the best judge of their wisdom. The result of a practice proves its validity, not how loudly it is promoted. When you seek to obey what God has told you, you will sometimes meet resistance and criticism from others who disagree with the wisdom of your actions. Your



Andy Atkinson

immediate response may be the urge to vindicate yourself. However, if you wait patiently, time will reveal the wisdom of your actions far better than you could through argument. God accomplishes great things through this process.

Throughout history, the wisdom found in God’s Word has been tested and proven true. It is critical that you measure everything you hear and feel against the Scriptures. As long as you base your life choices on the Word of God, time will be your defender and will validate the wisdom of your choices. If, over time, you clearly see you are wrong, ask God’s forgiveness and seek a freshness from God through the Scripture. Then obey that word and watch to see God confirm His wisdom in your life. Probably the most freeing statement is “**I was wrong.**” Don’t be veiled by our often hidden enemy of pride.

-Andy

Worship & More...

Wait! Often when we hear that word, it is used as a negative action: Wait at a red light, wait in line, wait for payday, can’t wait for the weekend, wait until next year...

We know that waiting is a fact of life. And for a Believer, waiting is critical for our spiritual growth and intimacy with God.

God puts dreams and visions in our hearts, but there always seems to be a season of waiting involved: Waiting for a relationship to improve, waiting for a promotion, waiting to get married, waiting to overcome an illness...

If we think about it, much of life is spent waiting. But know that there is a right way to wait and a wrong way to wait. Too often when things don’t go our way, or go quickly enough, we either get discouraged, anxious, or we take things into our own hands.

When it comes to prayer, we need to learn how to wait on God. We pray for God’s provision, then go purchase something on credit. We pray for God’s healing, then check to see

Brad Lewis

what our health insurance covers. We pray for God’s direction, then begin moving in the way we want to go.

Isaiah 40:31 tells us: ***Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.***

May I challenge us to wait on the Lord. Bring your requests to Him in bigcloud.tv, and leave them with Him. Pray into the vision God has put in your life, and wait for Him to fulfill it. May we truly become ***people of faith***, and trust in Him.

(Follow my Blog: bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 241
11 am Worship Attendance 269

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 21,282.73
YTD Budget Giving 19,456.23

Total Receipts for the Week: 10,880.37
Weekly Budget Giving 8,088.74
Weekly Legacy Giving 1,503.50
Weekly Missions Giving 667.00

This Sunday’s Message:

New Sermon Series...
“Origins: Where It All Began”
Genesis 1

Next Sunday’s Message:

“Origins” Sermon Series
Continues

Announcements

Photos Needed

Have you taken photographs at any of our church events or ministries in 2015? If so, pick your best two photos from each event and email them to Churchoffice@fbcfo.org.

Lottie Moon Offering

There are only two Sundays left for us to reach our missions offering goal of \$16,500. 100% of each gift will be used to support the cause of gospel missions all around the world. Be part of the global effort by giving today!

Karate Classes

Contact Dennis Ellison at dennis@campbellprintingco.com if you are interested in Karate in our FLC on Tues/Thurs between 5:30-6:30 pm. **The 1st 3 weeks of class are free!**

Youth Spotlight

Great Concert on Sunday Night. All activities are back to a normal schedule! Bring a friend or two!

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.

Children’s Headlines

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” **Philippians 4:13**

Clubhouse Friends: Philippians 4:13 is our action and memory verse for Clubhouse Friends, and I want to teach our FBCFO kids that they can do anything they set their minds to do as Christ empowers them and leads them! Clubhouse Friends meets from 6:00-7:15pm every Wednesday night. We are already working on earning badges and I hope the enthusiasm these kids have and the eagerness to learn is contagious! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors and join us this Wednesday!

Kevin Stone

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

Nichole Stookey

The Point: Children’s Worship at the point is going to be a whole new experience this week as we stay in the worship service and learn about some of God’s very own creations in ways we have never done before! You do not want to miss this!

LaunchPad is ready to LAUNCH! Thank you to all of those who have signed up and those who came to the luncheon. We still have room for more volunteers if you still want to help! Information packets will be located in the Children’s Ministry Welcome Center soon!

Legacy Gifts

Let’s begin this new year with a special commitment to pay off our Legacy Building Loan. Each Legacy gift is tax deductible and is moving us one step closer to being debt free. Just imagine the freedom of what we can be as a church when we are debt free! And don’t be

afraid to ask. Share this opportunity on Facebook and Twitter.

Disciple Leadership Team

Our newly formed Disciple Leadership Team (DLT) will meet @ **4pm** in the Faith Optics Room on **Sunday January 24, 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 in prayer for this team and our goal of making life-long disciples of Jesus.

You Are Invited

Ron & Sandra Mullins are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary and would love for their church family to celebrate with them on January 17 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Circle. Please no gifts.

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