

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, January 10

8 am Deacon's Meeting
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
Starting Line Begins
10:55 am Morning Worship - Lord's Supper
12:15 pm Launchpad Luncheon
6 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday, January 12

10:30 am Keenager's Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Salisbury Steak Salad
Mashed Potatoes 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 Mid-Week Prayer Service
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Jan.10-16
Bimol Poole
Patrice Humphrey
Ray Cox

Jan.17-23
Wayne Rasbury
Jeff Ingram
Ronnie Born

Wednesday Meal

Jan 13
Linda Daniels
Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Shannon Dunn

Jan 20
Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant

Security

Jan 10-16
R. Dupree
Jeff Wright

Jan 17-23
Alvin Davis
Ron Bethune

Greeters

Jan. 10
Preble McDaniel
Gene McDaniel
Louise Stinnett

Jan 17
Louise Stinnett
Barbara Poole
Elaine Steele

Extended Session

Sunday, Jan 10

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

Next Sunday, Jan 17

Babies
Louise Stinnett
Candy Vann
1&2 yr olds
Jenny Pitts
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds
Nichole Stookey
Brittany Stone

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Bimol Poole
Fred Boswell
Winona Lewis
Vera Thomas
Myrtle Thomas

Home

Opal Hyde
Christie Cundiff
Wanda McArthur
Louis Clark
Laura Jones
Clarence Lance

Raymond
Dupree
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Ronnie Hixon
Brynna
Humphrey
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
Myrtle Thomas
Lila Archer
C. H. Tindall

Birthdays

Ashley Miller (7)
Vanessa Grell (9)
Mary Jo Case (9)
Tim Trundle (11)
Wayne Honeycutt (13)
Richard Long (13)

Bryant McDaniel (14)
Gabby Poole (14)
Asher Atkinson (15)
Audrey Brown (15)
Patrick Todaro (15)
Becky Trew (15)

Kristi Born (16)
Kayla Miller (16)
Chris Stephens (16)
Jason Trundle (16)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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Children Director - Nichole Stookey
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Welcome New Members

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Lila Ferrell
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Chickamauga, GA 30707



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Upcoming Events

Launchpad Orientation Lunch THIS Sunday

The final countdown is here! If you have not committed to the Launchpad ministry yet, there is still a chance! This Sunday is our free orientation lunch after the morning worship service. This will be a celebration of our church's awesome acceptance of the challenge to invest in the lives of our little ones!

The LaunchPad commitment is just 3 Sundays of service for the entire 2016, and there is no easier way to invest in the lives of our children. **Please don't ignore the privilege & responsibility you have for this next generation!** See Pastor Andy or Nichole for more information.

The Starting Line in January

Mark your calendars for the Starting Line, beginning this Sunday, 1/10/16. Pastor Jason will be leading this four-week class for visitors and anyone who would like to learn more about our church and what it means to follow Jesus. The class will meet at 9:30 am in our downstairs Fellowship Circle.

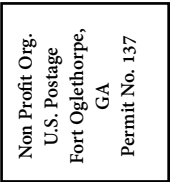
Young America Baptism Service

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: \$ 13,220

Jan. 6 - Jan. 13



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Like many of you, I stayed up late on New Year's Eve to watch the big ball drop over Times Square. As the final seconds of 2015 were counted down, I could not help but think of a great Creator who, in the beginning, set the world in motion so that a new day would dawn in 2016.

In the beginning... God! And it was God who said, **“Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons, and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.”** And it was so



(Gen. 1:14-15)!
How will your new year differ in light of a God who has created you and has created this new opportunity for you? One difference should be worship. Let's praise God for what He has done for us and not take Him for granted. A second difference should be confidence. God has brought you to this moment for a reason. It is no accident. Therefore, don't be afraid to step into this new year with confidence and great expectation. God has given you this time and the presence of His Spirit so that you will have what you need to glorify Him. Together may we seek God, and ask God, and move forward with God in 2016! **Have a very Happy New Year!** I hope to see you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!
-Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 229
11 am Worship Attendance 271

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 10,641.37
YTD Budget Giving 11,367.49

Total Receipts for the Week: 14,852.33
Weekly Budget Giving 11,367.49
Weekly Legacy Giving 2,877.56
Weekly Missions Giving 607.28

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.

Keenager's Meeting

The Keenager's will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Circle. Our program will feature **Johnnie Sue**, a singer of traditional country and gospel music. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

Deacon's Meeting

The Deacons will meet this Sunday, January 10 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Circle! Mark your calendar.

Discipleship

Our world is preoccupied with formulas. When we find a program that works in one business, we immediately want to package and distribute it so that it will work for others. This attitude often carries over into the spiritual life as well. We spend much energy looking for the key spiritual disciplines, books, seminars, or conferences that "work" in order for us to feel satisfied. However, God does not want us to trust in methods or formulas. He wants us to trust in Him. This is the meaning behind "for we walk by faith not by sight."

Trusting in methods rather than in a Person seriously limits the way we experience God. When we expect Him to speak to us only in predictable ways, we forget that God is much more complex than our perception of Him. In times past, God spoke in dreams and visions. He used nature; miraculous signs; prophets; a still, small voice; a donkey; fire; trumpets; fleece; the casting of lots; and



Andy Atkinson

angels. He spoke in the middle of the night, during worship services, at mealtimes, during funerals, while people were walking along the road, through sermons, in the middle of a storm, and through His Son. The important thing was not how God communicated, but that He spoke. Pastor Jason nailed it when he showed us how biblical discernment, wisdom and obedience comes back to the art of listening (Sh'ma). The means God uses to communicate with us is ultimately irrelevant; the fact that He is communicating is what is critical.

Don't limit yourself to a method or formula, expecting only to hear from your Father in predictable ways. Rather, open yourself up to other means by which God wants to commune with you. Then you will experience God entirely new when you are receptive to His voice.

Youth Spotlight

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.
Winter Jam - January 10
The cost is \$10 (cash) at the door. Bus will be leaving the church at 2 pm on Sunday (1.10) to go to McKenzie Arena, Eat lunch before you come. Bring snacks and water

Children's Headlines

"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead". Philippians 3:13 NLT

Our Children's Ministry is ready to start the new year off with a BANG! We have some brand new programs that we are all so pumped about, and I hope that you all will stop in and see just how much these children are learning and growing in the Lord!

Clubhouse Friends: This is our new Wednesday Evening Program!! We had a kick-off party last Wednesday evening and the kids are really

Kevin Stone

to drink while we are standing in line (may be) several hours. Food and drink are on your own inside the arena. Returning to church around 11 pm.
Next Fund-Raiser - Mark your calendar for the next Summer Camp Fund-Raiser Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Nichole Stookey

excited! They will have the opportunity to earn badges and pins throughout the year for their hard work in Spiritual, Biblical Memorization, Community Service, Missions, and much more! Clubhouse Friends begins at 6:00pm.

The Point: Children's Worship @ The Point in the FLC will be back Sunday, January 31 during the 11 am worship hour!

Summer Camp: All children going to Camp this year please remember, the \$50 non-refundable camp deposit is due by Wednesday, January 13. The next camp lunch will be February 7.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Ask God for Vision! As we begin this new year, may I encourage you to not just make resolutions, but to ask God for a vision for your life. Proverbs 29:18 tells us: **Where there is no vision (sense of direction), the people perish.** Here is what we can learn from this verse:

Dissatisfaction doesn't come from the absence of things, but from the absence of direction. Seeking stuff (which includes seeking the experiences that activities provide) only leads to disappointment. Direction in life is born out of a vision. Desire of things and activities is born out of misplaced affections.

Simply existing is settling for less than God intended for us. If we go through our lives being directed by activities, routines, others, and what is popular, we are simply existing. Picture a raft in the ocean, being driven by whatever outside force is upon it. Having a vision-driven life is like being a sailboat, steered by the rudder of purpose, and propelled by the wind of God's Spirit.

The quality of our lives will be determined by our vision, and the

effort we are willing to put into fulfilling it. Quality of life is not predicated on what we have or what we experience. Rather, quality of life is achieved by becoming what we were designed to be. But simply knowing our vision is not sufficient. We must be willing to invest the time and energy into ourselves to make it come to pass.

Ask God for a vision for your life. Determine a strategy to fulfill that vision. Consistently do the little things every day that exercise that strategy. If you do this, you **will** become all that God has designed you to be, and you **will** fulfill your destiny! **Worship Well!**

-Brad



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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