

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, February 7

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
The Starting Line  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
5 pm Evening Worship (special time)

## Tuesday, February 9

10:30 am Keenager's meeting

## Wednesday, February 10

9 am Franklin Graham Prayer in Atlanta  
5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
Pinto Beans Corn Casserole Slaw  
Oven Fried Potatoes Corn Bread Dessert  
5:30 pm Youth Leaving for Rockin'  
Worship Roadshow  
6 pm Daniel Bible Study  
Clubhouse Friends  
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Meeting  
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, February 12

6 pm Parent's Night Out

Find more info online at [www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

Feb 7-13 Bryan Alexander Ron Mullins Jeanette Dupree	Feb 14-20 Cathy Cox Ray Cox Jeff Fletcher
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### Wednesday Meal

Feb 10 P. Pennington T. Pennington Olene Hendricks Sandra Mullins	Feb 17 Nancy Smith Charles Helton Brenda Jones Betty Parrish
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### Security

Feb 7-13 W. Honeycutt Ken Lee	Feb 14-20 Bimol Poole Eddy Trotter
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### Greeters

Feb 7 W. Honeycutt Rena Honeycutt G. McDowell	Feb 14 Steve Imler Taime Imler Mary Jo Case
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### LaunchPad

#### Sunday, Feb 7

Babies	Lora Ogden
	Joyce Rogers
1&2 yr olds	Drew Todaro
	Parker Ingram
3 yr olds	Greg Leath
	Michele Leath

#### Next Sunday, Feb 14

Babies	Darlene Lane
	Sarah Kubler
1&2 yr olds	Brenda Lynch
	Chrissy Seward
3 yr olds	Miki Ingram
	Jeff Ingram

# Prayer Concerns

### Hospital

Becky Trew  
Vera Thomas

### Home

Louis Clark  
Raymond Dupree  
Ken & Betty Goodner  
Ronnie Hixon  
Lamar Elrod  
June Stewart  
Tressie Fletcher  
Odell Culver

Nell Smith  
Linda Sikes  
Robin Ellis  
Beth Daugherty  
Mary Alkire  
Larry Hutcheson  
John Messina  
Janice Knauff  
Wiley & Helen Epperson  
Myrtle Thomas

### Nursing Home

Dale & Delores Kinnison  
Aline Hannah  
Norma Carpenter  
Eva Williams  
Eunice Mosman  
Ruth Graham  
Eloise Morris  
Lila Archer  
Winona Lewis

## Birthdays

Derek Emous (8)  
Will Stier (8)  
Tristan Case (9)  
Tim McDowell (10)  
Andrew Stephens (10)

Paul Born (11)  
Jeff Ingram (11)  
Brenda Lynch (11)  
Jeremy Brooks (13)  
Nichole Stookey (13)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Youth Director - Kevin Stone  
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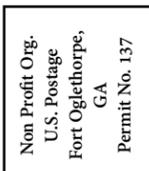


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**Christ Chapel Item**  
Crackers

**Welcome New Member**  
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## Upcoming Events

### The State of the Church

Join us in worship this Sunday morning at 10:55 am as we celebrate the ministry highlights of 2015 and look ahead with a vision for 2016. This will be a "Super" Sunday to praise God for what He is doing in us and through us as His local Church.

### Summer Camps Fund-Raising Luncheon

We will have a fund-raising lunch this Sunday, right after the Morning Worship. The menu is Baked Parmesan Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green beans, Mixed Salad, Rolls & Dessert. Parents, don't forget we need lots of desserts! Set-up will be Sunday Morning at 9 am and stay until 1:45 pm for clean-up.

### The Starting Line

The Starting Line will conclude this Sunday, 2/07/16, with a special look at the Great Commission and a quick tour of our campus. 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.

### Keenager's Meeting

The Keenagers will meet Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Circle. Margaret Box will prepare the meal. James Rogers, a professional entertainer who recently retired from Dollywood, where he entertained with Dolly Parton at Music Mansion, will provide the program. Bring a friend,

### Lottie Moon Offering

Our Goal: \$ 16,500  
Received: \$ 14,670

**Feb. 3 - 10**

# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Imagine yourself this week walking down one of the aisles at the local grocery store. Just as you push your buggy up to get your favorite breakfast cereal, you bump into an old friend... Who proceeds to ask you about your church. What would you say to your friend? Would you say that church is a place that you go to once or twice a week?

Would you be able to articulate the mission of your church or what makes your church special?

Our word for "church" comes from the Greek word "Ecclesia," which refers, not to a place, but to a people who are called by God. They are called out to be God's people who gather

together, but who also do more than gather. We don't see this type of dynamic in the Bible or in human history until Acts 2, with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. From that moment, God began calling people through the preaching of the gospel and the leading of the Spirit. These people gathered in small groups and large groups, they worshiped together, they spent time together, and they served together in the name of Jesus.

What we see in Acts is the church consisting of ordinary people called to be and make disciples of Jesus. Their mission, very simply, was to **gather** together, to **grow** spiritually, and to **go** out and make a difference... All for the glory of God. That is still who we are as a church and that is still our mission today. What makes us unique at FBCFO is that we are doing this as one, big **family**. You will never find a more loving faith family than right here at FBCFO! Let's gather together this Sunday and celebrate who we are in Christ! -Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 254  
11 am Worship Attendance 281

Annual Budget 553,351.00  
YTD Budget Needs 53,206.83  
YTD Budget Giving 42,916.23

Total Receipts for the Week: 12,560.79  
Weekly Budget Giving 10,017.02  
Weekly Legacy Giving 1,700.18  
Weekly Missions Giving 643.59

**This Sunday's Message:**  
The State of the Church  
Galatians 5:1

**Next Sunday's Message:**  
"Origins" Sermon Series  
Continues

## 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.

Bring your items this **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."

# Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Read Psalm 68 during this Valentine season. God's love for His children is higher than our imagination! Our broken and limited experience of human love hinders us from understanding God's unconditional love. We can see this depth and width of His love in the life of Hosea.

Hosea was a righteous man, but God told him to marry a sinful woman. Hosea obeyed and took Gomer to be his wife. He cherished her and treated her with dignity and respect. Never before had Gomer experienced this kind of love, but she soon grew dissatisfied. She began giving her affections to others. She became so involved in these pursuits that finally she abandoned Hosea altogether. These other men used her until she had nothing left to give. Then they sold her into slavery. After this tragic and painful course of events, God gave Hosea a gospel-infused command: "Go and buy her back." Despite

the intense hurt that Gomer had inflicted on him, God told Hosea to forgive her and to pay whatever price he needed to bring her back and restore her into his home. We must identify with Gomer. God shows us the great distance he is willing to go so that we would be in relationship with Him.

After all of God's efforts, it is incomprehensible that we should reject Him. But it is even harder to fathom that God would pursue us even after we have rejected, ignored, and disobeyed Him. Yet God's love is completely different from ours. **His love follows us to the depths of our sinfulness until He has reclaimed us as His own!** His love is undaunted when we run from Him, and He continues to pursue us.

What great love has He demonstrated to us that we don't understand it but he still has it!

- Andy

## Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Camp is only 4 months away. Make sure your student earns money to pay for Camp. The more they earn, the less you have to pay.

**This Sunday: Camp Fundraiser**  
**Parents:** Have your students in the Fellowship Circle at 9 am. Remember they earn points which translates into money for camp. They have the potential of earning 4 points at each camp lunch. Set-up starts at 9 am. If they show up late they will not get credit for that session. Plan on them staying until 1:45 pm to help clean-up. Also, please bring a dessert.

## Children's Headlines

**"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28**

As our Children's Ministry is growing, the need for volunteers is growing with it. Help me pray that the need is met. We want you to love volunteering at our church, and especially in our Children's Ministry! No matter your spiritual gift, there is a place for you in Children's Ministry. No matter your passion or comfort level around kids, there is a place for you here. Wherever you serve, whether with the babies, tweens, or behind the scenes, we want you to love where you

**Feb. 10 (Wed) - Rockin Road Show Concert** Leave the church campus at 5:30 pm. Cost is **\$10 (cash only)** at the door. Plan on returning between 11-12.  
**Mar 4-6: D-NOW** Weekend-long event. Info to follow.

The third Youth Camp Deposit of \$25 is now due. If you have paid, THANK YOU. If not, and you missed the previous two, your bill is now \$75.00. If you would like to pay the full deposit at one time it is \$125. Dates for Camp are June 4-10, 2016 .

Nichole Stookey

are serving. If you are already serving and think that there might be a better fit for your gifts in Children's Ministry, please let me know and we can have a conversation about switching your area of service.  
**Camp Lunch:** There will be a Camp Lunch this Sunday, February 7, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Campers, please be here at 9am for set-up. If you have not paid the \$50 camp deposit, do so ASAP.  
**PNO:** The daily preschool is hosting a Parent's Night Out on February 12, from 6pm-10pm to raise funds and awareness. There is pre-registration. If you would like additional information please contact Nichole Stookey.

# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

**Forever!** I love that word, for it carries with it a great promise. Eternity is ours... And eternity is something we don't have to wait for: It is happening now! (*Seeing ourselves as spiritual beings rather than physical beings, we see ourselves as part of the eternal world rather than the physical world.*)

Did you know that there is only one thing that we are doing now that we will do in eternity? Of course we know that all of the physical things we are involved in will stop: Working, playing sports, having dinner with family, vacations, Super-bowl parties... Even our spiritual pursuits will end: Bible study will cease. Praying will cease. Even evangelism will cease.

The only thing we are doing now that will be with us forever in eternity is worshipping God. The brief glimpses we get of heaven in the Bible have one thing in common: Angels and believers are gathered around the Throne, praising and worshipping Jesus.

Being a somewhat intelligent person, it seems to me that I should spend the lion-share of my time preparing and practicing for the only thing I will be doing forever: Worshipping God.

Just as we put in time and energy preparing for any event, we should put in the time and energy preparing for eternity, and the only thing we will do there. That is one of the reasons my heart is to lead Believers in worship. I want to help us *get good at it.*

May I encourage us to have powerful personal times of worship every day. And then when we gather with other Believers, passionately and intimately worship the Lord. Don't just go through the motions, but immerse yourself in worshipping Him! **Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))

-Brad

## C.E.R.T. Mission Trip

This year the C.E.R.T. Mission Trip will be coordinated with the Constructors for Christ, which will be a 5 week project building a church in Big Sandy, TN beginning Father's Day Weekend. The motel cost will be \$70 per night for 5 nights plus \$40 for food for the week. CERT will reimburse each person \$200 to help with the cost.

We will meet on Sunday, February 28 to decide which week you want to go. Mary Anna and Marlin Paulson will be there all 5 weeks. If interested contact Marlin @423-290-4093.

## New Bible Study

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, 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 @ 706-866-0232. Miki will have books available for \$10. The class will meet at 6 pm in the Faith Optics Class near the Family Life Center.

## 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 \$25 deposit paid but would like to

go, please contact Laura Jones immediately 423-605-1816.

**Women's Fellowship Event** on March 19 to the "Lost Sea" in Sweetwater, TN. The cost is \$18.95 + lunch at the Sweetwater Grill. Notify Laura Jones if you plan to go.