

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, March 27

7 am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - Prayer Garden
8 am Friends & Family Breakfast in the Fellowship Circle
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Celebration Worship
No Evening Worship

Monday, March 28

10:30 am Joyful Praise at NHC Ft. Oglethorpe

Wednesday, March 30

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
**Chicken N Dressing Cole Slaw
Corn Casserole, Bread & Dessert**
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible study
6 pm Daniel Bible study;
Breath - Making Room for Sabbath;
Children's Clubhouse Friends
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal;
The Point Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 31

Church Office closed

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Joetta Roderick
Pam McCullough
Anna Alexander

Home

Herschel Spivey
Tommie Brock
Regeania
Nicholson
Tressie Fletcher
Winona Lewis
Audrey Brown
Eva Stone

Louis Clark
Raymond
Dupree
June Stewart
Ronnie Hixon
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Odell Culver
Nell Smith
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Mary Alkire
Larry Hutcheson

Wiley & Helen
Epperson
Sam & Mary Lou
Brown
Lila Archer

Nursing Home
Dale & Delores
Kinnison
Aline Hannah
Norma Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Ruth Graham
Eloise Morris

Birthdays

Lucy Alexander (27)
Beth Daugherty (29)
Mike Parker (30)
James Clack (31)
Hugh Collis (31)
Madison Stookey (31)

Nikki Freeman (1)
Havan Frizelle (1)
Wiley Epperson (2)
Charla Hodges (2)
Jennifer Stone (2)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Christ Chapel
Crackers

Interact with Sunday's Sermon

On your phone or tablet, use the [Bible app by YouVersion](#). Tap the events tab, and search First Baptist. Notes, cross references, links, questions, further reading plans, and much more are there to help you go deeper into God's Word.



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Upcoming Events

Easter Passion Week

This promises to be an exciting week, celebrating the passion of our Lord and the life we have in Him! Wednesday dinner, prayer & Bible studies will be on a normal schedule, with the addition of a special Lord's Supper service this Thursday at 6:30 pm. Then get ready for EggFEST here on Saturday, 1-4 pm, and a powerful time of worship at 7 am and 11 am on Resurrection Sunday!

Youth April Camp Out

With April just around the corner, mark your calendars for our special Middle School and High School camp out scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 8-9. More details will be coming your way soon!

Blood Assurance Blood Drive

There is power in the blood! To help demonstrate this power, you are invited to participate in a special Blood drive happening on our church campus, Wednesday, April 27. Sign up sheets with times and more information will be coming your way soon. Consider sharing this most precious resource to help others and to possibility save a life!

Weekday Preschool

God is doing great things in our daily preschool! Our new preschool name is "First Blessings," emphasizing the daily mission of helping our children grow strong and experience the blessings of knowing Jesus. You can register your 3 & 4 year olds by emailing Nichole Stookey at nicholes@fbcfo.org or by calling the church office at 706 866-0232.

Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering

Our Goal: \$6,000.00

Received: \$2,229.25

Mar. 23-Mar. 30

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Mar 27-Apr 2
Charles Helton
Jeff Wright
Ron Mullins

Apr 3-9
Patrice Humphrey
Bryan Alexander
Mary Anna Paulson

Wednesday Meal

Mar 30

P. Pennington
Terry Pennington
Olene Hendricks
Sandra Mullins

Apr 6

Nancy Smith
Charles Helton
Brenda Jones
Betty Parrish

Security

Mar 27-Apr 2
R. Pendley
Paul Overlin

Apr 3-9
W. Honeycutt
Ken Lee

Greeters

Mar 27

Aurelia Little
MargaretBox
G. McDowell

Apr 3

Harold Parrish
Betty Parrish
Mary Jo Case

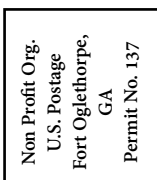
LaunchPad

Sunday, Mar 27

Babies	Christine Seward
	Madison Stookey
1&2 yr olds	Drew Todaro
	Erie Stookey
3 yr olds	Becky Pennington
	Mark Payne

Next Sunday, Apr 3

Babies	Becky Pennington
	Priscilla Pennington
1&2 yr olds	Christine Seward
	Drew Todaro
3 yr olds	Mackie Yatooma
	Pam Bethune



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Heb. 11:1). You and I need to be certain of an event that happened over 2,000 years ago. We’ve read about it many times, but we were not able to be there to see it for ourselves. Others did see. “He

appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:5-6).

Though we could not all be there to see, God invites us to believe without seeing. He has given us His Word, which

has stood the test of time, and we have a moment like Easter to remember that the tomb is still empty.

Can you say with conviction this Easter that Jesus is risen from the grave? This is the cornerstone of our faith because, if He is alive, then there is hope in what we do not yet see. If He is alive, then new life and new beginnings are possible. If He is alive, then we can also be alive! “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you (Rom. 8:11)!

God will give new life to you... Eternal life that begins the moment you believe in Jesus! This is a promise that we will celebrate with certainty on Easter Sunday because, by faith, we know that He is risen! See you this Saturday at EggFEST and this Easter Sunday after a week in His harvest field! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	235	
11 am Worship Attendance	274	
Annual Budget	553,351.00	
YTD Budget Needs	127,696.38	
YTD Budget Giving	134,023.37	
Total Receipts for the Week:	11,965.00	
Weekly Budget Giving	8,399.75	
Weekly Legacy Giving	785.00	
Weekly Missions Giving	872.25	

This Sunday’s Message:

Easter: Forever Begins Now!
Sunrise & Celebration Service
7 am & 11 am

Next Sunday’s Message:

Special Message:
“The Power of Encouragement”
Acts 9

Claim Your Dishes

There are several dishes that have been left in the kitchen from various events. If your are missing a casserole dish, pan, etc., check in the room outside of the library. Also, note for the future: put your name on these items when bringing a dish so it can be identified and returned to you. Thanks!

Handicap Ramps

Do you know of anyone who needs a handicap ramp? Call Marlin Paulson at 423-290-4093 with the name and also if you want to volunteer helping to build the ramps.

A Reason to Praise!

We are blessed to have Men’s & Women’s ministries here at FBCFO. The recent Men’s Prayer Breakfast was both yummy and uplifting at the same time. The recent Women’s outing to the Lost Sea was very special as well. Be part of these dynamic ministries. There will be much more to come in the near future!

Discipleship

We all want to accomplish great impactful things. What is greater than the glory of God? But it may seem strange to hear that we cannot be greater than a faithfully obedient child of God, but there is no higher place. Noah is known as a righteous man in an evil age. David is known as the man after God’s own heart. Peter is known as the bold disciple. Paul is known as a fearless proclaimer of the gospel. But Andrew is known for bringing others to Jesus.

The first person Andrew brought to Jesus was his brother Peter. As soon as Peter joined the disciples, he became the spokesperson for the Twelve, while Andrew remained in the background. It was Peter, not Andrew, who rose to prominence as one of Jesus’ inner circle of three. It was Peter who looked inside the empty tomb. Yet we do not read of Andrew resenting Peter; it seems he was satisfied to bring others to Jesus and leave the results to Him. Here is the glorious truth: **When we submit to**

Andy Atkinson

Jesus, our self-ambition drowns in God’s love and we can not hide our love, and He completely receives the glory.

It is not surprising that Andrew found the boy with the loaves and fishes and brought him to Jesus. Andrew brought Greeks to Jesus, even though they were despised by pious Jews. There is no record of Andrew ever preaching a sermon, performing a miracle, or writing a book of Scripture. He is remembered for those whom he brought to Jesus. I pray that we influence and impact lives in mighty ways, but this Easter let’s not miss the importance of bringing someone to Jesus. He is the Resurrected King. Our job is not to transform people into Christians nor to convict them of their sin. It is not our responsibility to make people do what they

ought to do. Our task is to bring them to Jesus and try to remove anything that is in their way and He will perform His resurrecting work in their lives.

-Andy

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

The Summer Camp Fund Raising Lunch is Sunday, April 3. Be there at 9 am and stay until 1:30 pm. Now is the time to get caught up with your camp deposits!

Camp-out will be April 8 & 9. Info to follow!

JFEST is May 21 at Camp Jordan. If interested in going, sign the list in the Youth House.

Children's Headlines

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy" Titus 3:5

EggFEST: Volunteers need to be here by 11:30am Saturday morning. If you have not done so already, please let Nichole know ASAP if you are available to help out. EggFEST is from 1pm-4pm. We will have egg hunts, bounce house, petting zoo, Easter Bunny pictures, food, games, face painting, balloon animals, etc... This is a community event so spread the word!

Nichole Stookey

Clubhouse Friends: WILL meet Wednesday 6pm-7:15pm. We will have a special Easter message this week. You don't want to miss it!

Easter Sunday: Sunrise service begins at 7am with breakfast following at 8am. Sunday School begins at 9:30am and our special **Forever Begins Now** Worship Service begins at 11am. Please be with us this weekend and invite all your friends and family!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

I love the week leading up to Resurrection Sunday! As a Believer, my entire existence is built around the events leading up to and including that first Easter morning. Everything that matters in life finds its purpose in the empty tomb!

Consider this:

- Up until the Resurrection, people gathered to worship was on Saturday. Now we worship corporately on Sundays in celebration of the Resurrection.
- Every Sunday when we gather to worship, it is the **weekly** anniversary of Resurrection Sunday.
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As you prepare personally for this coming Resurrection Sunday, I pray

that you will fully grasp the steps Jesus took to reach us. I recommend meditating on Philippians 2:5-11 in your daily personal worship this week.

As you prepare for corporate worship, know that the power of the Resurrection literally draws people into His Presence. Bring people with you this Sunday who need a touch from the Lord. And for that matter, bring people with you every Sunday as we weekly celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! **Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: **[Bigcloud.tv.](#)**)

-Brad

Mission Offering

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions - Our goal is \$6,000. Share this Bible verse: ***Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, Here am I. Send me!*** **Isaiah 6:8**

Have you given your offering to help share the Good News?

Women's Ministry

Women Of Joy is April 22-24, Pigeon Forge, TN.

Women’s Luncheon is May 21 from 11:30-1:30. Christian Comedian Kay Dodds and Worship Music by members of Sweet Georgia Sounds

will be the entertainment. Daycare will be available. See Micki Atkinson if you wish to host a table.

Fall Retreat is October 14-16 at Camp Skyline in Mentone, AL. more information to come.

The Big Yard Sale

It is that time again... Church Yard Sale time! Start cleaning out those closets and garages to donate your treasures. The big sale will be May 6 and 7, and we will need all of you to help make this successful. As the weather gets

warmer, we will be working in the CERT garage to sort and price the donations. If you are willing to help and/or have any questions, please call Elaine Steele at 423-903-2365.