

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 3

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
 10:55 am Morning Worship
 12:15 pm Summer Camp Fundraising Lunch
 5 pm Pastor Andy's LifeGroup
 5 pm Youth at Pals
 6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, April 4

11:00 am Joyful Praise at Parkside

Tuesday, April 5

10 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, April 6

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

Friday, April 8 & Sunday, April 10

Youth Spring Camp-Out

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

<u>Apr 3-9</u> Patrice Humphrey Bryan Alexander Mary Anna Paulson	<u>Apr 10-16</u> Jeff Ingram Ronnie Born Raymond Pendley
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Wednesday Meal

<u>Apr 6</u> Nancy Smith Charles Helton Brenda Jones Betty Parrish	<u>Apr 13</u> James Swafford Elaine Steele Mary Jo Case Cathy Cox
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Security

<u>Apr 3-9</u> W. Honeycutt Ken Lee	<u>Apr 10-16</u> Bimol Poole Eddy Trotter
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Greeters

<u>Apr 3</u> Harold Parrish Betty Parrish Mary Jo Case	<u>Apr 10</u> Kay Swafford Sue Overlin Marlin Paulson
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LaunchPAD

Sunday, Apr 3

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

Next Sunday, Apr 10

Babies	Ray Cox Cathy Cox
1&2 yr olds	Tracie Dodson Drew Todaro
3 yr olds	Lisa Banister Rena Honeycutt

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Pam McCullough
Anna Alexander

Home

Joetta Roderick
Herschel Spivey
Tommie Brock
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

Terry Lamb (3)
Spencer Maslanik (3)
Sue Hughes (4)
Justin Brown (5)
Amanda Litchford (5)

Winona Lewis (6)
David White (7)
Joshua Garrett (8)
Heidi McDaniel (8)

Staff

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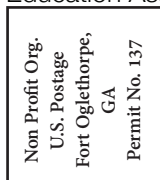
Pastoral Emergency Line
 (423) 708-5303

Christ Chapel
Crackers

Welcome New Members

Jeremy & Shelly Brooks
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 Chattanooga, TN 37412

Kevin & Cheryl McCurdy
 Aaron, Ryan & Nick
 970 E. Valley DR
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Upcoming Events

Summer Camp Fund-Raising Lunch

The fund-raising lunch is this Sunday, right after the Morning Worship. 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.

Youth Spring Camp Out

With April just around the corner, mark your calendars for our special Middle School and High School Camp-Out scheduled for next Friday and Saturday, April 8-9. Check out the Youth article for more details!

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 soon. Consider sharing this most precious resource to help others and to possibility save a life!

Our 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: \$2,714.25

Mar. 30-Apr. 6

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Reflecting on this past Easter Weekend, there is certainly so much to celebrate and so many reasons to be thankful! We touched several hundred lives with the FBC EggFest on Saturday, connecting with many young families who were visiting our church campus for the first time. We began

Resurrection Sunday with a standing-room only Sunrise service and a big country breakfast. Many of these early risers stayed for Bible study, giving us a high attendance of 297. And then, God continued to move very powerfully among us with the Forever Begins Now worship experience at 11 am. There were nearly 400 of us

and our closest "friends" gathered together to worship in the same power that raised Jesus from the grave!

Let me emphasize one important highlight that we might otherwise overlook... If there is one word to describe our gathering moments this past weekend, that word would be "family." This weekend, we were one family of many different ages united together in one faith and one common goal of experiencing God. I am so excited that we are one faith family who share this common hope and desire. While many churches seek only the youngest in the family, and others seek only the oldest in the family, we are a unique gathering who engage the **entire family!** We did this very well on Saturday & Sunday, all for the glory of God!

Remembering our goal of making disciples of all nations (and all ages), I hope to see you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!

-Jason

Discipleship

God is still concerned with bringing people from death to life. His heart rejoices over each person who returns to Him from a time of rebellion. Every time. Even repeat offenders. If your heart is like God's, you, too, will rejoice when a sinner returns to the Father. This week, look for people who God desires to bring back to His fold. Pray, encourage, and accept them as if they never missed a beat.

Jesus' parable about the prodigal son is as much about the older son who remained as it is about the wayward son or the father. Year after year the older son labored for his father, waiting for a future reward. He had seen the brokenness his brother's rebellion had caused his father. Yet when his brother returned, the older son did not rejoice with his father. He felt no pleasure in seeing his father happy. His concern was for himself and the injustice he perceived he'd been dealt. He felt like a

Andy Atkinson

martyr and totally missed the blessing of celebrating with his father.

It is possible to serve God year after year and yet have a heart that is far from Him. You might be one of the hardest workers in our church and yet be filled with bitterness because others do not share your load. You can become so preoccupied with your spiritual labors that when God works miracles in the lives of those around you, you find it difficult to rejoice.

If you serve the Lord out of duty or habit, but not out of joy and gratitude, you will envy those who are experiencing joy in the Lord while you feel weighed down by the work you are doing. This is not the abundant life your Father has planned for us. Come to the celebration and share in His joy!



Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

What a powerful Resurrection Sunday service we experienced this past weekend! Could you sense it? Could you feel it? May I dare to ask, could you see it? Simply put: God's Presence was truly manifest among us!

You may have noticed something in the spiritual "atmosphere" that was a bit out of the ordinary. You may have found yourself overcome with emotion, or perhaps you felt a joy that you've never experienced before. Perhaps you sensed a fresh encouragement in your spirit.

God chose to share Himself with us as we worshipped and sat under His Word. That's the kind of Father that He is.

As we continue to experience moves of God in our corporate worship services, know that we are only tasting what God desires to do among us. Every time we gather, God is desiring to share His Presence with us.

There is nothing magical or mystical about God sharing Himself with His people. All throughout the bible we can see that it is God's heartbeat to

reveal Himself. All He asks of us is that we seek Him, and receive Him.

David wrote in **Psalm 63:1-2, You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

May our deepest desire be to seek God in everything we do, with everything that we have. May our hearts long for God and His Presence.

Worship Well!

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv.)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 297
11 am Worship Attendance 392

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 138,337.75
YTD Budget Giving 141,620.00

Total Receipts for the Week: 9,920.63
Weekly Budget Giving 7,599.63
Weekly Legacy Giving 1,450.00
Weekly Missions Giving 821.00

This Sunday's Message:

"The Power of Encouragement"
Acts 9:26-31

Next Sunday's Message:

New Sermon Series:
"Life in the Wilderness"
Daniel 1

Announcements

Interact w/ the Sermon

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

Ministry Has a Face

This month as you give to our Church budget, you can know with confidence that your gifts are making a difference. Our ministry focus in April is all about the Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers we will reach through our Youth Camp out on Friday and Saturday, April 8-9. Thank you for your support!

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Chris Banister and Jessi Key on Sunday, April 10 from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Circle. Hosted by the Challenge Class. They are registered at Kohl's and Amazon.com.

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 8-10. Arrive by 6 pm at the church campus.

Children's Headlines

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." **John 15:5**

EggFEST was a HUGE success!! Thank you to all of those who took part in helping make it come together! We had many people from around the community and our own church family on our campus Saturday, and we could not have asked for a better day! Thank you!

The Point: Children's Worship at The Point in the FLC will return on April 10 during our Sunday morning worship at 11am. Children will be dismissed during the welcome song and need to be picked up at the end of service.

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

Nichole Stookey

Baptism Service: A special Baptism service will be held on May 1. If you would like to participate in this special event please let us know ASAP.

Baby Dedication: On Mother's Day, May 8, we will be having a special Baby Dedication. Please contact the church office or see one of the staff if you would like to be part of this Dedication Service.

Clubhouse Friends: On May 22 at 6pm, during our Sunday evening service, Clubhouse Friends will be having a special awards banquet with an Ice cream Social to follow. Please mark your calendars with more information to come!

Missions Offering

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions - Our goal is \$6,000. God is not asking for gifts that will impress people sitting in the pew or standing in the pulpit. He is asking for sincere, sacrificial gifts that will glorify Him. Ask God what you should give to support North American missions. **"Give, and it shall be given unto you... For with**

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

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

the same measure you give, it shall be given unto you again."
Luke 6:38

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.

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.

