

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, March 20

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:15 pm Greeter/Security Luncheon
5 pm LifeGROUP
Youth at Pal's

6:00 pm Evening Worship -
Dave Bolling Commissioning

Monday, March 21

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday March 22

5:45 pm Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, March 23

6 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Bread Dessert

5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Study

6 pm Daniel Bible Study
Breath - Making Room for Sabbath
Clubhouse Friends

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

The Point Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25

Good Friday (Church Office Closed)

Saturday, March 26

1-4 pm EGGFest

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Joetta Roderick
Anna Alexander
Hershel Spivey

Home

Regeania
Nicholson
Tressie Fletcher
Shirley Bryan
Pam McCullough
Winona Lewis
Becky Trew
Audrey Brown

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

Larry Hutcheson
John Messina
Janice Knauff
Wiley & Helen
Epperson
Sam & Mary Lou
Brown
Carol Whelchel
Lila Archer

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

Birthdays

Jacob Trotter (20)
Rob Randall (21)
Ray Leath (22)
Shannon Dunn (23)
Spencer Emous (23)
Parker Ingram (23)

Ken Goodner (24)
Cindy Hall (25)
Chris Parente (25)
Jeanette Dupree (26)
Lynn Tyree (26)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement that you sent for our dad's funeral. Your kindness is

much appreciated.

Beasley Family
(Family of the Fletchers,
Pierce's, Humphrey &
Wright's)



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Upcoming Events

First Impressions & Security Lunch

You are invited to a free lunch this Sunday, 3/20, at 12:15 pm to learn more about our First Impressions Greeting and Security Ministry. All current greeters and security volunteers are encouraged to attend. Spouses and children are also welcome. Please RSVP to Preble McDaniel 423-227-5884, Bryan Alexander 731-614-4388, or the Church Office 706-866-0232.

Women's Ministry

This Saturday will be our trip to the "Lost Sea." The cost is \$18.95 plus lunch at the Sweetwater Grill. We will be leaving the church at 9 am and returning around 4 pm. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket, as temperatures will be 50 degrees in the cave. Also, on Tuesday, 3/22, we will be attending "Get Your Shine On" at Ooltewah Baptist Church, with dinner catered by Olive Garden. The buses will leave around 5:35 pm. The cost is \$12.50 for the remaining tickets.

Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper

As part of our special Easter week, we will gather next Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center for the Lord's Supper. The service will reflect on the passion of our Lord, and will be a very powerful time at His table.

Easter Passion Week

Join us for a week-long worship experience celebrating the passion of our Lord. Wednesday dinner, prayer & Bible studies will be on a normal schedule, with the addition of a special Lord's Supper service on Thursday, 3/24, at 6:30 pm. Then get ready for EGGFest here on Saturday, 3/26, 1-4 pm, and a powerful time of worship at 7 am and 11 am on Resurrection Sunday!

Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering

Our Goal: \$6,000

Received: \$1,470

Mar. 16-Mar. 23

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Mar 20-26
Jeff Fletcher
Jeff Scott

Mar 27-Apr 2
Charles Helton
Jeff Wright
Ron Mullins

Wednesday Meal

Mar 23

Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
Mary A. Paulson

Mar 30

P. Pennington
Terry Pennington
Olene Hendricks

Security

Mar 20-26
James Swafford
Mickey Caradine

Mar 27-Apr 2
R. Pendley
Paul Overlin

Greeters

Mar 20

R. Nicholson
Luther Nicholson
W. Honeycutt
R. Honeycutt

Mar 27

Aurelia Little
MargaretBox
G. McDowell

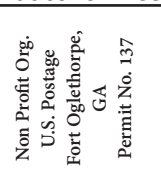
LaunchPAD

Sunday, Mar 20

Babies
Marlin Paulson
Mary Anna Paulson
1&2 yr olds
Christine Seward
Charles Tant
3 yr olds
Laura Jones
Debra Stone

Next Sunday, Mar 27

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



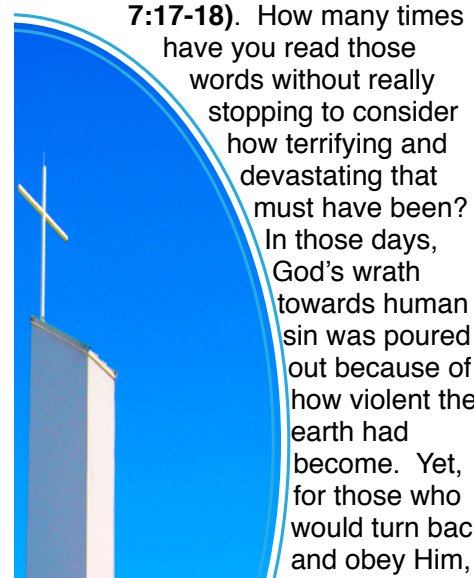
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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Imagine the pounding of the rain and the rising of the floodwater. **“For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water” (Gen. 7:17-18).** How many times have you read those words without really stopping to consider how terrifying and devastating that must have been? In those days, God’s wrath towards human sin was poured out because of how violent the earth had become. Yet, for those who would turn back and obey Him,



God made a way of salvation. In fact, as the ark was lifted high above the earth, God was carrying Noah and his family and delivering them through the storm! Though the wooden ark is long gone, God is still building something very special that will survive the storm. In place of a wooden ship, God used two wooden boards and three nails. These materials would form the vessel upon which Jesus would take on the full storm of God’s wrath in our place. Jesus satisfied this wrath so that when we trust in Him, He becomes our new deliverer and shelter from the storm. Is your life being lifted up by His hands? If so, then He is giving you eternal life, and you shall never perish; no one can snatch you out of His hand **(John 10:28)**! This is an eternal life changing decision. I urge you to pray on it and call upon me if I can help you in any way. See you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field! -Jason



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 241
11 am Worship Attendance 269

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 117,055.02
YTD Budget Giving 125,623.62

Total Receipts for the Week: 12,618.93
Weekly Budget Giving 7,1165.32
Weekly Legacy Giving 3,502.83
Weekly Missions Giving 315.00

Announcements

Note
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. 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.

Daniel
Starting on Wednesday evening the Bible Study **Daniel** by *Beth Moore* will be presented in the The Open Way Class. Everyone is invited.

Discipleship

God has designed His kingdom so that disciples with similar values and spirit to join together. It is exciting when you find another disciple who shares the same concerns and burdens that you do! Often, God will graciously work through his sovereignty and bring another disciple alongside of you who will reinforce you in the work and concerns that God has placed on your heart.

Scripture says that when two or more Christians meet and reverently discuss matters concerning the Lord, God is pleased to listen to them and to respond to their concerns. When two or three disciples agree in prayer, God chooses to respond to their unity by making His powerful presence known in their midst (Matt 18:19-20). This is not a functional spiritual tool to manipulate, but a declaration of the heart of God. He desires unity, support, clarity and comfort, all of which come with His presence.

When two people



Youth Spotlight

As I sit in my car at 6:30 am, which is where I spend a lot of my time lately, I am reflecting on this past D-NOW weekend. The Students spent a lot of time discussing how we fit into the body of Christ as a youth group, community church, and as the universal church.

Paul tells us in 1Corinthians 12 that we as Christians are all part of the Body of Christ, and that everyone has been given spiritual gifts to make the body function as a whole. If EVERYONE does not use those gifts the body suffers. We have all heard about the 80/20 rule. 80% of the

Children's Headlines

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Mathew 28:6

Easter Weekend: Easter weekend will be full of fun, excitement and worship for the entire family! Saturday afternoon we will have our first ever EGGFest from 1pm-4pm! The Egg Hunt will begin at 1pm. We will have pictures with the Easter Bunny, a petting zoo, face painting, balloon animals, sack races, food, tons of games, and so much more! Come out and enjoy this Community Event with us! **If you would like to volunteer to help with one of the games please let Nichole know*

Andy Atkinson

walked together and discussed the confusing events of Christ’s crucifixion, Jesus joined them and helped them understand the events of their day (Luke 24:13-32). Think about God’s joy seeing Christ watching the disciples come together and reinforce each other concerning this reality. It would have been a mysterious smile that said, Forever begins now!

If you are carrying concerns about your kingdom work, ask God to bring like-minded believers around you to share the “why” with you in conversation and in prayer. Don’t attempt to bear your load of cares on your own. You may pray about them, but you will miss the blessing of uniting together, seeing God’s activity and enjoying God’s presence.

Everything God has woven into the fabric of His kingdom promotes interdependence, not individualism.

-Andy

Kevin Stone

work is done by 20% of the people. WHY IS THAT? Have we gotten into the mind-set that just coming to church is enough (what I am calling sideline Christians)? THEN IT HIT ME!!!! Just maybe those 80% don't know what their spiritual gifts are.

Sunday Morning, spiritual gift finders will be available to help you find out where your spiritual gifts may lie. I encourage everyone to take the challenge! Which are you, a sideline Christian that only allows Christ to work for you or are you part of the body that works for Christ?

Nichole Stookey

ASAP! Also, I still need EGGs!!! I would like to have as many eggs as possible to make this event HUGE for the community!

Our FBCFO Children have been learning through worship, Bible Study, and Missions with Clubhouse Friends. They meet each Wednesday Evening from 6:00-7:15pm, and The Point which meets every other Sunday Morning during the 11:00am Worship Service. Also, Sunday School meets each Sunday Morning at 9:30am, and we have a class for ALL ages!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Exodus 33:15 says: **If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.**

I had the privilege of being a youth pastor for over 20 years, and one of the most meaningful events that occurred happened when I served at a church in Knoxville.

My students and I were traveling by bus back from a weekend mission trip in Cincinnati. At one point on the road, one of the students began to share with me her burden for the other members of the youth ministry, that they would experience the Presence and Power of God in their lives.

After we talked, I suggested that we pray her burden, asking God to show Himself strong among the other students. The young middle-school girl proceeded to get down on her knees right there on the bus floor and began to cry out to God for her fellow students.

I joined her there, and as we prayed an unusual thing happened. Without any prompting from me, other students around us began to kneel and pray. Almost like a fire, the Presence of God spread through the bus, and the

Mission Offering

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions - Our goal is \$6,000. Share this prayer: “Father, we praise you for these faithful ones who have answered your call to go and tell. Bless them for their obedience. Give them joy in their journey and allow each to see fruits from their labor. Encourage

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

Special Thank you

We really enjoyed the opportunity to share about Thailand with you all at First Baptist Church. We appreciate the time you gave us to share, as well as your generous offering for our ministry. Please pass along our thank you to the fellowship there—we were encouraged by your

students were weeping and wailing, crying out to God in repentance, and asking for His forgiveness and His Presence.

I noticed that the bus was pulling off the road, and I found out that even the driver was affected by the powerful move of God and couldn’t safely drive anymore and had to stop. We prayed for hours, when it was all over it was obvious that God had visited us on that bus.

A simple burden for the Power and Presence of God can transform a ministry. Would you join me in that pursuit? **Worship Well!**

*(Follow my Blog at: **Bigcloud.tv.**)*

-Brad

them with ***your*** presence and ***your*** peace. We ask you to put ***your*** words on their tongues as they speak and are the good news.”

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

interest to see the gospel spread out around the world. Lord willing, we will be able to rejoin the work in Thailand later this year. We can’t set a date to return just yet, but we are working towards that.

Sincerely,
Leigh & Lea Betts

