

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, February 21

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
6 pm Evening Worship - Young America Baptism Service

Monday, February 22

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 24

6 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Ham Potato Casserole Green Beans
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 Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Feb 21-27
Ronnie Born
Mary A. Paulson
Charles Helton

Feb 28-Mar 5
Laurie Brown
Raymond Pendley
Patrice Humphrey

Wednesday Meal

Feb 24
James Swafford
Elaine Steele
Mary Jo Case
Cathy Cox

Mar 2
Linda Daniels
Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Shannon Dunn

Security

Feb 21-27
Gene McDaniel
Jeff Ingram

Feb 28-Mar 5
Tom Acker
Bryan Alexander

Greeters

Feb 21
Brenda Jones
Linda White
Marlin Paulson

Feb 28
Pam Bethune
Mary A. Paulson
Dolores Tant

LaunchPad

Sunday, Feb 21

Babies
Angie Smith
Amanda Alexander

1&2 yr olds
Drew Todaro
Michael Ingram

3 yr olds
Jane Hogsed
Megan Hogsed

Next Sunday, Feb. 28

Babies
Micki Atkinson
Louise Stinnett

1&2 yr olds
Drew Todaro
Erie Stookey

3 yr olds
Lila Ferrell
Zoe Ferrell

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Home

Pam McCullough
Vera Thomas
Asher Atkinson
Larry Shipp
Winona Lewis
Becky Trew
Audrey Brown
Eva Stone
Louis Clark
Fred Boswell

Raymond Dupree
June Stewaet
Ronnie Hixon
Ken & Betty Goodner
Lamar Elrod
Odell Culver
Nell Smith
Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Mary Alkire
Larry Hutcheson
John Messina

Janice Knauff
Myrtle Thomas
Wiley & Helen Epperson
Sam & Mary Lou Brown

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

Birthdays

Kristi Keller (21)
Lora Ogden (21)
Chris Stookey (21)
Anna Bradford (22)
Grayson Brooks (22)
Stephen Harp (23)

Alana Long (23)
Miki Ingram (25)
Darryl Goodner (27)
Debbie Harp (27)
Will Montgomery (27)
Mackie Yatooma (27)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Youth Director - Kevin Stone
Children Director - Nichole Stookey
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Christ Chapel Item Crackers

“And we urge you,
brothers, admonish the
idle, encourage the
fainthearted, help the
weak, be patient with
them all.”

1 Thess 5.14 (ESV)



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Upcoming Events

Young America Baptism Night

Join us this Sunday Night, February 21, 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 10 young people who have been reached through the local Young America Youth Ministry.

New Bible Study

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, Miki Ingram will begin facilitating “Breathe, Making Room for the Sabbath,” by Priscilla Shirer. This is a 6 week study with video and study guide. Miki will have books available for \$10. The class will meet at 6 pm in the Faith Optics room near the Family Life Center.

“Woodlawn” Movie Night

Join us on Sunday Evening, 2/28, at 5 pm for a free community movie night. We will be showing the new, award-winning movie, *Woodlawn*, in our Family Life Center. This will be a perfect movie for those seeking spiritual encouragement and for those who love a powerful story taken from historical events. It is a special opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Disciple Leadership Team Meeting

Our DLT will meet Feb 28th @ 4pm in the Faith Optics room. We are praying for God to raise up new leaders in various Discipleship Ministries. We believe that God is raising up a generation of “Joshua’s” that will lead a movement of Christ-like ministries that burns with passion for His Glory! Pray and seek for an united momentum and renewal to see authentic disciples made.

Lottie Moon Offering

Our Goal: \$ 16,500

Received: \$ 16,500

We Reached Our Goal!!

Feb. 18-24

Word From Our Pastor Jason Thomas

Get to the point! We've all spoken those words from time to time, perhaps during a "long-winded" meeting or conference, or maybe a lecture or conversation... Or even a sermon. And, interestingly, that is where God will take us this Sunday in our Origins sermon series. God will take us straight to the heart of our condition, which is our hearts, and He will do so based on this Old Testament promise, **"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in**

you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws" (Ezek. 36:26-27).

When we strip away everything else in our lives, and get to the heart of the matter, it is our hearts that matter the most. And isn't it wonderful to know that God has the perfect answer? His answer is not a new diet plan or exercise program, it is not a new medicine or band-aid. Those remedies may be good, but they are never good enough. God's answer, very simply, but also very powerfully, and straight to the point... **Is the gospel!** This Sunday, we will go straight to the heart of the matter and take a fresh look at God's perfect answer. It will be an opportunity for you to experience God in a personal, life-changing way! See you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!

-Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 226
11 am Worship Attendance 268

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 73,489.56
YTD Budget Giving 78,221.37

Total Receipts for the Week: 21,790.00
Weekly Budget Giving 18,381.68
Weekly Legacy Giving 1,185.00
Weekly Missions Giving 223.76

This Sunday's Message:

"Origins: Straight to the Heart"
Genesis 3:15

Next Sunday's Message:

"Origins" Sermon Series
Continues

Let's Stay in Touch

Winter can often be a difficult time for some of our church members and friends of our church. Let's remember to stay in touch during this season. Make the phone call, write the note, and let folks know that you truly care about them. May we be a source of light and warmth during these cold winter months!

Thank You

The family of Lem Stewart acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

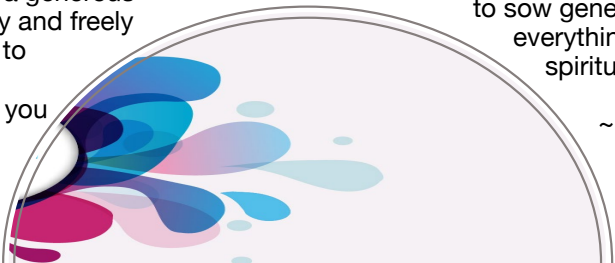
The Point Band

We are in the process of developing a band for our Kids Worship! If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please contact Pastor Andy. Weekly Practice will in the FLC on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.

Discipleship

We are called to be **willfully calculated** about our Christianity. We must strive to experience the fullness of God in every area of our lives and never to settle for a shallow, lackadaisical relationship with Christ. I saw a stat this week that affected me deeply. **20% of young adults who leave the church believe their reason for leaving is that God is not the "main event" at church.** This should put us on our knees. But also what should we be doing differently? The answer is more simple than we might guess. Allow this to affect our hearts and help us to experience the presence of God and to be intentional with discipleship. God will bless us according to how we respond to His invitations, which are all around! If He finds in you a generous heart that willingly and freely gives what it has to others, then God responds toward you in like manner.

When Paul encouraged disciples in



~ Andy

Andy Atkinson

Corinth to help the disciples in Jerusalem, he promised them that if they would sow generously, they would reap a generous return from God.

This truth has life-changing **potential** for us. If we invest everything we have in our relationship with God, we will experience the full dimensions of being Children of God. If our desire is to know God more intimately, and if we spend ample time devouring His word, God will generously enrich our relationship with Him. If we reconcile any broken relationships and prepare our hearts for worship, and if we participate fully and reverently in every part of worship, God promises we will meet Him and our lives will be changed. Our Christian maturity is deeply affected by what we sow. Let us choose to sow generously in everything we do in our spiritual lives.

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Feb. 21: *Young America Night*. Pizza at 5 pm. Baptism Service at 6 pm.
Feb. 28: *Woodlawn Movie* at the church campus @ 5 pm.
March 4-6: *D-Now*. Plan on spending the night at the church campus Fri. & Sat. We will have PJ Day on Sunday the 6th.
Here is the Big One. We need your camp deposits! 27 students at

present are going and only 15 have paid a deposit. If you have not been paying the \$25 over the last few months, \$75 will get you caught up. The next deposit of \$25 is due April 1. If you would like to pay the full deposit, it is \$125.

Parents: If you have any questions, please call or text Kevin at 423-902-9017.

Children's Headlines

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." 1 Corinthians 13:4

LaunchPad: We are off to a great start with our new LaunchPad rotation. If you have not stopped by the Children's Welcome Desk to pick up the VolunteerSpot information, please do so asap. You will need to log into that website in order to receive notifications on upcoming days you are to work, and if you need to swap days, etc. Please let me know if you need help, and I can help you get logged in.

Nichole Stookey

Clubhouse Friends: We have some of our new decor upstairs, thanks to Mr. Marlin Paulson! The kids were super excited to come in Sunday morning to a big surprise, and we can't wait to see the rest of their faces on Wednesday! Keep inviting your friends and family to come worship with us!

The Point: Children's Worship at The Point in the FLC is growing, and we are excited about some really amazing changes coming in the future! The Point will meet again on 2/28. Don't forget to invite everyone you know so that we can meet our goal of 50!!

Worship & More...

This morning I had an incredible time of personal worship! I prayed, I read God's Word, I worshipped Him! (I seek to have an incredible time of personal worship **every** day.)

Why am I sharing this with you? For four reasons...

- **God wants to be with us more than we want to be with Him.** God takes great delight in spending time with us. Just as a father loves when his children sit in his lap, God's heart is for His children to sit with Him. (Zephaniah 3:17)
- **We are the house of God, not the church building.** We don't have to wait until we are in "church" to worship God. We are the church, and we can worship God anywhere, anytime. (I Corinthians 6:19)
- **Personal worship is more than a devotion time.** Just as any relationship is based on the quantity and quality of time spent with another, our relationship with God is entirely dependent on the quantity and quality of time spent with Him. Reading through a devotion is good, but focused time of intimate worship is always better. (Psalm 63:1-8)
- **Personal worship must precede corporate worship.** Worship is for God, not for us. It is not what we get out of it,

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.

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

Brad Lewis

but what we put into it. Coming to corporate worship is not so we can benefit (although there are some takeaways). Corporate worship is so we can collectively offer praise and honor to our Lord. We are hard-pressed to bring to corporate worship that which we have not experienced in personal worship. (Psalm 42:1-4)

May I encourage you to make your personal worship the highest priority of your life every day. Then, come to corporate worship ready to honor our Lord with the overflow from your week. **Worship Well!**

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

-Brad

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.

Sweetwater, TN. The cost is \$18.95 + lunch at the Sweetwater Grill. Notify Laura Jones if you plan to go.

Opportunity to go to Ooltewah Baptist at 6:30 pm on March 22 to hear Christian Speaker & Author, Ginger Hubbard. She has written several books. The cost is \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Dinner from the Olive Garden will be served. Contact Laura Jones or Micki Atkinson if you are interested.