

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 17

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:15 pm Youth Camp Parent Meeting
4 pm DLT Meeting
5 pm Youth at Pals
6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, April 18

10:00 am NO Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 19

11:30 am Lydia Class Meeting

Wednesday, April 20

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Taco Salad Dessert

5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study

6 pm Group Bible Studies;

Children's Clubhouse Friends

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal;

The Point Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm Business Meeting

7:15 pm NO Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24

Women of Joy Conference

Pigeon Forge, TN

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Apr 17-23

Ray Cox
Cathy Cox
Bimol Poole

Apr 24-30

Gene McDaniel
Laurie Brown
Wayne Rasbury

Wednesday Meal

Apr 20

Linda Daniels
Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Shannon Dunn

Apr 27

Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant

Security

Apr 17-23

Gene McDaniel
Jeff Ingram

Apr 24-30

Tom Acker
Bryan Alexander

Greeters

Apr 17

Laurie Brown
Elaine Steele
Dolores Tant

Apr 24

Lois Carlton
Joyce Tindall
Terry Pennington

LaunchPad

Sunday, Apr 17

Babies Sue Overlin
Tonoah Wesner
1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Robert Randall
Holly Randall

Next Sunday, Apr 24

Babies Dana O'Steen
Angie Smith
1&2 yr olds Jennifer Stone
Drew Todaro
3 yr olds Bob Johnson
Judy Johnson

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Tommie Brock
Dale Kinnison
Vera Thomas
Dolores
Richardson
Anna Alexander

Herschel Spivey
Tressie Fletcher
Winona Lewis
Audrey Brown
Eva Stone
Louis Clark
Mary Alkire
Raymond
Dupree

Linda Sikes
Robin Ellis
Beth Daugherty
Larry Hutcheson
Wiley & Helen
Epperson
Sam & Mary Lou
Brown
Lila Archer

Shirley Bryan
Delores
Kinnison
Aline Hannah
Norma Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Ruth Graham
Eloise Morris

Home

Pam McCullough
George
McDowell
Martha Cope
Joetta Roderick

June Stewart
Ronnie Hixon
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Odell Culver
Nell Smith

Nursing Home

Birthdays

Joyce Smith (18)
Candy Paulson (19)
Elizabeth Painter (20)
Erie Stookey (20)
Bobbie Allison (21)

Jeff Scott (21)
Pam Fitzpatrick (22)
Barbara Miller (22)
Ollie Rogers (22)
Cheryl Arnold (23)

Staff

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Upcoming Events

Children's Home Food Drive

We are collecting Walmart gift cards and non-perishable grocery items for the North Georgia Children's Home. **The collection deadline will be Wednesday, April 20.** Help us fill the boxes located all around the church campus with grocery items and goodies for the Children's Home. Call the church office for a list of recommended grocery items and to drop off gift cards.

Blue Bucket Special Offering

This Sunday will be our second "Blue Bucket" Sunday, giving us a special opportunity to remember our building debt and move one step closer to being debt free. Let's continue to dream and look forward to a future season when we will be free to be the faith family that God wants us to be!

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.

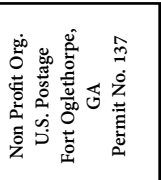
Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering

Our Goal: \$6,000.00

Received: \$4,241.25

Apr. 13 - 20



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

It is not a matter of if it will happen, but a matter of when it will happen. We all will experience “wilderness” moments that challenge us not only physically, but spiritually. The wilderness does not discriminate. As we saw this past Sunday, it attacked even one of the brightest young men in Judah. In 605 B.C., when the Babylonians invaded

Jerusalem, Daniel’s world was turned completely upside down. We saw in Daniel 1 that he lost almost everything, including his own name. Yet, notice what Daniel did in the midst of the wilderness: **“But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for**

permission not to defile himself this way” (Daniel 1:8). This was a personal commitment between Daniel and God, not to let his physical circumstances redefine who he was. In other words, the physical did not have to define the spiritual. Though he had lost almost everything physically, he did not lose his faith!

How was Daniel able to find stability for his faith during this “wilderness” moment? Consider 2 Kings 22. When Daniel was a little boy, God’s Word was rediscovered in the temple. Though it had been lost for many years, it would now be available for people like Daniel to rediscover God’s truth for their lives. Daniel chose to build his life on God’s Word long before his moment in the wilderness. It became the anchor for him when everything else around him was changing so rapidly. What about you? What is your anchor as you prepare for the wilderness right outside your door? As our new sermon series continues, I hope to see this Sunday!
-Jason

The Sunday Report

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| Bible Study Attendance | 222 |
| 11 am Worship Attendance | 278 |
| Annual Budget | 553,351.00 |
| YTD Budget Needs | 159,620.48 |
| YTD Budget Giving | 163,606.20 |
| Total Receipts for the Week: | 15,198.72 |
| Weekly Budget Giving | 8,078.74 |
| Weekly Legacy Giving | 2,360.00 |
| Weekly Missions Giving | 1,907.00 |

This Sunday’s Message:
“Life in the Wilderness”
Daniel 2 Vision

Next Sunday’s Message:
Sermon Series Continues:
“Life in the Wilderness”
Daniel 3

Announcements

New Bible Study
Being a Contagious Christian started this Wednesday 4.13.16! Imagine the great things that God will do if we invest our time in better sharing our faith! 6pm in the Agape room! If interested, contact Shelly Brooks at 423.645.0845 or shellymelinda@gmail.com.

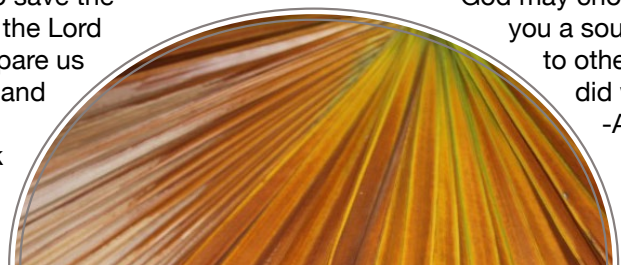
Ministry Has a Face
This month as you give to our Church budget, you can know with confidence that your gifts are making a difference. Our ministry focus in April is all about the Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers we reached through our Youth Camp weekend. Thank you for your support!

DLT Meeting
This Sunday at 4pm, the Disciple Leadership Team will meet! Sunday April 17 Be praying for this team and their efforts to engage our church’s disciple making efforts.

Discipleship

The life of Jesus provides the model for our prayer lives. God is seeking to mold us into the image of His Son. If we are to act like Christ, our prayer lives must be conformed to His. Many Christians are unwilling to pay the price that Jesus paid when it comes to interceding with God. Jesus’ prayers came with soul-wrenching cries and tears, and because of His godly fear, He was heard by the Father.

Why, then, did the Father refuse His request from the garden? It was not due to any sin in Jesus’ life, nor was it because the Father did not love His Son. The Father said no, despite the unfathomable love He had for His Son, because He knew He could not spare His Son and also save the world. Likewise, the Lord cannot always spare us and our families and complete His redemptive work in those around us. A healthy



Andy Atkinson

fear of God prevents us from holding a grudge against God because it creates faith and trust in God’s sovereignty and His redemptive heart!

Are you willing for God to deny your pleadings? It is the hardest place to be. Will you intercede with the Father so deeply and intimately that even in the midst of your tears you are able to say, “Nevertheless, not my will but yours be done”? The Father will always relate to you from the context of His love for a world hemorrhaging in its sin. Has God said “no” to one of your requests recently? Accept His answer. Have you been learning obedience through what you have been suffering (Heb. 5:8)? If you have, here is the good news:

God may choose to make you a source of salvation to others even as He did with His Son.
-Andy

Kevin Stone

New Study Series: A new study series will begin on Wednesday (April 20). The youth will be studying the student version of Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace. It’s never too early to teach students how to manage money. I want to extend an invitation to all parents of 6-12 grades to join us for this excited Christian based study. What a great opportunity to engage with your children and develop conversations that could have a major impact on their future!

Children’s Headlines

"Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms." Psalm 68:19

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

Clubhouse Friends: Meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15. We will be having a Special Awards Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, May 22 @6pm.

Nichole Stookey

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

VBS 2016: We are already getting ready for VBS, which is scheduled for June 26-29. Please be praying and thinking about how YOU can help make VBS a BIG SUCCESS this year!! We will be in contact with you soon.

Worship & More...

Update on India... As you read this, I am beginning my second week of ministry among the Indian people. Our mission trip began with five services in four days, where I preached the Gospel and encouraged the people. It is always great to begin my India ministry with Believers, because their passion for the Presence of God is literally overwhelming! May the church in the USA have the same passion for the fire and presence of God as the Indian Christians...

As we did last year, tomorrow we will be traveling into the state of Himachal Pradesh, where Christians make up only .03% of the population. A highlight from last year: an impromptu medical camp among a gypsy colony that was camped along a river. We dispensed medicine, shared the Gospel, and prayed for scores of hurting gypsy people. I can hardly wait to see what doors God will open this time!

As we continue to move north into the Himalayan mountains, the remote villages become less accessible and the travel becomes more treacherous. Over the past several years,

Brad Lewis

we have located villages that have no road access, and our entire team must hike several miles over mountains and valleys to reach the people.

I do not see this as a hardship, but rather a privilege, because we are able to take the love of Christ to people who would otherwise not have a chance to hear.

May I say it again: May the church in the USA have the same passion for the fire and presence of God as the Indian Christians!

Continue to pray. Thank you...
Worship Well!

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad

Missions Offering

This is the last Sunday to reach our goal of \$6,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Last day for collection is Wednesday, April 20. Every cent will go to support North American Missions. Pray for the NAMB missionaries to reach the U.S. and Canada with the gospel. **“And let us not grow weary in**

doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9)!

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

Save the Date! Start cleaning out those closets and garages to donate your treasures. The Big Sale will be **May 6 & 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.