

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, April 10

8 am Deacon's Meeting  
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:55 am Morning Worship  
11:15 pm The Point  
2-4 pm Bridal Shower - Chirs Banister/Jessi Key  
5 pm Youth at Pals  
6 pm Evening Worship

## Monday, April 11

11:00 am NO Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, April 12

10:30 am Keenager's Meeting

## Wednesday, April 13

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Ham, Baked Potato, Broccoli Casserole, Bread & Dessert**  
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study  
6 pm Daniel Bible study;  
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

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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

Apr 10-16  
Jeff Ingram  
Ronnie Born  
Raymond Pendley

Apr 17-23  
Ray Cox  
Cathy Cox  
Bimol Poole

## Security

Apr 10-16  
Bimol Poole  
Eddy Trotter

Apr 17-23  
Gene McDaniel  
Jeff Ingram

## LaunchPad

### Sunday, Apr 10

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

### Next Sunday, Apr 17

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

## Wednesday Meal

Apr 13  
James Swafford  
Elaine Steele  
Mary Jo Case  
Cathy Cox

Apr 20  
Linda Daniels  
Joyce Rogers  
Cindy Shipp  
Shannon Dunn

## Greeters

Apr 10  
Kay Swafford  
Sue Overlin  
Marlin Paulson

Apr 17  
Laurie Brown  
Elaine Steele  
Dolores Tant

# 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

Ann Broyles (10)  
Chuck Goodale (10)  
Jim Harden (11)  
Stacy Nelms (11)  
Glenn Parker (11)  
Sherry Ellis (12)

Traci Hicks (13)  
Ben Perry (13)  
Doug Trew (14)  
Askia Witherow (14)  
Taylor Frizzelle (15)  
Carol McDowell (15)

Royal Smith (15)  
Ally Grace Thomas (15)  
Norma Carpenter (16)  
Thomas Smith (16)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
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Youth Director - Kevin Stone  
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Christ Chapel  
Crackers

**Welcome Our  
Newest Member!**

Benjamin Forrest  
52 South Glade Road  
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742



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## Upcoming Events

### Keenagers - Special Guest Randall Franks

Next Tuesday, April 12 @ 10:30 am, our Keenagers will host Randall Franks from the TV Series "The Heat of the Night," and who currently produces the Gospel music program at the Ringgold Depot for Share America. Come hear from this talented musician!

### 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.

### 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!

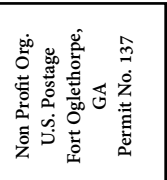
### Our Weekday Preschool

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](mailto:nicholes@fbcfo.org) or by calling the church office at 706 866-0232.

**Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering**

**Our Goal: \$6,000.00  
Received: \$3,014.25**

**Mar. 30-Apr. 6**



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# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Who was Barnabas? He was a Jew by birth, born in Cyprus near the start of the 1st Century. His father, who was a Levite, gave him the Hebrew name, Joseph. The apostles, however, would later give him a different name... The name we know as Barnabas. We first read about him in Acts 4:37, in

which Luke writes that Barnabas “**sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.**” And that would be just the beginning for Barnabas, as he would later be the one to welcome Paul into the church at Jerusalem and even to partner with Paul on his first missionary journey. The name "Barnabas" means a son of



encouragement, and we see Barnabas living up to this name when he reached out to welcome a young Paul, in Acts 9, and then traveled up to Antioch to encourage the new believers in Acts 11. Very simply, Barnabas was one who had received encouragement, perhaps from the apostles, and then was willing to share that encouragement with others. His simple acts of encouragement made life-changing and kingdom-changing differences not only with the people he lifted up, but also among the church gatherings that he helped to establish. If the apostles could give you a nick name, what would it be? For the health and future of the church, I pray that more and more of us would receive a name like Barnabas! Let's be sons and daughters of encouragement and experience life-changing and kingdom-changing differences in our time. Who will you encourage this week? I am excited about the start of our new sermon series, and hope to see you this Sunday after a week in His harvest field!

-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	210	<b>This Sunday's Message:</b> “Life in the Wilderness” Daniel 1 Foundations
11 am Worship Attendance	250	
Annual Budget	553,351.00	
YTD Budget Needs	148,979.12	<b>Next Sunday's Message:</b> Sermon Series Continues: “Life in the Wilderness” Daniel 2
YTD Budget Giving	155,527.46	
Total Receipts for the Week:	16,824.13	
Weekly Budget Giving	13,562.96	
Weekly Legacy Giving	1449.78	
Weekly Missions Giving	549.89	

## Announcements

**New Bible Study**  
We are starting a new Wednesday night Women's Bible study at 6 pm in just a few weeks! If interested, contact Shelly Brooks at 423.645.0845 or [shellymelinda@gmail.com](mailto:shellymelinda@gmail.com). It will be a great chance to go deeper in 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 this Sunday, April 10 from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Circle. Hosted by the Challenge Class. The couple is registered at Kohl's and Amazon.com.

# Discipleship

Missions reveal God's heart in a unique manner. Missions involve God finding those whose hearts are right with Him and placing them where they can make a difference for His kingdom. As we start this sermon series, think of Daniel as a great missionary. He always centered himself on God's eternal perspective. Some of the great missionaries in history did not live long lives, but their lives dramatically affected eternity. Their eternal perspective was more of a priority than anything else in how they responded to life. God had complete access to Philip, and the Book of Acts gives the exciting account of how God used Philip's life to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Philip was preaching powerfully in the city of Samaria. God use him so powerfully that the entire city was rejoicing at the miracles God was doing (Acts 8:6-8). This would be exciting to see an entire city responding to the gospel through his preaching. Yet Philip was



Andy Atkinson

not focused on his current circumstances and exciting results. He was focused on an eternal perspective. Philip was not occupied with expanding his reputation as a man of God, but he was concerned that his life remained in the center of God's will moment by moment. When he was instructed to leave his currently fruitful ministry, he did not hesitate because of his eternal perspective. God continues to seek those as responsive as Philip to go on mission with Him. The reason God has not brought great revival to more places is not that He is unable or that He is unwilling. He first looks for those willing to have their lives radically adjusted away from their self-centered plans and placed into the center of God's eternal activity around the world. Have you seen the activity of God around you? What is God presently inviting you to do? How are you responding? Remember the wilderness is a mission field.

-Andy

## Youth Spotlight

**Spring Camp Out:** Our Middle School and High School students will be taking over the church campus this weekend with their big Spring Camp Out. The fun begins this Friday night at 6 pm. All youth are invited.

Kevin Stone

**J-FEST May 21:** If you are interested in this special music festival at Camp Jordan, please see Kevin and sign the reservation list in the Youth House.

## Children's Headlines

**“You are God's children whom he loves. So try to be like God. <sup>2</sup> Live a life of love. Love other people just as Christ loved us.” Ephesians 5:1-2**

**Nichole Stookey**  
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.

**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.

**The Point:** Children's Worship will meet this Sunday in the FLC during the morning worship service. Children will be dismissed during the fellowship song with Mrs. Nichole and need to be picked up at the end of service.

**Baptism Service:** A Baptism service will be held on Sunday morning, May 1. If you would like to

# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

In case you didn't know, I am heading to India for a mission trip this week!

This will be my 14th mission trip to India, and although I will have many have opportunities to preach in crusades and pastor's conferences, the lion-share of the trip will be spent leading a medical team into unreached villages.

We take local doctors and nurses and conduct 2-3 medical camps daily, providing immediate care in places where some of the people have never received any medical help. Each night we travel by train to the next region and minister there, then a train overnight... You get the picture! It is a grueling schedule, but we continue to find it to be the most effective use of our time.

Our ultimate destination will be the city of Srinagar in northern Kashmir, where we will spend several days ministering in overwhelmingly Muslim areas with barely any Christian influence. A dear pastor, “Kelu”, has been a powerful witness in this Himalayan mountain region, converting many Muslims to Christ.

Last year, our visit to this region that was recovering from historic flooding which destroyed numerous villages was God-

ordained. Our medical team's presence opened many doors for Kelu to continue his witness and increase his influence for the Kingdom of God.

Although the terrorism threat is still very active in this northern region of India, going to where the people have never heard the name Jesus and sharing God's love with them is my heartbeat.

I encourage you to pray for me as we will be breaking new ground and going into new and unreached areas with the love of Jesus.

Thank you...  
**Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv).)

-Brad



## Missions Offering

We only have 3 more Sundays to reach our goal of \$6,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. 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.