

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, April 24

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
 10:55 am Morning Worship  
 11:15 pm Children's Worship @ The Point  
 Women of Joy Trip Return  
 5 pm Youth at Pals  
 6 pm Evening Worship - Prayer Service

## Monday, April 25

10:00 am Joyful Praise Choir- Parkside

## Wednesday, April 27

2 pm Blood Assurance Blood Drive  
 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Baked Spaghetti 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 Pastor's Prayer Service  
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

<u>Apr 24-30</u> Gene McDaniel Laurie Brown Wayne Rasbury	<u>May 1-7</u> Mary Jo Case Jeff Scott
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### Wednesday Meal

<u>Apr 27</u> Frankie Trotter Hal Jones Charles Tant Dolores Tant	<u>May 4</u> Wayne Rasbury Charlie Rasbury Pat Madearis Sue Hughes
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### Security

<u>Apr 24-30</u> Tom Acker Bryan Alexander	<u>May 1-7</u> Jeff Wright
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### Greeters

<u>Apr 24</u> Lois Carlton Joyce Tindall Terry Pennington	<u>May 1</u> Scott O'Steen Dana O'Steen Louise Stinnett
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### LaunchPad

#### Sunday, Apr 17

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

#### Next Sunday, May 1

Babies	Jane Hogsed Carrie Payne
1&2 yr olds	Levanda Swafford Drew Todaro
3 yr olds	Sandra Mullins Ron Mullins

## Prayer Concerns

### Hospital

Vera Thomas  
Brenda Jones  
Anna Alexander  
Alana Long

### Home

Dolores Richardson  
George McDowell  
Tressie Fletcher  
Winona Lewis  
Audrey Brown

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

Wiley & Helen Epperson  
Sam & Mary Lou Brown  
Lila Archer  
Tommie Brock

### Nursing Home

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

## Birthdays

Sara Alexander (24)  
Alexis Greene (25)  
Steve Imler (25)  
James Brown (26)  
Carrie Payne (26)

Sarah Delzell (28)  
Tanoah Wesner (28)  
Lauren Parrish (30)  
Morgan Trotter (30)

## Staff

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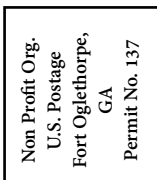


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## Upcoming Events

### 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 are available in the main Welcome Center. Consider sharing this most precious resource to help others and to possibility save a life!

### Special Baptism Celebration

We will have a special baptism celebration on Sunday morning, May 1 in our Worship Center. This will be part of our morning worship service beginning at 10:55 am. If you feel God leading you to be baptized, please call the church office by Monday, April 25 and schedule a time to meet with one of our pastors.

### Women's Luncheon

Join us for the annual Women's Luncheon on May 21 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the FLC gym. Tickets are \$15 each, and are now on sale. You may purchase them at the church office or contact Laura Jones. Our speaker will be Christian comedian, Kay Dodd. Worship will be led by the Sweet Georgia Sound Ensemble. Get your tickets now!

### Clubhouse Friends

God is doing great things with our Wednesday night Clubhouse Friends! This is our dynamic Children's rally happening every Wednesday at 6 pm. You will get to see it first hand on Sunday, May 22 at 6 pm when our children lead us with a special worship and awards night in our Worship Center.

### Annie Armstrong

### Easter Offering

Our Goal: \$6,000.00

Received: N/A

Apr. 27-May 4



## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

How many of you have made this mistake when traveling some place new... "I know where I'm going; I don't need to look at the map or ask for directions?" Looking back, Stacy and I laugh over the times when I've gotten us lost because I refused to turn on the GPS or stop and ask for directions.

Physically speaking, we've all had moments when we were temporarily lost. What about spiritually speaking?

This past Sunday in Daniel 2, we read about a moment when Daniel could have easily been lost in a whirlwind of fear and confusion. King Nebuchadnezzar had issued a decree to have Daniel and all of the wise men

killed because of a dream that no one could interpret. When others were perhaps tempted to run or hide, Daniel wisely positioned himself to understand what was happening and what could be done about it. He was assertive in asking questions and seeking understanding, but most importantly in turning to God who could move him in the right direction. And Daniel did not pray alone. **"He urged them [his friends] to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery..." (Daniel 2:18).**

Perhaps it was desperation that brought Daniel and his friends to their knees in prayer. Maybe you have been through an experience where desperation brought you to your knees. If so, there is no better survival skill for your faith than to be on your knees in urgent prayer. Be ever willing to turn to God as your spiritual GPS for vision and direction. And call on me and our staff as your friends to join you in that prayer. See you this Sunday!  
-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 225  
11 am Worship Attendance 267

Annual Budget 553,351.00  
YTD Budget Needs 170,261.85  
YTD Budget Giving N/A

Total Receipts for the Week: N/A  
Weekly Budget Giving  
Weekly Legacy Giving  
Weekly Missions Giving

### This Sunday's Message:

"Life in the Wilderness"  
Daniel 3 - Staying True

### Next Sunday's Message:

Sermon Series Continues:  
"Life in the Wilderness"  
Daniel 4

## Announcements

### New Bible Study

*Being a Contagious Christian* began this past Wednesday. Imagine the great things that God will do when we become better at sharing our faith! The class meets @ 6pm in the Agape room. If interested, contact Shelly Brooks at 423.645.0845 or [shellymelinda@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### Children's Home

We appreciate each one of you who donated gift cards and goodies for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. The donations are being delivered this week.

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

**God places much of the burden of what we will become on our response to Him.** If we have drifted from God, His call is to return to Him. God promises that if we will return, He will immediately renew His relationship with us. James 4:8 promises that if we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. Matthew 7:7 guarantees that if we seek Christ, we will find Him. Much of the Christian life rests upon our response and our desire to experience God to the fullest. This is key to everything we do! Worship experience, spiritual formation, and ministry fulfillment all require our fullest response to God's subtle voice. Have faith in the promises of His Word!

Why is it that some Christians seem to go so much deeper in their walk with God than others? Why have some had such powerful intercessory prayer that has changed the courses of nations? Why has God

chosen to anoint the words of some so that, when they speak or pray or preach, it is obvious that their words are consecrated by God? It is because these people have committed themselves to pursue God until His presence is powerfully real in their lives. They have decided to settle for nothing less than a vibrant relationship with God, and He has honored their desire.

Have you become complacent in your relationship with God, or are you hungering for more? Don't become satisfied with a relationship with God that is broken by sin and void of the power of the Holy Spirit. You can have just as much of God's powerful presence available to you as Christ Himself! Return to God and lose the burdens of our strange wilderness! There is so much more in store for you if you will return to Him. He awaits your response.

- Andy

## Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

### Summer Camp in June

We leave for camp in 6 weeks, June 4-10. I am not sure Charleston is ready for us! Please remember to pay your deposits.

**Camp Fundraiser Lunch** - May 1  
This is the last one for the season.

**Sunday May 15** - Is the last mandatory parent-student camp meeting, right after morning worship. Lunch will be provided. Have the forms ready so your student can attend camp.

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18**

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

**Clubhouse Friends:** meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15. The kids have been working hard on music, missions, personal and spiritual growth, verse memorization, and more! On May 22 @ 6pm, we will be having a special Awards Ceremony and Ice Cream Social.

The kids will be singing songs, reciting verses, and receiving badges and pins they have earned so far. It would mean so much to see all of you there!

**VBS:** Please keep VBS on the top of your prayer list! We are in the planning stages!! I, along with Sarah Kubler, will be contacting you who helped last year. If you would like to help PLEASE LET ME KNOW!!! We will find a place for you! We need you to make VBS great!

**Please don't forget if you would like to participate in the Baby Dedication and/or Baptism Services, contact one of the staff. Thanks!**

## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Update on India...

As you read this, I am in the last days of my India mission trip, and will be beginning my journey back to the US on Friday. There is still some ministry opportunity, and extensive travel "in country" to reach our gateway city, so it will be a whirlwind for the next few days.

These last few days in India are spent in the Himalayan mountain region of Kashmir, among the Muslim people. Although the open sharing of the Gospel is not allowed, our medical camps open the door for local pastors to develop relationships among the people, and ultimately win them to Christ.

I am looking forward to taking time during the Sunday evening, May 1st Worship Service to share some of the great ways I was able to experience God moving among the Indian people. I encourage you to come and see pictures, but most of all to hear stories of God's wondrous love!

Allow me to say **Thank You** for extending to me the privilege of stepping away so that I could participate in international missions. Your graciousness is not missed by me. Elaine and I consider it a privilege to serve the Lord here at FBCFO. Your continued response to our leadership, and your desire for the Presence of God is refreshing, encouraging, and a blessing to us!

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. 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 this weekend April 22-24, Pigeon Forge, TN. Pray for a safe & fun trip for those going.

**Women's Luncheon** - Saturday, May 21 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**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. A Sign-up sheet is available in the main Welcome

Center. As the weather gets warmer, we are 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.