

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 11

8 am Deacon's Meeting

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

New Senior & College Sunday School Class Begins

Starting Line Begins

10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration -
Lord's Supper

4pm Church-wide Community Picnic

Monday, September 12

6:30 pm Women's Fall Retreat Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

10:30 am Keenager's Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Smothered Cheesy Chicken

Peas & Carrots 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

Friday, September 16

Feed LFO Football Team

Saturday, September 17

10 am Ladies Craft Day

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Joyce Tindall
Marilyn
Waters

Home

Zane
McDaniel
Winona
Lewis
Betty Phillips
Nolan
Richardson
Raymond
Pendley

Sharon
Mullins
Helen Fisher
Bobbie
Allison
Karen Pierce
Tommie
Brock
Larry Shipp
Beth
Daugherty
John & June
Stewart
Tressie
Fletcher

Nell Smith
Robin Ellis
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Linda Sikes
Helen
Epperson
Sam & Mary
Lou Brown

Nursing Home

Lila Archer
Dale &
Delores
Kinnison
Norma
Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice
Mosman
Eloise Morris
Bertha
Pennington

Birthdays

Robin Ellis (11)
Janet Goodner (11)
Olene Hendricks (12)
Jordan Long (12)
Jean Stone (12)

Arleen Wyatt (12)
Brooke Frizelle (13)
Esther Suggs (13)
Anita Helton (14)
Lynn Lamb (14)

Molly Thompson (15)
Amy Bradford (16)
Niki Kelley (16)
Alexa Grell (17)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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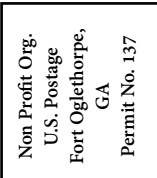
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Christ Chapel Item Crackers

Christian Sympathy
Join us in expressing our heartfelt condolences to Helen Epperson & family on the death of Wiley Epperson.



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Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Sep. 11-17

Tim Banister
Raymond Pendley
Charles Helton

Sep. 18-24

Ronnie Born
Jeff Wright
Patrice Humphrey

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 14

James Swafford
Elaine Steele
Mary Jo Case
Cathy Cox

Sep. 21

Linda Daniels
Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Betty Parrish

Security

Sep. 11

R. Pendley
Paul Overlin

Sep. 18

W. Honeycutt
Ken Lee

Greeters

Sep. 11

Louise Stinnett
Barbara Poole
Elaine Steele

Sep. 18

Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Brenda Jones

LaunchPad

Sunday, Sep. 11

Babies LeAnn Alexander
Betty Parrish
1&2 yr olds Angie Smith
Carrie Payne
3 yr olds Barbara Holland
Brenda Jones

Next Sunday, Sep. 18

Babies Melissa Pittman
Don Pittman
1&2 yr olds Angie Smith
Morgan Trotter
3 yr olds Hank Humphrey
Brynna Humphrey



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Upcoming Events

The Starting Line

The Starting Line begins this Sunday, 9.11.16, at 9:30 am. Pastor Jason will be leading this four-week class for frequent visitors, new members, and anyone who would like to learn more about our church family and what it means to follow Jesus. The class will meet at 9:30 am in our downstairs Fellowship Circle.

Church-Wide Community Picnic

Make plans to attend our Community Picnic this Sunday, 9.11.16, from 4 to 7 pm. All the food and fun will take place at the large pavilion at Gilbert-Stephenson Park. Music will be provided by the Unity Christian School "Lions of Steel" under the direction of our own Greg Smith. Invite your friends and neighbors for the special community event!

Sunday Celebration Worship

This Sunday morning will be a special time of worship as we celebrate the gospel with the Lord's Supper and as we begin a new sermon series in the Book of Galatians. The worship celebration will begin at 10:55 am with our Worship Orchestra leading the way! Join us as we look forward to celebrating what God has been doing all week long!

Deacon's Meeting

We begin a new ministry year with our Deacon Servant-Leaders this Sunday. We're calling all active deacons to attend our monthly meeting at 8 am in the Fellowship Circle. There will be breakfast, prayer, and lots of new, encouraging information to share!

Sep. 7- Sep. 14

Word From Our Pastor Jason Thomas

What difference has faith in Christ made for you? Try to think back to the moment when you first believed. Was it something simply to check off of your “To Do” list and put aside or has it been a pathway and opportunity for something more?

I picture a young man named Timothy who grew up hearing about Jesus through his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Their faith in Jesus was something they never put aside. Rather, it was living and active and worthy to be shared with younger generations, like grandsons named Timothy. Through their influence, this sincere faith also came alive

in Timothy and made a difference in his life. **“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline” (2 Tim. 1:6-7).**

God will accomplish great things from just a tiny spark of faith. Through faith, all of your sins are forgiven and buried with Christ. Through faith, God comes to make a new home in your life. And through faith, God connects you with other Spirit-filled believers to help you fan that spark into a glorious flame! That is why we gather, grow, and go out to serve together. Together, with Christ in us, we are the light that shines in the darkness! May your faith continue to grow and open new opportunities to be the light in His harvest field. We will celebrate together this Sunday! -Jason

Discipleship

Scripture presents many paradoxes that challenge our way of thinking. We think of the poor as possessing very little, yet Jesus said the riches of heaven belong to **the poor in spirit**. This forces us to deconstruct our idea of “poor” in order to understand Jesus. Only then can we see that our self-reliance robs us of God’s good gifts.

In another paradox, Jesus insisted that in order to follow Him, we must deny self. As long as we rely on our own resources, we will never place our trust in Him. As we acknowledge the poverty of our souls, we **realize how desperately we need a Savior**. Jesus declared: “Repent! For the kingdom of heaven is near” (Matt. 4:17). God has so much to give the one who recognizes his need and will call upon Jesus! from a posture of poverty. These “good gifts” are exactly what we need but at the same time are shaped by divine wisdom and not our human expectations.



Andy Atkinson

Jesus also said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God (Luke 18:25). He had just encountered the rich ruler, who valued his possessions so much that he could not give them up to follow Jesus (Luke 18:18-24). Contrast that with how Jesus later encountered Zacchaeus, a wealthy, notorious sinner (Luke 19:1-10). Despite Zacchaeus’s material wealth, he recognized his spiritual poverty and found salvation. Jesus taught that true “riches” are found in a relationship with God. Those who realize their inherent spiritual poverty apart from God will trust in Him, and **Christ will transform their lives immeasurably**. Do not allow your “gifts:” resources, wisdom, talent, or abilities to prevent you from trusting the One who can bring you abundant life. **Allow spiritual poverty to reorientate you to God.**

Youth Spotlight

New Sunday School Class: On Sept. 11th, a new Sunday Small Group will be starting for high school seniors and college students (ages 18-23). We will begin meeting in the Library, near the downstairs Fellowship Circle.

Camp Lunch: October 2nd will be the first Camp Fundraiser Luncheon for our trip to Mobile, AL on June 10-17. The camp deposits this year will be \$175.00. The payments of \$35 will be due on the 1st of the

Kevin Stone

month in October, December, February, April and June. For more details, stop by the informational meeting on Sunday 9/18, right after the morning worship service.

Feed The LFO Football Team: September 16 - Contact Elaine Steele or Ronnie Born if you would like to help with this dinner.

Children's Headlines

"Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength." Isaiah 40:31

Clubhouse Friends: We are resuming Clubhouse Friends this Wednesday evening with a whole new curriculum, schedule, crafts, and games! Children in grades K-5 will meet upstairs, and Babies-Prek4 will meet downstairs. Invite friends and family and we will see you at 6!

Nichole Stookey

Summer Camp: There will be an information meeting on Sunday, September 18 @12:15 for anyone interested in finding out about this year's Children’s and Youth camps!

Trunk-or-Treat: We have started taking candy Donations for this year's annual festival. Please drop off bags of wrapped candy to one of our Welcome Center Desks.

Worship & More...

What’s in it for me? I believe that is the most often asked question *that is never* formally asked in our culture. People tend to make decisions, choices, and recommendations based on what **they** can get out of it.

Look around: The vast majority of people are seeking to **get**, and they are seeking to get for themselves. Follow advertising: 99% of all advertising seeks to “scratch a particular itch” that people have. Listen to conversations: People are constantly maneuvering conversations towards themselves and their desires, needs, and experiences.

Is that true about us? Are we people who usually evaluate based on ***What’s in it for me?*** If it is, should that be true about us as Believers?

God’s Word makes it very clear that life is to be lived for God (the Greatest Commandment), and for others (the 2nd Greatest Commandment). In other words, we should always be asking the question: ***What’s in to for them?*** (for God and for others).

This is what I call a **Kingdom Mindset**. That is, seeking to build up the Kingdom of God, rather than our personal

Brad Lewis

kingdoms. You might say that *seeing what’s in it for you is ok*, as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone else. But we must again look at the 1st and 2nd Greatest Commandments of Jesus. Are we loving the Lord with all of our hearts, and are we loving others in everything we do?

May I encourage us to ask the question ***What’s in to for them?*** in everything we do: At work, while watching TV, while conversing, at the store, on FaceBook, even when worshipping on Sundays...

Are we making it about ***me***, or about ***them?*** ***Worship Well!***

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

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 219
11 am Worship Attendance 280

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 383,089.14
YTD Budget Giving 388,017.61

Total Receipts for the Week: 116,340.59
Weekly Budget Giving 13,451.40
Weekly Legacy Giving 2,500.72
Weekly Missions Giving 388.47

This Sunday’s Message:
“Gospel - The One & Only”
Galatians 1

Next Sunday’s Message:
“Simply the Gospel” Series
Continues

Announcements

Magazines
Before you throw away or recycle your “G” rated magazines, bring them to our main Welcome Center, There will be a drop box in place so that the magazines can be redistributed to area doctors’ offices and community centers. Taime Imler is leading this new magazine ministry effort.

Come and Pray
A group is going to LFO High School and Lakeview Middle School to pray for these schools after the picnic on Sunday evening. Everyone is invited!

Can You Help?
FBC will be feeding the ladies and teachers for the CWJC program on Thursday, Sep. 15 at 5:30 at FBC Ringgold. Our menu is roast beef and potatoes, dessert and drink. If you can help in any way, please let Laura Jones know at 423.605.1816