

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
The Starting Line Continues
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
4 pm Church Council Meeting (in the FC)
5 pm Life Group for Women
Youth @ Pal's
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, September 26

10:30 am Joyful Praise Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 28

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Bread Dessert
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
Children's Clubhouse Friends
6 pm Group Bible Studies
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
The Point Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

6 pm Koinonia Class Fellowship

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Sep. 25-Oct. 1
Laurie Brown
Don Pittman
Donnie Lindsay

Oct. 2-8
Linda Daniels
Wayne Rasbury
Gene McDaniel

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 28
Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Colores Tant

Oct. 5
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis
Sue Hughes

Security

Sep. 25
Tom Acker
Kris Kubler

Oct. 2
Steve Imler
Jeff Wright

Greeters

Sep. 25
Shelly Brooks
Brenda Jones
W. Honeycutt
R. Honeycutt

Oct. 2
Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rogers
G. McDowell

LaunchPad

Sunday, Sep. 25

Babies
Elaine Steele
Lindsay Brooks
1&2 yr olds
Angie Smith
Nicole Miller
3 yr olds
Steve Imler
Taimie Imler

Next Sunday, Oct. 1

Babies
Julie Wright
Cindy Shipp
1&2 yr olds
Angie Smith
David White
3 yr olds
Donna Lindsay
Donnie Lindsay

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Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Home

Scott O'Steen
Joyce Tindall
Zane McDaniel
Winona Lewis
Betty Phillips
Nolan
Richardson
Raymond
Pendley
Sharon Mullins
Helen Fisher

Larry Shipp
Bobbie Allison
Karen Pierce
Tommie Brock
Beth Daugherty
John & June
Stewart
Tressie Fletcher
Nell Smith
Robin Ellis
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Linda Sikes
Helen
Epperson

Nancy Austin
Sam & Mary
Brown

Norma
Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice
Mosman
Eloise Morris
Bertha
Pennington

Nursing Home

Lila Archer
Dale &
Delores
Kinnison

Birthdays

Eunice Mosman (25)
Jacob Rainey (26)
William Robinson (26)
Lindsey Parrish (27)
Gene Smith (27)
Sarah Kubler (28)

Tressie Fletcher (29)
Gabrielle Parente (29)
George McDowell (30)
Bryan Malone (1)
Diedra Smith (1)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Christ Chapel Item
Crackers

Congratulations

To Al & Truddy Hutchison on
the new arrival of a
Granddaughter, Evelyn "Evie"
Mei-Yee Wong (7 lbs 12 1/2 oz;
20 inches long. Proud parents
are Allen & Hope Wong and big
brother, Oliver.



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Upcoming Events

The Starting Line

The Starting Line is going well and continues this Sunday, 9.25.16, at 9:30 am. Pastor Jason is leading this four-week class for frequent visitors, new members, and anyone who would like to learn more about our church family. The class meets in our downstairs Fellowship Circle. It is not too late to attend for the first time!

Senior Adult Apple Trip

Our Senior Adults will be taking a day trip to the Mercier Apple Orchard in Blue Ridge, Georgia on Thursday, 10.6.16. Space is limited, so contact the Church Office by 10.3 to sign up. The cost is free except lunch and any apple or souvenir purchases. The buses will leave at 9:30 am for the trip. Guests are welcome.

New Karate Classes

We now have two martial arts classes being offered in our FLC Gym each week. One is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm under the leadership of Dennis Ellison. The second is on Mondays and Fridays at 4 pm under the leadership of Paul Overlin. Contact Dennis at 706 259-3344 or Paul at 423 280-5735, or simply visit a class if you are interested.

Trunk-Or-Treat Festival

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival will be happening in just a few weeks on Wednesday, 10.26.16, at 6 pm. We have plans to make this year bigger and better than ever so that we can reach more families in our community. This Sunday, we will continue collecting donations of wrapped candy. This can be dropped at any of our Welcome Center locations. Thank you in advance for helping to make this event a big success!

Sep. 21- Sep. 28

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

"Do not go into the woods at night by yourself!" It is hard to believe that I am writing this, but October is less than two weeks away. With that comes preparation for our Trunk-Or-Treat Festival and the hope of connecting with hundreds of families from all around our community. Let's pray and plan for that with great expectation this year!

With October, also comes the classic "scary" movie being run and rerun up and down our television channels. The typical "scary" scene goes something like this... The young person hears a noise and decides to go into the woods alone to

investigate. That is when I yell at the TV, "Don't go in there," as if to offer some hope of intervention. The person needs to be rescued, but has no clue that he needs to be rescued until it is too late.

Interestingly, Paul uses the word "rescue," to describe what Jesus has done for us. **"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age" (Gal. 1:3-4).** When I see people in our world today, I see many people who need to be rescued, but often have no clue that they need to be rescued. The world has a way of blinding us to that need and leading us to a false sense of security. How can we help people see that they need to be rescued? It requires a consistent relationship. Love them so that you can show them the one and only Gospel. Let the Gospel be your life line this week in His harvest field!

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 247
11 am Worship Attendance 270

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 404,371.88
YTD Budget Giving 414,854.85

This Sunday's Message:

"Gospel - The Word of God"
Galatians 1:11-24

Next Sunday's Message:

"Simply the Gospel" Series
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: 13,567.98
Weekly Budget Giving 11,114.77
Weekly Legacy Giving 2,246.14
Weekly Missions Giving 186.07

Announcements

Brand New Ministry!

The North Georgia Community of Hope is looking for volunteers for a new afternoon (3-5 pm) recreation ministry beginning in October. Find out more at a special interest meeting happening at the Fort O UMC gym on Thursday, 9.29.16, at 5:30 pm.

Church Council

We are calling on all of our ministry leaders and committee chair persons to gather with the staff in the FC this Sunday afternoon at 4 pm for our quarterly Church Council meeting. We will pray, share ideas, and discuss the remainder of the 2016 church calendar.

Ministry Matters

As you give your tithes and offerings to the Lord this month, you can give with confidence knowing that you are making a difference as we begin a new preschool year and we get ready for our big Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival next month. Thank you for giving from your heart!

Discipleship

Disciples are commanded to **lose their lives**. This means they ought to deliberately **release** their lives to Christ and His kingdom. One of the greatest hindrances to our being will be our view of what constitutes our **"legitimate rights"**—that is, those things that we feel we have a right to experience and enjoy. My favorite definition of 'meekness' is the **absence of presumption** (Matt 5:5). I am reminded its not difficult to turn over to Christ those things that are not a sacrifice or that we would prefer to do without anyway. Obedience to God is rarely this easy walk in the park that we can causally walk down. Rather, it is the **release** of things that are good and dear to us that may stand between us and God's will.

You may presume that you have a right to certain material things, yet God may ask you to **release** all of your possessions to Him and His purposes (Matt. 19:21). You may presume that God wants you to simply be kind, happy and comfortable, at least you are not bad, right? The call of Jesus is found



Andy Atkinson

in a space of lacking and the posture of need. Faithfulness is never cruise control. Yes, life is a marathon, but we are fooling ourselves if we believe the words of Jesus were to simply encourage, and not to challenge, prick, and even brake our hearts. We should be worried if the word of God rarely brakes us. Presume nothing and only place your faith in the glory of God.

Jesus modeled perfectly this attitude toward life. Yes, he was God, but he is also our ultimate human example. He had a legitimate right to enjoy the comforts of heaven. Yet, He did not look at it as a right He should hold on to; nor did He see leaving all that was His as a sacrifice too costly to make. Has our life convinced us that there are certain comforts we must protect? Maybe the comfort of life or security of status quo? Do we presume that we have it all together? **Losing our life may look more like failing apart than having all the answers.** It may require more listening rather than talking.

Kevin Stone

up (to receive extra credit), serve, clean-up and bring dessert (for extra credit). Make sure you sign in on the [Sign-up sheet](#).

Other news and events will be coming your way soon!

Youth Spotlight

Youth Camp: We are going to Mobile, AL on June 10-17 (you must have completed 6th Grade). The Camp deposit is \$175, due on 10.1, 12.1, 2.1, 4.1, 6.1. There will be Camp Fundraiser Lunches on the 1st Sunday of each month! (reminders and changes will be posted in the Church Newsletter) **PARENTS CAN HELP TOO!** Arrive at 9 am for set-

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

Clubhouse Friends: Join us each Wednesday evening for Clubhouse Friends! We now have small groups, a new schedule, and tons of fun! Crafts start at 5:45. Please pick up your children by 7:15. Bring a friend and join us this week!

First Blessings Preschool: Our daily preschool program is off to a great start. We have a fun-packed October coming up filled with field trips, Fall Festival, parties, and more. If you know anyone

Worship & More...

To God be the glory! All of us have said that before. All of us have used those words in some combination, indicating that we want God to receive glory and praise.

There have been times in my life where it has been difficult for me to say that and mean it. Sometimes I'd like to share a little bit of that glory when something goes well that I had a hand in. How about you?

What I remind myself is that God is the giver and sustainer of life (if it were not so I wouldn't even be here to do anything), and that He is the giver of all gifts and talents (again, if not for Him I wouldn't have or be able to do anything).

I also look to the Word of God:

King David: Psalm 39:5 You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure.

John the Baptist: Mark 1:7 After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

Brad Lewis

Peter: 1 Peter 4:11 ...To Him be the glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Paul: Ephesians 3:8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me...

Jesus: John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

May we all be able to say "to **God** be the glory" when we receive any praise. May we all truly desire for God to receive that glory, so that He can be exalted and His Kingdom may expand throughout the earth... **Worship Well!**

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

-Brad

Cry Out Prayer Night

"Cry Out America" is a special women's prayer night sponsored by Moody Radio (88.9 FM). The Cry Out will take place this Friday night from 7 to 10 pm. They are encouraging all women to pray for our nation, with the hope

that 100,000 will cry out in prayer. Tune into Moody Radio for more information and get ready to pray!

Women's Ministry

Fall Retreat - October 14-16. Camp Skyline, Mentone, AL. Costs is \$145. We have room available if you would like to go. Please contact Laura at (423) 605-1816.

Life Groups: The groups will begin this Sunday, 9.25.16 at 5:30 pm in the Lydia classroom. Our teacher is Lynn Tyree, and all are welcome.

Sunday Bible Study

As we continue the beginning of a new church year, teachers and leaders please remember to **give any first time guests a blue Guest Card** and help them fill it out. You are not to gather these cards or return them, however, give them directions to the **Welcome Desk** to return the card there so they can receive their special guest gift package.

If they have filled out a Guest Card and are not on your roster, write down their first and last name under the attendee list on roster. Children and Students leaders, please include grade and birthday.