

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, October 16

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration  
5:30 pm Youth @ Pal's  
6 pm Evening Worship Service

## Monday, Oct 17

10:30 am Joyful Praise Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, October 18

11 am Lydia Class Meeting

## Wednesday, October 20

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Meat Loaf White Beans Cole Slaw**  
**Oven Baked Potatoes 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  
Business Meeting

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

Oct.16-22	Oct.23-29
Charles Helton	Patrice Humphrey
Bruce Underwood	Kerry Pennington
Marlin Paulson	Mary A. Paulson

### Wednesday Meal

Oct. 19	Oct. 26
Nancy Smith	James Swafford
Charles Helton	Elaine Steele
Donna Lindsay	Brenda Jones
Donnie Lindsay	Cathy Cox

### Security

Oct.16	Oct.23	Oct.16	Oct. 23
Alvin Davis	J. Swafford	Lila Ferrell	M. Ingram
R. Bethune	Eddy Trotter	Jan Rosser	F. Trotter

### Counters

### Greeters

Oct.16	Oct.23
Steve Imler	Pam Bethune
Taime Imler	Tanoah W. Born
Marlin Paulson	Dolores Tant

### Sunday, Oct.16 LaunchPad

Babies	Sarah Kubler
	Darlene Lane
1&2 yr olds	Brenda Lynch
	Angie Smith
3 yr olds	Jeff Ingram
	Miki Ingram

### Next Sunday, Oct.23

Babies	Betty Parrish
1&2 yr olds	Angie Smith
	Michael Ingram
3 yr olds	Jane Hogsed
	Megan Hogsed

## Prayer Concerns

### Hospital

Martha Cope

### Home

Ray Cox  
Anita Acker  
Magnolia  
Pittman  
Shirley  
Scott O'Steen  
Joyce Tindall  
Zane McDaniel  
Winona Lewis  
Betty Phillips

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  
Linda Sikes

Ken & Betty  
Goodner  
Helen  
Epperson  
Sam & Mary  
Lou Brown

### Nursing Home

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

## Birthdays

Sharon LaParry (17)  
Hunter White (17)  
Allison Mathes (19)  
Sarah Montgomery (22)

Bertha Pennington (22)  
Bimol Poole (22)  
Christina Thornton (22)  
Bob Ward (22)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Youth Minister - Kevin Stone  
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey  
Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram  
Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins  
Treasurer - Darlene Lane

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## Upcoming Events

**Free to Be God's Church!**  
"Free to Be" is coming your way with a special worship event on Sunday, 10.23.16, at 5 pm in our Worship Center. This will be a special moment for you and our entire church family as we look forward to a future season of financial and gospel freedom. The presentation will be followed by a free dinner in our Fellowship Circle at 6 pm. Don't miss out on this moment! Call the church office and let us know that you are coming.

**Pastor Appreciation**  
How often have you left the church campus feeling lifted, encouraged and inspired by the sermon or worship time? Have you ever thought of telling our pastors how much it meant to you, or sending them a note or email to let them know you appreciate their ministry? "October is a time to let our pastors know how much they are loved. In fact, 1 Timothy 5:17 says "the elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" God should be pleased with how we, as leaders and church members value and protect our pastors. - Miki

**Trunk-Or-Treat Festival**  
Our annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival will be 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!

**Baptism Celebration**  
We are looking forward to a special baptism opportunity during our Morning Worship Service on Sunday, 10.30.16. Call the church office and schedule a time to speak with one of our pastors if you would like to participate in this opportunity.

## Oct. 12-Oct. 19

# Word From Our Pastor

“While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and ‘sinners’ came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” (Matt. 9:10-11)? If

you could imagine yourself there and involved in this conversation, on which side of the discussion would you be? To be sure, there were many “religious” people who grumbled and questioned why Jesus would welcome “sinners” and spend time with them. His answer, “It is not the healthy who need a

doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (Matt. 9:12-13).

For those who find themselves sinful and in need of mercy, Jesus is there to welcome them and demonstrate that His sacrifice is sufficient for all. It is not our sacrifice that counts, because only His is mighty to save. If you find yourself grumbling with the thought of welcoming “sinners” and helping them find Jesus, could it be that you have yet to find Jesus? The truth is we all need Him from Fort Oglethorpe to the ends of the earth. May you discover your need this week and let Him lead you to the table of grace. For those of us already there, we welcome you and look forward to you and others joining us. This is what true gospel freedom is all about. Let’s continue to pray about and seek this freedom together! -Jason



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	238
11 am Worship Attendance	240

Annual Budget	553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs	436,295.98
YTD Budget Giving	449,433.56

Total Receipts for the Week:	18,452.26
Weekly Budget Giving	14,812.26
Weekly Legacy Giving	1,690.00
Weekly Missions Giving	330.00

## Announcements

**Thank You**  
Marlin Paulson, Bryan Malone, Nolan Richardson, Donnie Lindsay, Charles Helton, Ron Mullins, Jason Thomas and Andy Atkinson for building our new Preschool Train that will be on display during our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat... Good job guys!

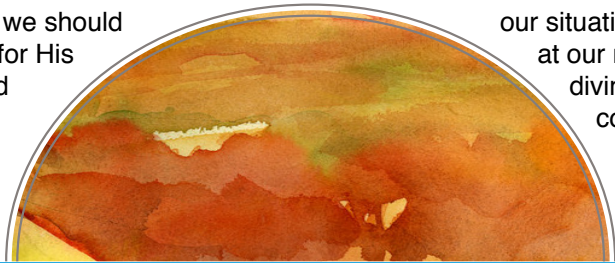
**Ark Encounters Trip**  
Clark Tours are going to the Ark Encounter in KY on May 9-11, 2017. The cost is \$425 per person and includes transportation, 2 nights lodging, tickets to see the Ark Encounter, The Creation Museum, St. Mary’s Cathedral & dinner cruise. If interested contact Heidi at (706-891-0901) to make a \$100 deposit per person.

**Association Meeting**  
The Northwest Georgia Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, 10.17.16, at South Rossville Baptist Church with a meal at 6 pm and Inspirational service at 7 pm with Dr. Frank Page as the speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Discipleship

Have you considered what does it mean to set the Lord always before you? It means that you choose to relate and connect everything you encounter to your trust and faith in God. What you choose to focus on becomes the dominant influence in your life. You may be a Christian, but if your focus is always on your problems, your problems will determine the tone of your life. If your focus is on pleasing people, then people will determine what you think and value. In scripture, the right hand was the most distinguished position, reserved for one’s chief adviser and supporter. When you choose to focus on Christ, you invite Him to take the most important position in your life as Counselor and Guardian.

Every time we face a new experience, we should turn to the Spirit for His interpretation and guidance. When people mistreat us, we should seek direction



Andy Atkinson

from our Counselor and Comforter regarding the right response. When we face a crisis, we should receive strength from the One at our right hand. If we perceive that God is absent, it may be that we have not chosen to place Him at our right hand. When we experience need, we should consult our Counselor before we react. When we face a fearful situation, we should take courage from the Advocate at our right hand. Everything we do is in the context of seeing the world through the Spirit’s interpretation. Remove this lens and everything is distorted.

What an incredible act of God’s grace that Christ should stand beside us to guide us and counsel us. Why do we ever become dismayed over our situation with the Spirit at our right hand? This divine empowering confidence is setting the Lord before you.

## Youth Spotlight

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF YOUTH: IMPORTANT MEETING

If you have a students going to Summer Camp 2017, please be at the parent meeting on Sunday, 10.23.16, following the Morning Worship Service. We will be discussing a new payment structure tied to the fundraiser luncheons, and also the November trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky.

Kevin Stone

**October 30th** – Haunted House  
**November 6th** - Camp Fundraiser Lunch. Set-up begins at 9:00 am.  
**November 18th – 19th** – Creation Museum Trip. Cost is \$20 plus 3 meals. (2 fast food meals, 1 nutritious meal). Leave on Friday afternoon, return on Saturday around midnight.

**December 10th** – Community Dinner – 9:00 am to 4 pm . You can earn community service hours for your school. Bring community service forms to be signed.

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1Peter 3:15**

**Wednesday Evenings:** We have something for all ages on Wednesday Evenings! Downstairs in our Preschool area we are having worship, crafts, and games for ages Birth-Prek4 from 6:00-7:15. Upstairs in our Children's area we have Clubhouse Friends from 5:45-7:15. Come be with us on

Wednesday Evenings and invite a friend!  
**Fall Festival:** We have sign-up lists ready for the Trunk-or-Treat festival and to volunteer for games. We are still taking donations of individually wrapped candy in the Welcome Center.

**The Point:** Children's Worship at The Point will meet again on October 23.  
**LauchPad:** Parents when picking up your children from LaunchPad please make sure you let the workers know you are taking them. Also, children and teens are not allowed to remove children from the classrooms.

## Worship & More...

Psalm 77:11-12 says:  
***I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.***

Think back to a great event in your life... Your wedding day, your first child’s birth, your most recent vacation. Does it bring a smile to your face, a “good feeling” in your soul?

In the same way, we as believers need to remember the goodness of the Lord in our lives... An answered prayer, a personal word from God’s Word, a time in His Presence.

All throughout God’s Word, His people are exhorted to remember what the Lord has done for them, to meditate on His deeds and His goodness.

Sometimes when I find myself impatient and wanting God to do something now, God reminds me to think back and remember what He has done: For me personally, in the ministry I am involved in, and in the lives of others.

When I do this, it brings a smile to my face and a good feeling in my soul. And, it causes me to thank and praise

Brad Lewis

the Lord. I go from impatience to adoration!

Remembering what the Lord has done in our lives is a wonderful practice that will always bring us encouragement. But don’t stop there. Be like the psalmist and not only remember God’s mighty deeds, but also meditate on them.

Remember the mighty deeds of the Lord in your life, your ministry, and the lives of others. Meditate on them and be encouraged. Then thank and praise the Lord for His wondrous deeds!  
***Worship Well!***

(Read more on my Blog:  
***Bigcloud.tv***)

-Brad



## Keenager's Pecan Sale

The Keenagers will begin taking orders for pecans & other related goodies beginning next Wednesday, 10.19.16. We anticipate that the price will remain \$10 per bag

and delivery will be 11.14.16. Call Wayne & Rena Honeycutt at 706-866-2497 with your orders.

## Women's Ministry

**Fall Retreat** - October 14-16. Camp Skyline, Mentone, AL. Meeting at the church at 3:30 pm Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday around 3 pm.

**Women’s Tea** - November 5 from 2-5 pm. Come, bring a friend and your favorite finger food (food that complement tea), Add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center Desk.

## Vote for First Baptist Church

Online voting for the 2017 North Georgia Best of the Best people's choice awards is now live! Vote FBCFO for “Best Place of Worship”

You can vote once per email address! Our heart is not to brag or compete but to engage our

community so people learning about our community also learn about us!

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