

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, October 30

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
2-4 pm Patrick & Drew Todaro's Baby Shower
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, Oct 31

10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 1

10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, November 2

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Spaghetti Salad Dessert
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
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

Friday, November 4

4:00 pm Feed Ridgeland Band

Saturday, November 5

2-5 pm Ladies Tea

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Ray Cox

Home

Martha Cope
Anita Acker
Shirley Bryan
Scott O'Steen
Joyce Tindall
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

Beionca Evans (30)
Caleigh Hogsed (30)
Heather Payton (30)
Sonya Dupree ((31)
Lila Archer (1)
Brenda Williamson (1)

Tyler Alexander (3)
Tanner Alexander (3)
Linda Daniels (4)
Hannah Lee (5)
Ronald Pierce (5)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Youth Minister - Kevin Stone
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
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**Christ Chapel Item
Crackers**

Christian Sympathy

We prayerfully share our heartfelt condolences to the Daniels, Nave, Davis and Gardner families on the recent death of Gavin Gardner.



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Upcoming Events

Countdown to Freedom!

A new season of financial and gospel freedom has begun with the introduction of our new "Free to BE" movement this past Sunday! The countdown to freedom will begin on Sunday morning, 11.06.16, with a worship celebration and time of promise. Between now and then, we are asking you to prayerfully consider being one of our freedom families and helping us wipe away our building debt.

Baptism Celebration

We are looking forward to a special baptism celebration this Sunday morning during the Morning Worship Service. Call the church office and schedule a time to speak with one of our pastors if you would like to participate in this celebration.

Operation Christmas Child

It is that time again, time to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child! There will be a packing party on Sunday, 11.06.16, after the camp fundraiser lunch. Still not sure what to pack in your shoebox? Bring your items and we will put them together with extras to create the perfect gift for a girl or boy. Our big collection Sunday will be 11.13.16. This year, we are also collecting boxes from other area churches, to deliver to Rome on 11.21.16.

Providence Worship Night

Join us on Sunday night, 11.06.16, at 6 pm for a special night of music and testimonies as the Providence Rescue Ministry shares in our Evening Worship. Providence Ministry serves in North Georgia to help people from all walks of life to recover from addictions and related challenges. Come and hear about how God is using the leaders and counselors of Providence to change lives in the name of Jesus!

Oct. 26-Nov. 2

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Oct 30- Nov. 5
Donnie Lindsay
Tim Banister
Scott O'Steen

Nov. 6-12
Gene McDaniel
Laurie Brown
Paul Overlin

Wednesday Meal

Nov. 2
Betty Dunwoody
Joyce Rogers
Cindy Shipp
Betty Parrish

Nov. 9
Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant

Security

Oct. 30
R. Pendley
Paul Overlin

Nov. 6
W Honeycutt
Ken Lee

Greeters

Oct. 30
Lynn Tyree
Jan Rosser
Terry Pennington

Nov. 6
Rena Caradine
Mickey Caradine
Louise Stinnett

LaunchPad

Sunday, Oct. 30

Babies
Louise Stinnett
Micki Atkinson
1&2 yr olds
Erie Stookey
Angie Smith
3 yr olds
Zoe Ferrell
Lila Ferrell

Next Sunday, Nov. 6

Babies
Ally Grace Thomas
Stacy Thomas
1&2 yr olds
Deborah Gray
Angie Smith
3 yr olds
Lynn Tyree
Martha Cope

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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

There is a bully in the school yard. At some point during your life, you may have faced your own bully in the school yard. Ours is much like the bully in 1 Samuel 17. Picture him standing tall with the bronze helmet on his head and the coat of armor on his chest. Listen as he challenges us to come out and face him and as he stands in the way between us and victory.

Our bully challenges us every month and holds us back from greater ministry opportunities and gospel freedom. Our bully is the \$1.2 million dollar building debt!

Yet, the winds of the Holy Spirit are moving and we are beginning a new journey into



a season of financial and gospel freedom! This is the call of **Free to BE**, which we introduced to you this past Sunday afternoon. I want to thank our Free to BE team and everyone who made Sunday afternoon a wonderful new beginning! The worship presentation and the dinner were outstanding, and on behalf of our staff and leadership, you have our full support for this new season of freedom!

Our countdown to freedom will begin on Sunday morning, **11.06.16**, with a special worship celebration and time of promise. Between now and then, we are asking you to prayerfully consider being one of our freedom families and deciding in your heart how you can support this new cause of freedom. The encouragement is not for everyone to offer the same gifts, but to offer the same sacrifice. Together we can do this and look forward to greater freedom in His harvest field! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 218
11 am Worship Attendance 296

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 457,578.71
YTD Budget Giving 464,082.81

This Sunday's Message:
"Gospel - The Freedom to Be"
Galatians 5

Total Receipts for the Week: 8,055.35
Weekly Budget Giving 7,119.35
Weekly Legacy Giving 840.00
Weekly Missions Giving 96.00

Next Sunday's Message:
"Simply the Gospel" Series
Continues

Announcements

Can You Help? Baby Shower

We had a call this week for a family in need of beds, including mattress sets. This family consist of a mother with three sons. If you have a bed that you would be willing to donate, please call the church office.

You are invited to a Baby shower for **Patrick and Drew Todaro**, daughter of Jeff & Miki Ingram, on Sunday, October 30 from 2 to 4pm in the Fellowship Circle. They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Babies R Us. They are requesting no diapers, because they will be using cloth diapers.

Thank you

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share about our work at **Harvesters Reaching the Nations**. It is a privilege to be able to share our journey with others. God has given us many new friends along the way, and we are so thankful to count you among those friends!

The Buttram Family:
Donald, Kristie, Daniel
Jessica & Chloe

Discipleship

Meditation means **"to think deeply and continuously about something."** For a disciple, this means remaining in the presence of God and pondering each truth He reveals about Himself until it becomes real and personal in your life. This takes time and space. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus accused certain would-be followers of calling Him "Lord" and yet never doing what He told them (Luke 6:46). They had the correct truth in their heads, but it had never translated into obedience. When you meditate on Scriptures, the truth moves from your mind to your heart and results in obedience. Remember the psalmist said: **"Your word have I hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You"** (Ps. 119:11).

When you know God's Word in your mind but not in your heart, it means that you have learned the



Andy Atkinson

principles and concepts and doctrines of God, but you have not come to know Jesus personally. You can reject a doctrine, or ignore a concept, or challenge a principle, but it is much more difficult to ignore a Person. You can have Scripture in your mind and still sin against God. **This is much like a battery that is charged but disconnected.** There are those who can recite long passages of Scripture and yet live their lives in rebellion to Christ. However, you cannot have Scripture fill your heart and continue to sin against God. We become what we desire. When God's truth is allowed to touch the deepest corner of your soul, the Spirit will transform you into the image of Jesus Christ. Don't just read scripture; meditate on God's Word and ask Him to change your heart, desires and thoughts.

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

October 30th – Pal's at James & Alisha Lee's home, 5-8 pm. Meet at the church campus at 5 pm and parents can pick-up students at 8:30 pm at the church campus.

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

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

Launchpad: If you are scheduled to work and there is a conflict, please use the "swap" feature in VolunteerSpot to secure a worker for your room. Thank you!

Camp Fundraiser Lunch: The next fundraiser lunch will be November 6. Set-up begins at 9am.

Children's Ministry: We have something for all ages during the Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening Worship Services. Please visit and invite some friends to worship with us!

Thank you to all that have volunteered to help with the Trunk-or-Treat Festival this year. YOU make the difference between the events being good and GREAT!! Thank you!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

I have stated before that worship is for God, not for us. Worship is ***NOT*** primarily for: ...**Evangelism**, although the Presence of God during worship is so strong that people come to Christ. ...**Preparation for the sermon**, although the Presence of God during worship makes the heart a fertile ground to receive God's Word. ...**To make us feel good**, although the Presence of God during worship makes us feel good. This is because our spirit is connecting with God's Spirit. ...**For our edification**, although the Presence of God during worship builds us up. Rather, worship is for God's edification: To declare ***His*** worth.

That last point is essentially the purpose of worship: To lift up and edify the Lord Jesus (including God, the Holy Spirit, the Name of Jesus, etc.). We worship ***not for us***, but ***for Him***.

Did you notice the common theme in all of the above statements? It is ***the Presence of God***. Like Moses, our cry needs to be, ***"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."*** (Exodus 33:15)

May we passionately and intimately worship God with all that we are and all that we have. May we take our eyes off of ourselves, and turn our eyes upon Jesus, and only Jesus!

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

-Brad



Keenager's Pecan Sale

The Keenager's Pecans & Nuts Sale will cost \$11 due to the heat and hurricane on the pecan fields. We are taking orders for pecans & other related goodies.

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

Women's Ministry

Women's Tea - When: November 5 from 2-5 pm
Where: Fellowship Circle
Bring: A friend and your favorite finger food that complements tea time
Sign-Up: Welcome Center Desk

Women's Ministry Christmas party
When: Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 Where: Fellowship Circle.

Bring: A dish to share and gift of \$7.00 and under
More information to come.

Women of Joy - Sign-ups are going on now for Women of Joy 2017 in Pigeon Forge, TN. April 28-30. If you are interested or need more information, contact Laura Jones at jonesl@nexband.com or 423-605-1816.

Harvesters Reaching the Nations

By now, you have hopefully met the Buttram family, who are special guests in our Missions House. They shared with us recently about their gospel ministry in South Sudan. Currently, they are helping to run an orphanage in the city of Yei. To know more about this amazing

ministry, sign up for their newsletter at <http://bit.ly/buttram>. There are also ways to offer financial support, such as sponsoring an orphan or special projects, by going to the Harvester's giving link at <https://www.hrtm.org/get-involved/give/>.