

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, November 13

- 8 am Deacon's Meeting
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration (Shoebox Collection Day)
- 11:15 am Kid's Worship @ The Point
- 6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, November 14

- 10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 16

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
- Turkey & Dressing Green Beans**
- Sweet Potato Casserole**
- Waldorf 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 Business Meeting/Budget
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 18-Saturday, November 19

- 5 pm Youth leave for the Ark Encounter Trip

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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| <u>Nov. 13-19</u> | <u>Nov. 20-26</u> |
| Ron Mullins | Scott O'Steen |
| Linda Daniels | Luke Daniels |
| Don Pittman | Don Pittman |

Wednesday Meal

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| <u>Nov. 16</u> | <u>Nov. 23</u> |
| Wayne Rasbury | NO |
| Charlie Rasbury | EVENING |
| Pat Medearis | MEAL |
| Sue Hughes | |

Security

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| <u>Nov. 13</u> | <u>Nov. 20</u> |
| Tom Acker | Steve Imler |
| Kris Kubler | Jeff Wright |

Greeters

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| <u>Nov. 13</u> | <u>Nov. 20</u> |
| Pat Medearis | R. Nicholson |
| Mackie Yatooma | Luther Nicholson |
| Elaine Steele | Brenda Jones |

LaunchPad

Sunday, Nov. 13

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| Babies | Jordan Long |
| | Alana Long |
| 1&2 yr olds | Kristi Mullins |
| | Heather Parente |
| 3 yr olds | Lois Carlton |
| | Joyce Tindall |

Next Sunday, Nov. 20

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| Babies | Mary Anna Paulson |
| | Marlin Paulson |
| 1&2 yr olds | Madison Stookey |
| | Angie Smith |
| 3 yr olds | Debra Stone |
| | Jane Hogsed |

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Jim Harden

Home

Larry Shipp
Sue Overlin
Anita Acker
Shirley Bryan
Cheryl Arnold
Scott & Dana O'Steen
Joyce Tindall
Winona Lewis
Betty Phillips
Helen Fisher

Raymond
Pendley

Sharon Mullins
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
Donald Buttram
Family

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

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| Sue Boswell (13) | Diane Thomas (16) | Rosemary McDonald (19) |
| Samantha Forrest (13) | Susan Touchstone (17) | Hayden Tudors (19) |
| Jeff Fletcher (14) | Stacy Thomas (18) | Bruce Underwood (19) |
| Dana Fulmer (15) | Abby Thompson (18) | |
| Penny Pitts (16) | Jameson Adams (19) | |

Staff

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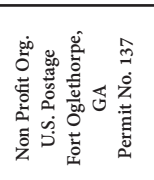
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Christ Chapel Item Crackers

Christian Sympathy
We share our condolences with Pat Medearis, Wilma Burt, and the Malone family on the death their loved one, Brenda Newport.



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Upcoming Events

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Our Christmas Shoebox Collection begins this Sunday morning, 11.13.16, and will continue through Monday, 11.21.16. This year, we are not only collecting boxes from within our church family, but we are also collecting for the entire North Georgia community. It will be exciting to see our Worship Center filled with shoebox gifts ready to be delivered to children all around the world!

Countdown to Freedom

We began our Countdown to Freedom this past Sunday during the Morning Worship Celebration! So far we have raised almost \$38,000 in first fruits and have pledged over \$220,000 towards our big two-year goal! Thank you to those who have given and pledged and to those who will make pledges in the near future. As we rally together in this time of equal sacrifice, we will wipe away our building debt and experience the freedom to BE the Church God wants us to be! You can send pledges by mail to our PO Box 2125 or bring them to our church office or to any of our worship gathering moments. Your pledge will help us know that we are one step closer to Freedom!

Pray for Our Veterans

Remember that this Friday, 11.11.16, is Veterans' Day. Let's make this day an opportunity to thank our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made and to lift them up with prayer.

Battlefield Marathon Night

We love for our church campus to be a gathering place for our community! It will become just that on Friday night, 11.11.16, with the Chattanooga Track Club hosting a pasta dinner and fellowship for the annual Battlefield Marathon. You are invited to share in this gathering moment in our Fellowship Circle and FLC Gymnasium from 5 to 9 pm.

Nov. 9 - Nov. 16

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Have you exercised your faith lately? **“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose” (Phil. 2:12-13).**

faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast” (Eph. 2:8-9). But it is also by grace that God wants to continue doing His good work in our lives. By grace, when we trust in Christ, we are as saved as we ever will be. Yet, it is through the daily workout of our faith that we learn to live as the saved ones God has declared us to be.

Don't miss out on this work of God refining you to be what He created you to be. **“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passion and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Gal. 5:24-25).** Your workout begins at the cross where you “put to death” your sin nature and live more by the Spirit. The struggle is real, but **“it is God who works in you!”** Practice yielding to Him and letting Him stretch your faith in new and exciting ways! -Jason

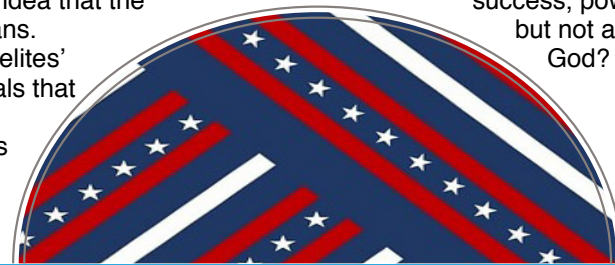


Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

It is possible to experience success and yet be void of God's presence. Success does not equal God's favor. If success is what is ultimately most important to us, we may be tempted to choose accomplishments over our relationship with God. In Exodus 33, God offered to send an angel with Israel as they entered the Promised Land to ensure their success in every endeavor. No military force could withstand them. No wall built could stop them. The blessings of the land lay before them. Even with this great sign, obedience required them to value God over anything. God said if they were an obstinate people, then He would not go with them when their hearts were far from Him. Would His people get the point? **A stubborn and rebellious heart will not be overlooked.** God does not embrace the idea that the end justifies means.

The Israelites' experience reveals that victory and great accomplishments are not necessarily a sign of God's



fellowship. **We must trust Him alone.** We should not assume that our good health, our profitable business, or the growth of our ministry is due to the favor of God. It may be that we have inadvertently chosen success over trusting the Lord. **The values of Christ must shape everything about us.**

Moses wisely concluded that success, no matter how great, is not a substitute for fellowship with God (Exodus 33:15). Moses valued God's presence over everything. Moses knew how quickly worldly achievements could disappear. His security came from his relationship with God. **Success in the world's eyes is not a sign of God's blessing. It may, in fact, indicate that we have chosen a substitute for intimate fellowship with God.** Would we be satisfied to have success, power, and wealth, but not a relationship with God?

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)

God has positioned FBCFO in a strategic place during a strategic time. We have incredible influence by the very nature of being His church! At no other time in history is it more critical to be a Believer than **now!** God is giving us a clear vision of the church He desires us to be!

How do we leverage this strategic position during this time? By having...

Freedom from Debt - Have we caught the vision of Free To BE, eliminating our building debt to create more freedom for ministry?

Outward Focus - Do we engage our guests in our worship services on our terms or on their terms? Are we seeking to build relationships outside of our Faith Family?

Local Ministry - Are we fully invested with our time and energy into ministering to those who are right here in our area?

Global Vision - Are we seeing beyond our backyard, realizing that God wants to use us to reach unreached people groups of the world with the Gospel?

We have been given a valuable gift, a favorable position, and an awesome responsibility. May we use it for the Kingdom!

Worship Well!

(Read more on my Blog: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 250
11 am Worship Attendance 282

Annual Budget 553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs 478,861.44
YTD Budget Giving 495,737.79

Total Receipts for the Week: 62,290.28
Weekly Budget Giving 20,988.18
Weekly Legacy Giving 2,852.07
Weekly Missions Giving 584.03

This Sunday's Message:

“Gospel - Through Our Relationships”
Galatians 6:1-10

Next Sunday's Message:

“Simply the Gospel” Series
Continues

Announcements

Shoebox Volunteers

If you would like to help us receive shoeboxes in our Welcome Center during the collection week, 11.14.16 - 11.21.16, please contact Debra Stone (706.935.2785) or our Church Office.

Thank You

The Fisher family would like to thank all of you for the prayers, flowers, food and love shown to them following the death of Cindy Fisher.

“Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.” (1 John 4:7)

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for our big Christmas Community Dinner scheduled for Saturday, 12.10.16. Similar to last year, this will be an all-day ministry event in our Fellowship Circle with set-up taking place the evening before.

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

November 18th-19th - Ark Encounter Trip. Cost is \$20 plus 3 meals. (2 fast food meals, 1 nutritious meal). We are leaving on Friday at 5 pm and return on Saturday around midnight.

December 10th - Community Dinner. 9 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

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

The Point: Children's Worship at The Point will be this Sunday in the FLC. The children will be dismissed from the Worship Center during the Fellowship Song and need to be picked up immediately following the Worship Service.

Christmas: In lieu of Family Christmas, this year the Children's Ministry will be hosting a Community Christmas. We will be adopting

several local families and inviting them to our Friday night performance of First Christmas: Messiah, with fun and food afterwards. We will need help providing gifts for the families. More information will be shared soon.

Launchpad: If you are scheduled to work and there is a conflict, use the "swap" feature in **VolunteerSpot** to secure a worker for your room. Thank you! As our Children's Ministry is growing we are always needing volunteers to step up to work in the many areas of Preschool and Children. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to the Children's Ministry, please let me know!

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 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.hrtn.org/get-involved/give/>.