

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, November 20

- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 5 pm Community Focus Group  
Life Group for Women
- 6 pm Evening Worship Service

## Monday, November 21

- 9 am Church Decorating
- 10:10 am Joyful Praise Singers - Pruitt

## Wednesday, November 23

No Evening Activities

## Thursday, November 24

- Happy Thanksgiving
- Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Find more info online at [www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

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| <u>Nov. 20-26</u><br>Scott O'Steen<br>Luke Daniels<br>Don Pittman | <u>Nov. 27-Dec. 3</u><br>Paul Overlin<br>Charles Helton<br>Ron Mullins |
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### Security

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| <u>Nov. 20</u><br>Steve Imler<br>Jeff Wright | <u>Nov. 27</u><br>Gene McDaniel<br>Jeff Ingram |
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### LaunchPad

#### Sunday, Nov. 20

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

### Wednesday Meal

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| <u>Nov. 23</u><br><b>NO EVENING MEAL</b> | <u>Nov. 30</u><br>Mary A. Paulson<br>Marlin Paulson<br>Olene Hendricks<br>Sandra Mullins |
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### Greeters

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| <u>Nov. 20</u><br>R. Nicholson<br>Luther Nicholson<br>Brenda Jones | <u>Nov. 27</u><br>Aurelia Little<br>Margaret Box<br>W. Honeycutt<br>R. Honeycutt |
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#### Next Sunday, Nov. 27

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| Babies      | Cathy Cox                       |
| 1&2 yr olds | Ray Cox<br>Tracie Dodson        |
| 3 yr olds   | Lisa Banister<br>Rena Honeycutt |

# Prayer Concerns

### Hospital

- Bimol Poole
- Beth Daugherty
- Bob Ward
- Jim Harden

### Home

- Daryl Lane
- Nancy Austin
- Larry Shipp
- Sue Overlin
- Anita Acker
- Shirley Bryan
- Scott O'Steen
- Joyce Tindall

- Winona Lewis
- Betty Phillips
- Helen Fisher
- Raymond Pendley
- Sharon Mullins
- Bobbie Allison
- Karen Pierce
- Tommie Brock
- 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 & Dolores Kinnison
- Norma Carpenter
- Eva Williams
- Eunice Mosman
- Eloise Morris
- Bertha Pennington

## Birthdays

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| Dolores Tant (20)   | Ashley Stookey (23)  |
| Colin Wright (20)   | Austin Maslanik (24) |
| Matthew Swain (21)  | Judy Shipley (24)    |
| Synthia Schmid (23) | Ronald Hill (26)     |
| Kathy Rainey (23)   |                      |

## 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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### Christ Chapel Item Crackers

**Christian Sympathy**  
We share our condolences with Jean Stone and family on the recent death of Jean's husband Charles Stone.



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## Upcoming Events

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Our Christmas Shoebox Collection continues this Sunday morning! This year, we are collecting boxes from within our church family and from the entire North Georgia community. The collection will conclude on Monday afternoon with a large truck-packing party and send off to Rome, Georgia. It is exciting to be part of sending these special shoebox gifts to children around the world!

### Countdown to Freedom

Our Countdown to Freedom continues this Sunday! If God is leading you to be one of our Freedom Families, we encourage you to let us know by making a pledge. 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. This is just the beginning of a two-year season of commitment and generosity. Together, we can wipe away our building debt and experience a new freedom to BE the Church God is leading us to be! Thank you for all the prayers and support!

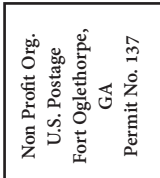
### Community Christmas Dinner

Our annual Community Christmas Dinner has touched thousands of lives in the past and will happen once again on Saturday, 12.10.16. Mark your calendar for this day-long community event in which we cook, serve, and deliver some 2,000 meals to families all around our church campus!

### First Christmas: Messiah!

This year's Christmas Production will be an entirely different presentation than before. We feature our anointed Worship Choir & Orchestra, plus we will be adding drama, audience participation, and a few other surprises! We are presenting it on two dates (Friday, Dec. 16 @ 6:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 10:45am) in our Family Life GYM! Begin inviting guests now to hear about our Messiah on that First Christmas!

Nov. 16-Nov. 23



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## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

If you are reading these words, then it is likely that you have a connection with our faith family. I hope you consider yourself part of our faith family and that together we cherish having one Heavenly Father and a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! **“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it” (1 Cor. 12:27).**

ministry. Through these groups, we not only gather as a faith family, but we grow as a faith family. We do this with hope and commitment, **“so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:12-13).**

Being part of a faith family is important, but it does not end there. From our youngest children to our oldest adults, we have twenty one Bible study classes, two LifeGroups, and counting! These classes and groups are all part of our “Growing”

If you have not given yourself to one of these groups, my prayer is that you will do so, and even help us launch new groups! There is so much that God is doing and will do through these small-group relationships. Don't miss out on the gospel working through relationships with people you love and trust and who will help you to be all that God wants you to be. With the gospel at the center of our relationships, we can love each other as we are, but too much to leave us as we are! Join a group this Sunday morning at 9:30 am after a week in His harvest field! -Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 243  
11 am Worship Attendance 318

Annual Budget 553,351.00  
YTD Budget Needs 489,502.81  
YTD Budget Giving 503,948.91

Total Receipts for the Week: 13,468.49  
Weekly Budget Giving 8,225.71  
Weekly Legacy Giving 2,364.64  
Weekly Missions Giving 276.14

### This Sunday's Message:

“Gospel - A New Creation”  
Galatians 6:11-18

### Next Sunday's Message:

Thanksgiving Weekend

## Announcements

### Joyful Praise

Our Joyful Praise Singers will be taking their talents into our community as a special ministry this Thanksgiving & Christmas season. They sing next Monday, 11.21.16, at the Pruitt Nursing Facility and will be part of our Morning Worship Service on Sunday, 11.27.16.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all the gifts, love & prayers we have received for our baby girl. We have been abundantly blessed to have such an amazing family in Christ to share this experience with. We are excited for this next journey in our lives & appreciate the continued prayers & support as we begin the path of parenthood.

### FBCFO WiFi

While on our campus, we invite you to enjoy our free Wifi internet service. The signal is still limited in some areas of the campus and we hope to improve that in the future. The passcode is Jhn316FBC. Get connected and find our weekly Sermon Event on the YouVersion Bible App.

## Discipleship

A powerful spiritual discipline is **remembrance**. Honestly it is a little scary how easily I forget things, especially if life speeds up a notch. As soon as **remembrance** slacks, our devotion slows. Even when our hearts grow cold toward God and our devotion to Him weakens, His love remains steadfast. We may forget God, but He **remembers** us.

In Jeremiah 2, God was concerned because the people of Judah had allowed their hearts to drift far from Him. In a powerful moment, God shared His heart with His people, recalling what it was like when they first began loving Him. He **remembered** how they had loved Him, as a new bride loves her husband, with excitement and enthusiasm for the future. He recalled the kindness they had expressed as they willingly followed Him wherever He led them. God reminded them of the love they once had for Him, so that the memory might rekindle feelings of devotion and their hearts might return to Him.



Andy Atkinson

Pray that is what God brings to us. Deep memories of God's love being shown us and how we were set on fire of passion and zeal.

If we do not guard our heart, we will grow cold in our love for Christ. A time may come when He approaches us and reminds us what our relationship was once like. Do we recollect the joy that permeated our life when we first believed? Do we **remember** the thrill we experienced each time we came to understand a new dimension of His nature? **You may not realize how far you have drifted from God until you contrast the love you are expressing to Him now with that of earlier days.** God has not changed. He is the same Person you gave your heart to when you became a believer (Mal. 3:6-7). If your love for God is not as energetic as it once was, return to Him.

**Remember** and He will restore the intimate fellowship you once shared with Him.

## Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

**This Friday & Saturday – 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 returning 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.

**December 4 - Camp Lunch**

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11**

**Christmas Ministry:** We are opening our Christmas Family Night to the community this year! We're excited about adopting several local families and inviting them to our Friday night performance of First Christmas: Messiah, with fun and food to follow. We will need help providing gifts for these families. More information will be coming your way soon.

## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

*7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6:7-10)*

All of us sow seeds, and all of us reap the results of those seeds. Our choice is: What kind of seeds we are to sow?

The above word tells us that if we sow **good** seeds, we will reap **good** rewards. If we sow bad seeds, we will reap bad rewards. How can we sow **good** seeds? In our:

**Speech...** Do we speak (and write and post) positive words about others, or negative words? (Even the words we speak about strangers.)

**Actions...** Do we seek to do good to others, or do we choose to ignore and look away?

**Prayers...** Do we diligently pray in faith for the needs of others, or only for our own needs?

**Giving...** Do we give generously to Kingdom pursuits, or do we hoard for ourselves?

If we will live by faith, sowing seeds of positive speech, godly actions, other-centered prayer, and generous giving, we will reap a similar reward. May we sow good seed, in all that we do!

**Worship Well!**

*(Read more on my Blog: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))*

-Brad

## Keenager's Pecan Sale

The Keenager's Pecans & Nuts are here and will cost \$11 due to the heat and hurricane on the pecan fields. Call Wayne & Rena Honeycutt at 706.866.2497 if you want pecans or other goodies.

## 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](mailto:jonesl@nexband.com) or 423-605-1816.

## Operation Christmas Child Day Trip

We are assembling a team to head to Atlanta on Thursday, 12.15.16, to spend the afternoon volunteering at the OCC Collection Center. We'll meet on our campus at 9 am and return around 8 pm.

There will be a lunch stop on the way and a dinner stop on the way back. Call the Church Office (706-866-0232) to sign-up!