

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
Starting Line Begins in the FC
10:55 am Morning Worship Service
11:15 pm Kid's @ The Point
12:15 pm Launchpad Appreciation Luncheon
4:00 pm Church Council Meeting
5:30 pm Women's Life Group
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Day
(Church Office Closes at noon)

Tuesday, January 17

12 pm Lydia Class Meeting
(Home of Audrey Brown)

Wednesday, January 18

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Beef Tips & Noodles Green Beans
Raisin & Carrot Salad Bread Dessert
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
6 pm Kids' Clubhouse Friends
Group Bible studies
The Point Band Rehearsal
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 21

4 pm Constructors for Christ Dinner Meeting

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Jan. 15-21
Linda Daniels
Marlin Paulson
Jan. 22-28
Bruce Underwood
Mary A. Paulson
Luke Daniels

Security

Jan. 15
G. McDaniel
Jeff Ingram
Jan. 22
Alvin Davis
Ron Bethune

Wednesday Meal

Jan. 18
Mary A. Paulson
Marlin Paulson
Olene Hendricks
Sandra Mullins
Jan. 25
Charles Helton
Nancy Smith
Betty Parrish
Betty Dunwoody

Greeters

Jan. 15
Donna Lindsey
Donnie Lindsey
Louise Stinnett
Jan. 22
Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
Elaine Steele

LaunchPad

Sunday, Jan. 15

Babies Joyce Rogers
Lora Ogden
1&2 yr olds Angie Smith
David White
3 yr olds Ron Mullins
Sandra Mullins

Next Sunday, Jan. 22

Babies Julie Wright
Cindy Shipp
1&2 yr olds Angie Smith
3 yr olds Linda Daniels
Laura Jones

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Helen Fisher
Tom Brewster

Home

Laura Jones
Al Davis
Bimol Poole
Scott O'Steen
Sue Overlin
Beth Daugherty
Ron Mullins
Stephen Mosman

Patti Godfrey
Doug Trew
Anita Acker
Winona Lewis
Betty Phillips
Raymond Pendley
Sharon Mullins
Bobbie Allison
Karen Pierce
Tommie Brock
John & June Stewart
Tressie Fletcher
Linda Sikes

Shirley Bryan
Ken & Betty Goodner
Helen Epperson
Sam & Mary Lou Brown
Neill Smith
Vera Thomas

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

Asher Atkinson (15)
Audrey Brown (15)
Patrick Todaro 915)
Becky Trew (15)
Kristi Born (16)
Chris Stephens (16)
Jason Trundler (16)
Susan VanWagner (17)
Carolyn Crane (18)
Barbara Poole (18)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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Welcome Our Newest Member!

Mrs. Drew Todaro
719 Brookfield Avenue
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Upcoming Events

The Starting Line

Due to the difficult weather conditions this past Sunday, we will be relaunching the first session of the Starting Line this Sunday, 1.15.17, at 9:30 am. Pastor Jason is leading this four-week class for frequent visitors, new members, and anyone who would like more information about the church and what it means to follow Jesus. The class meets at 9:30 am in our downstairs Fellowship Circle with coffee & donuts.

Launch Pad Appreciation Lunch

Thank you so much for your service to our LaunchPad Worship Nursery! We are having an appreciation lunch this Sunday, 1.15.17, right after the morning worship celebration. This lunch is for all current and new volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please join us. We will be introducing some exciting new updates and looking at the schedule for 2017.

The State of the Church

Join us in worship on Sunday morning, 1.22.17, at 10:55 am as we celebrate the ministry highlights of 2016 and look ahead with a special vision for 2017. Because we have a good, good Father, the state of our Church, His Church, is very strong!

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Lottie Moon was one of our most famous missionaries to China in the late 1800's. The Christmas offering that bears her name is a great way to continue her legacy of taking the gospel to the nations. Every cent of every gift will go straight to global missions! **Our goal this year is \$16,500.** Help us reach this goal. So far we have raised \$8,034.50. The deadline to give will be Sunday, 1.29.17.

Jan 11-Jan 18

Word From Our Pastor

How big is your world? If you have ever stepped on an airplane and flown across the “big pond,” you have experienced a taste of just how big the world is. If you were to fly all the way around the 26,000 miles of the world, it would take around 50 hours of flight time, and that is without any time for refueling!

The world is a really big place. Yet, from the moment that God set the world into motion, He also gave us the ability to set our feet on the ground and find our place. God wants each one of us to find our place and live to the fullest at any given moment in that place. To do this well, our challenge is not

Jason Thomas

about potential. Here at the start of a new year and in a big world, you and I have all the potential we need. The problem is finding the right time and place within this world. For some, you have allowed your world to become too big and you are too busy to really leave a mark. For others, your world has become too small and you are not connecting enough with the right people and places where your impact could be felt.

In this tension between too big and too small, consider your daily routine. To manage your world and find your place, you will need some degree of consistency and routine. Yet, has your routine become, well, too routine? We will unpack this more at our celebration gathering this Sunday morning. Until then consider this... **“‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work’” (John 4:34).** If you can say that each morning at breakfast, you are well on your way to leaving your mark for Him! -Jason



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 176
11 am Worship Attendance 220

Annual Budget 559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs 21,501.81
YTD Budget Giving 24,781.03

Total Receipts for the Week: 16,127.05
Weekly Budget Giving 11,823.11
Weekly Freedom Giving 3,124.00
Weekly Missions Giving 904.94

Announcements

Lydia Class Mtg.
The Lydia Class will meet this Tuesday, 1.18.17, 12 pm at the home of Audrey Brown in Fort O. Meet at the church campus by 11:15 am if you plan to ride the church bus to Audrey’s home.

Congratulations
To Patrick & Drew Todaro on the arrival of a Baby Girl, Piper Caroline (7 lbs, 1 oz; 21 inches long) born December 13. The proud Grandparents are Jeff & Miki Ingram, and the uncles are Michael and Parker Ingram.

Free to BE!
As we begin a new year in 2017, be on the lookout for new and fun ways to be one of our Freedom Families. There will be special events coming our way soon. Together, we will wipe away our building debt and experience the freedom to BE the Church God is leading us to be! Thank you for your prayers & support!

Discipleship

One hindrance to hearing a word from God may be our own wisdom. Wisdom, like success, can delude us to think we should take the role of teacher rather than student. **A lifetime learner will never lose the posture of a disciple.** Our knowledge lulls us into thinking we have sufficient wisdom to meet any challenge. Believing we are wise tempts us to evaluate the shortcomings of others, yet be unaware of how much growth is still required in ourselves.

The Pharisees were the religious experts of their day. They possessed much information about God and the ancient scriptures, but they had no ear to hear or respond to His voice. They manipulated knowledge to meet their desired results and refused to reconsider themselves. Jesus thanked His Father that it was not to these “experts” that the Father had revealed spiritual truth, but rather to those who were humble and who recognized their need for God’s revelation. We are in need of Him no matter



Andy Atkinson

what our circumstances may be. **Our posture is pivotal whether conscious or subconsciously.**

When religious leaders experience spiritual failure, their downfall is often met with surprise. It shouldn’t be. Religious people with the most knowledge are sometimes the ones least responsive to God’s Word. Knowledge can easily lead to pride, and ego impedes us from seeking God.

So how do you know if you are a “Pharisee”? When you do not have a teachable spirit. When you do not seek to hear from God, believing you already know what He thinks. When you feel that you are capable of helping others in their spiritual lives, but no one can teach you anything and lack transparency. Allow God’s word to shape you and do not manipulate truth to serve your purposes. Don’t allow the limited knowledge you now have to blind you to the great insights God still wants to show you.

Youth Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Camp Fundraiser Lunch - The next Camp Fundraiser Lunch fundraiser will be Feb 5th. Don’t forget to be there at 9:00 am and stay through clean-up at around 1:45. This is also when your next camp deposit is due. **DON’T FORGET DESSERTS!**

DNOW - We finally have the dates: February 24-26. We will spend the night at the church campus on Friday (and maybe Saturday).

March 26th. Winter Jam – Cost will be \$10.00. Details to follow.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

Summer Camp: All those who are going to Lee University for Student Life Camp for Kids, June 29-July 2, need to pay the \$60 deposit now. Our next Camp Fundraiser Lunch will be February 5.

The Point: We will be kicking off Children's Worship at The Point for the New Year January on 15 & 22 this month. Make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

As we move forward in this new year, God’s Word has a great encouragement for us. Ephesians 5:15-16 says: *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

In these verses we are encouraged to **be careful, be wise, be diligent, and be aware.**

Be careful: Know every step you take, every word you speak, every action you do, and every thought you have.

Be wise: Evaluate every step, word, action, and thought and make sure they are exercised with wisdom.

Be diligent: When you step, speak, act, and think, have purpose rather than just going along with everyone else.

Be aware: Everyone else, unless they are fully committed to God’s Word and His Presence, will lead you into futility.

Our lives are too precious to God for us to simply be driven along by the influences around us. He desires for us to have purpose, and to live that purpose out with every step, word, action, and thought we have.

As we move forward then in this new year, may I challenge all of us to ask ourselves: Am I being careful, wise, diligent, and aware, or am I allowing myself to drift along haphazardly?

Worship Well!

(Read more about this on my Blog: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



Women's Ministry

Women of Joy - Contact Laura Jones at jones@nexband.com or 423.605.1816 to confirm you intend to go to the Women of Joy 2017 Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. April 28-30.

LifeGroup for Women - Resumes this Sunday at 5:30 pm.

Cookbooks - Buy your copy of the brand new Georgia Church Suppers Cookbook on Sunday morning in the Welcome Center for \$15 (\$5 of the sale goes to our Women’s Ministry).

Last Call for Pecans!

Only a few bags of pecans remain! Call Rena Honeycutt (706-866-2497) to get your pecans. Here’s what remains: 2 chocolate, 3 pralines, and 7 black

walnuts. The cost is \$10 per bag. Thanks for helping to make this Keenager fundraiser a big success!

Equip Sunday

Equip Sunday happens only a few times a year when we “circle the wagons” and discuss some specific ideas and plans for our adult Group Ministry.

The next Equip Sunday is **Jan 29 at 9:30am**. We will have coffee and

donuts from 9:15-9:30 in the Welcome Center and proceed to the Worship Center from 9:30 to 9:55. At 9:55 we will deploy everyone to their normal groups. Please begin this Sunday to notify your group so that all of our adult groups can participate in this effort.