

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, January 29

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

Equip Gathering for all Adult Groups

10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration

5:30 pm Women's Life Group

6 pm Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, February 1

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Barbecue Baked Beans

Potato Salad Cole Slaw

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 Pastor's Prayer Service

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Al Davis
Fred Boswell
Helen Fisher

Home

Tressie Fletcher
Laura Jones
Bimol Poole
Scott O'Steen
Tom Brewster
Beth Daugherty
Stephen
Mosman
Patti Godfrey

Doug Trew
Anita Acker
Winona Lewis
Betty Phillips
Sharon Mullins
Bobbie Allison
Karen Pierce
Tommie Brock
John Stewart
Linda Sikes
Shirley Bryan
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Nell Smith

Helen
Epperson
Sam & Mary
Lou Brown

Nursing Home

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

Birthdays

Micki Atkinson (29)
Jackie Bell (29)
Marie McDaniel (29)
Ruth Stinson (29)
Shelly Wilson (29)
Michael Ingram (30)
Cree Jeffress (30)

Kenny Lee (30)
Nicole Miller (30)
Serenity Forrest (31)
Denise Montgomery (31)
John Stewart (31)
Jackson White (31)

Rylee Paradiso (1)
Sky Richardson (2)
Levanda Swafford (2)
Stan Grell (3)
Genny Bowman (4)
Linga George (4)
Anita McDowell (4)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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Christ Chapel
Item of the Month:
Crackers

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Tim Banister
Raymond Pendley
Charles Helton

Feb. 5-11

Ronnie Born
Kerry Pennington
Patrice Humphrey

Wednesday Meal

Feb. 1

James Swafford
Elaine Steele
MaryJo Case

Feb. 8

Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant

Security

Jan. 29

J. Swafford
Eddy Trotter

Feb. 5

Paul Overlin

Greeters

Jan. 29

Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rogers
Brenda Jones

Feb. 5

W. Honeycutt
Rena Honeycutt
Preble McDaniel
Gene McDaniel

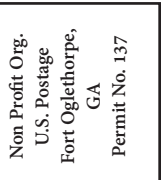
Sunday, Jan 29

Babies Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rodgers
1&2 yr olds Parker Ingram
Michael Ingram
3 yr olds Greg Leath
Michele Leath
Jane Hogsed
Welcome Jane Hogsed

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, Feb. 5

Babies Sarah Kubler
Darlene Lane
1&2 yr olds Amber White
Brenda Lynch
3 yr olds Debbie harp
Kim Flegal
Angie Smith
Welcome Angie Smith



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Upcoming

Equip Sunday

This Sunday will be our first Equip Sunday of the new year! All of our adult Bible Study members, leaders, and guests are invited to meet in the Worship Center at 9:30 am to pray and discuss upcoming plans for our adult Group Ministry. At 9:55 am, we will deploy everyone to their normal classrooms. Donuts for all will be available in our Main Welcome Center at 9:15 am.

The Starting Line

The Starting Line continues this Sunday, 1.29.17, immediately following Equip. 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 in our downstairs Fellowship Circle.

Baptism Sunday

Anytime a person turns to Christ to receive salvation, a wonderful next step is for him/her to be baptized. In salvation, as the Holy Spirit enters us, so we then express that reality and celebrate it through water baptism. We have that opportunity to celebrate in the lives of Madison and Abby Thompson on Sunday, 2.12.17. Join us in this celebration on 2.12.17, at the beginning of our morning worship service!

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a great way to help take the gospel to the nations because every cent of every gift will go straight to global missions! Our goal this year is \$16,500, and so far we have raised \$8,134.50. The final opportunity to give is this Sunday, 1.29.17. Thanks for your gift!

Jan 25-Feb 1

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Do we assume our kids know what we think they should know? In part 2 of our 5 part look at improving our “parental” influence, let’s consider this common mistake. If I take my kids to weekly on-campus ministry events, is that enough for me to assume that they know what they should know when it comes to their Christian faith?

Consider this moment with Jesus and His closest disciples. **“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his**



disciples’” (Luke 11:1). This was a teachable moment, but one that could have easily been missed. How did Jesus handle this question? How in the world did these disciples not already know how to pray?

Jesus did not take this moment for granted or frown upon the question. Instead, he took the time to talk with his disciples and teach them what it means to pray. This is a wonderful model for us as parents. How do we respond when our kids ask faith-related questions. Though we may not know all the answers, God does. We can find answers in His Word and from people we connect with in our bigger Faith Family.

May we handle their questions with grace and attention and take the next step of asking our own questions that they may not yet have considered. Stimulate their thinking and take them to God’s Word. This is a wonderful compliment to what they are experiencing weekly on our church campus! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	237
11 am Worship Attendance	293
Annual Budget	559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs	43,003.62
YTD Budget Giving	41,409.77
Total Receipts for the Week:	10,093.16
Weekly Budget Giving	7,521.41
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,863.75
Weekly Missions Giving	488.00

Announcements

Contributions
Your 2016 contribution statements will be available for pick up in the Main Welcome Center beginning this Sunday. After 2.8.17, we will mail out the statements that have not been retrieved.

We Need You!
Become part of our Kitchen Volunteer Team on Wednesday evenings. The shifts are only every six weeks. Contact Elaine Steele (423.903.2365) if you are interested.

Free to BE!
As we get going in the new year, 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

Do you have a sense of what God has called you to do? I pray that we absorb our covenant vocation not just in the sense of a purpose but also a meaning. **Paul never lost his wonder at having been called by God.** He understood that the way he lived ought to be worthy of the King who had chosen him. He knew that the mystery of the gospel had been hidden for generations and had only been revealed in his day through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:26-27). The proclamation that “the kingdom of God is here” has great meaning in our everyday life. Paul had a great purpose in being the apostle sent to the gentiles, but through his writings we see what got him through the trials were a meaningful calling into a adopted relationship with a loving God that sustained him. As a result of God’s plan of salvation, those who trust in Jesus are not only made alive in Christ but are also adopted as



Andy Atkinson

the Father’s children (Rom. 8:16-17). This is not an afterthought! Paul recognized that though the gospel sounds like foolishness to the world, it is the power of God that brings abundant life to those who absorb it and are molded by it.

Because Paul’s life had been radically transformed by the gospel, he was intent on living to honor the gospel that gave him life. It would have been tragic to receive the riches of the gospel and then to live as a spiritual phony. It would have been disgraceful to be saved from death by the blood of Christ and then show no reverence for that sacrifice. It would have been foolish to accept such love from Christ and then to resent what He asked in return. The way you live your life ought to be a tribute to the matchless grace that your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has bestowed upon you. We don’t just serve a purpose or function, but have a meaning value that is intrinsic from the work of God!

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

As I am sitting in a hotel room in South Georgia I happened upon a quote that made me think about why many Christians may get discouraged with Christianity that I felt I needed to share.

“Many people live an inverted form of Christianity, trying to get GOD to serve their purposes instead of them trying to serve HIS purposes”. (ref: Chase the Goose) Is this the Christianity that you are living? If so, why not start out the new year with a change. If we put HIS purposes above ours I believe you will experience a new and heightened spirit of adventure and enthusiasm FOR GOD.

Children's Headlines

"Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4:8

The Point: Children's Worship at The Point will meet again on February 12 and 26. Don't forget to bring a friend!

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

Nichole Stookey

EggFest: Mark your calendars! We will be hosting our annual EggFest on Saturday, April 15 from 3-5pm. Look for information about egg donations and volunteer sign-ups in the next few weeks.

Parent's Night Out: First Blessings will be hosting another Parent's Night Out Fundraiser this February 11 from 5-10pm. This time: A special Valentine's Day Date Night! Contact Nichole for more information.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

A lot has been said by our leadership team lately about Sunday worship being a culmination and celebration of what God has done in and through our lives during the week. It is our desire for our Sunday gathered worship times to be vibrant and spirited, full of heartfelt praise and intimate worship.

For many Believers, gathered Sunday worship is a place to get “filled-up” rather than a place to celebrate. We come empty, rather than overflowing.

Have you ever felt this way? Do you find yourself entering our Worship Center hoping for a touch from God, instead of entering abounding with praise?

Too often we find ourselves struggling during the week. The pressures of life, the weight of parenting, the stresses of the workplace, the burden of difficult relationships all contribute to emptying us of life rather than making us full of life. We feel loss, failure, insignificance, and defeat.

We cry out to God, but many times we feel like He isn’t listening. We

“try to do better,” but find that our efforts are not enough. We pour out our hearts to a close friend (or with everybody on Facebook), but many times they turn it around and make it about their own struggles, rather than offering us significant solutions.

What can we do to change this? I will be spending the next few weeks sharing biblical and practical solutions to help us become a vibrant church that worships out of personal fullness. Watch this column for more. Until then...

Worship Well!

(Check out 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 on April 28-30.

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).

Spring Craft - Join us in the Fellowship Circle for crafts on Saturday, March 4 from 10am-2pm. We will make a picture frame cross.

Senior Adult Valentine Dinner

Back by popular demand! All Senior Adults (55 and over) whether single, a couple, or group are cordially invited to the “Be Our Valentine Dinner” on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5:30pm. Enjoy an elegant four course dinner (Tender Beef Short Ribs, Fingerling Potatoes, and a few

culinary surprises) for the cost of only \$15 per person. Reservations are required and should be made with the Church Office (706.866.0232) along with your payment by Wednesday, Feb. 8. Please let us know about any food allergies you have and/or if you require a sugar-free dessert.

Veterans Ministry

Will Hodges, a senior at Ridgeland High School, is conducting a senior project to raise awareness and offer support for homeless veterans in our area. You will find a collection box in our Main Welcome Center where you

can donate coats, socks, gloves, and personal hygiene items to support this effort. Donations will be collected throughout the month of February. Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) for more information.

