

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, January 22

**9:30 am** Sunday Bible Study  
Starting Line in the FC

**10:55 am** Morning Worship Service:  
"State of the Church"

**11:15 pm** Kid's @ The Point

**12:15 pm** Freedom Team Meeting

**5 pm** Atkinson Life Group

**6 pm** Evening Worship Service

## Wednesday, January 25

**5 pm** Wednesday Evening Meal

**Chicken & Dressing Green Beans  
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** Pastor's Prayer Service

**7:15 pm** Worship Choir Rehearsal

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

Jan. 22-28  
Bruce Underwood  
Mary A. Paulson  
Luke Daniels

Jan. 29-Feb. 4  
Tim Banister  
Raymond Pendley  
Charles Helton

### Wednesday Meal

Jan. 25  
Charles Helton  
Nancy Smith  
Betty Parrish  
Betty Dunwoody

Feb. 1  
James Swafford  
Elaine Steele  
MaryJo Case

### Security

Jan. 22  
Alvin Davis  
Ron Bethune

Jan. 29  
James Swafford  
Eddy Trotter

### Greeters

Jan. 22  
Shelly Brooks  
Pam Bethune  
Elaine Steele

Jan. 29  
Cindy Shipp  
Joyce Rogers  
Brenda Jones

### Sunday, Jan 22 LaunchPad

Babies Julie Wright  
Madison Stookey  
1&2 yr olds Linda Daniels  
3 yr olds  
Welcome Angie Smith

### Next Sunday, Jan. 29

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

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Fred Boswell

## Home

Helen Fisher  
Laura Jones  
Melissa Pittman  
Al Davis  
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  
Tressie Fletcher  
Linda Sikes  
Shirley Bryan  
Ken & Betty  
Goodner  
Nell Smith

Helen  
Epperson  
Sam & Mary  
Lou Brown  
Vera Thomas

## Nursing Home

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

## Birthdays

Addison Long (22)  
Wanda Thomas (22)  
Joyce Barger (23)  
Anita Vickrey (23)  
Andy Atkinson (24)  
Laura Grant (24)

Jessen Hogsed (24)  
Charlie Rasbury (24)  
George Smith (24)  
Levi Swain (24)  
Gabriel Swain (24)  
Amber White (24)

Avery Thomas (25)  
Renee Goodale (26)  
Patrice Humphrey (26)  
Nancy Smith (27)

## 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  
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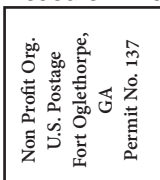
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**Christ Chapel**  
**Item of the Month:**  
**Crackers**



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## Upcoming

### The State of the Church

Join us in worship this 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 Starting Line

The Starting Line continues this Sunday, 1.22.17, 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.

### 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, 1.29.17. Join us in this celebration on 1.29.17, at the beginning of our morning worship service!

### 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 \$8,134.50 **The final opportunity to give is Sunday, 1.29.17!** Thanks for your support!

Jan 18-Jan 25

# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

You could be the greatest influence! Researchers with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board have been studying people in the 26 to 39 age group to better understand why some folks stay connected with a local church beyond high school and why so many do not. Based on their study, one of the top reasons that

best use our influence to make a difference. Most of us would say we want our young people to know Jesus and continue to follow Him once they become adults. Yet, could it be that we sometimes push them away inadvertently?

Consider this first question:

**How do you discuss the subject of faith in your home?** Do you encourage and help your kids think deeply, study God's Word, and connect reason to what they believe? If the subject of faith is rarely discussed or frowned upon in your home, then it might be that you are teaching your kids, "just believe because others say so," or even worse, that personal faith is not that important. Faith like that is not faith that will persevere once your kids are out on their own. Have weekly conversations. Let them ask hard questions. Take them to God's Word. And above all, let them see you getting into the Word and getting active as the church! -Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 230  
11 am Worship Attendance 284

Annual Budget 559,047.00  
YTD Budget Needs 32,252.71  
YTD Budget Giving 33,888.36

Total Receipts for the Week: 11,144.56  
Weekly Budget Giving 9,107.33  
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,865.18  
Weekly Missions Giving 452.94

## Announcements

**Good News Club**  
Our local Battlefield Primary School is looking for a ministry partner to begin a weekly afternoon Good News Club on their campus. Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) to learn more!

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

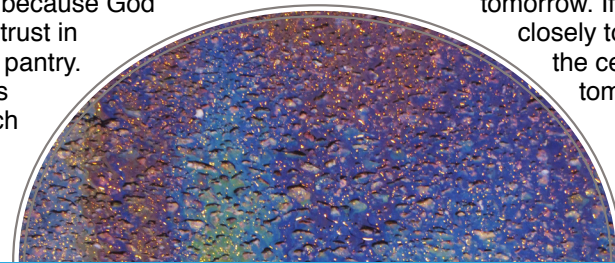
**Free to BE!**  
As we begin a new year in 2017, be on the lookout for new and fun ways to be one of our Freedom Families. There will be special events coming our way soon. Together, we will wipe away our building debt and experience the freedom to BE the Church God is leading us to be! Thank you for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

# Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Jesus often commanded His followers not to worry. **Often in words that were difficult to swallow.** He told them not to be anxious about tomorrow's needs or potential problems (Matt. 6:25). Rather, Jesus stressed a daily reliance on the Father, who provides for His children day by day.

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, they had no way to get food. Miraculously, God provided manna that appeared on the ground each morning. **It was designed to be mysterious.** God's provision was sufficient for one day at a time. Each day the children of Israel received fresh manna as a tangible reminder of God's love for them. If they attempted to store it for the days to come, they found that it had spoiled by the next day. It was impossible to stockpile God's provision because God wanted them to trust in Him, not in their pantry. God's grace was sufficient for each



day. Trusting God is a continuous effort and reminds of His complete and sufficient love.

God wants us to trust Him daily with our needs. This trust does not make us poor planners or careless with our futures, unprepared to face what may come. Rather, it keeps our relationship with the Lord in its proper perspective as He reminds us daily of our dependence upon Him.

God is aware of what tomorrow will bring and how we should prepare for it. He knows the problems we will face, and He has already made provision for us to overcome them. He asks us to trust in Him daily. Our faith in Him today cannot substitute for our trust in Him tomorrow, as in just because I did it today doesn't mean I don't have to do it tomorrow. If we walk with Him closely today, we will be in the center of His will tomorrow.

## Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

**Camp Fundraiser Lunch** - The next Camp Fundraiser Lunch will be on Feb 5th. Don't forget to be there at 9:00am 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

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11**

**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.

**The Point:** We will have Children's Worship at The Point again this Sunday, January 22. Don't forget to bring a friend!

**Launchpad:** Thank You! We appreciate all of you that worked in Launchpad

over the last year and all of you that plan to volunteer this year as well! It's not too late to sign up to help just 3 times throughout the year!

**EggFest:** Mark your calendars! We will be hosting our annual EggFest, Saturday, April 15 from 3-5. 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 11th from 5pm-10pm. This time: a special Valentine's Day Date Night! Contact Nichole for more information.

# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

This past Sunday, the Presence of God was powerful during our time of worship! What made it that way? Here are some thoughts:

- God sovereignly chose to "visit" and move among us. We cannot dictate this. We can only ask and expect God to do this.
- Our singers and musicians prepared musically, but more importantly they prepared spiritually to lead. Our teams know that we cannot lead people to a place we have not been ourselves.
- Many of you came with expectant hearts. You expected God's Presence.

I have asked this question before:

**What is the best preparation for worship?** The answer is simple: **The best preparation for worship is worship!**

If the best preparation for worship is worship, then what we do in our personal lives on Monday through Saturday affects how we worship on Sundays.

Gathered Sunday worship is the culmination of what has happened Monday Saturday in our lives, not the beginning point. Although we leave encouraged and **spiritually full**, we don't gather to worship for the sole purpose of getting our tanks

full. We gather because our tanks are **already full** of God's grace, and we want to express it together.

Put another way, the level and intensity of our personal worship directly affects the level and intensity of our gathered worship. If we are not worshipping personally throughout the week, we cannot expect our gathered worship to be powerful.

So I ask: Are you having a consistent, personal time alone with God each day? Are you worshipping Him throughout your day Monday - Saturday? Do you wake up on Sunday morning overflowing with the goodness of God in your life? **Worship Well!** (Check out my Blog: [Bigcloud.tv](http://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.

**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 for the cost of only \$15 per person. Reservations are required and should be made with the church office along with your payment by Wednesday, Feb. 8.

## 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. Begin this Sunday to notify your group so that all of our adult groups can participate in this effort.

