

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, March 12

- 8 am Deacon's Meeting
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 11:15 am Kid's Worship @ The Point
- 4 pm Grief Share (Builder's Room)
- 5 pm Women's Life Group
- 6 pm Evening Worship Service

## Monday, March 13

- 10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers @ NHC Rossville

## Tuesday, March 14

- 10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

## Wednesday, March 15

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
- Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes**
- Broccoli Salad Bread Dessert**
- 5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
- Financial Peace (Ambassador's Room)
- 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 - Business Meeting
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

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|------------------|----------------|
| March 12-18      | March 19-25    |
| Patrice Humphrey | Donnie Lindsay |
| Jeff Wright      | Tim Banister   |
| Paul Overlin     | Marlin Paulson |

## Wednesday Meal

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|----------------|-----------------|
| March 15       | March 22        |
| James Swafford | Frankie Trotter |
| Elaine Steele  | Hal Jones       |
| Mary Jo Case   | Charles Tant    |
| Cathy Cox      | Dolores Tant    |

## Security

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| March 12    | March 19       |
| Alvin Davis | James Swafford |
| Ron Bethune | Eddy Trotter   |

## Greeters

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| March 12         | March 19         |
| R. Nicholson     | Aurelia Little   |
| Luther Nicholson | Margaret Box     |
| Dolores Tant     | Terry Pennington |

## Sunday, Mar. 12 LaunchPad

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Babies      | Mary A. Paulson |
|             | Marlin Paulson  |
| 1&2 yr olds | Jane Hogsed     |
|             | Madison Stookey |
| 3 yr olds   | Debra Stone     |
|             | Cheryl McCurdy  |
| Welcome     | Shelly Brooks   |

## Next Sunday, Mar. 19

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|-------------|------------------|
| Babies      | Nancy Smith      |
|             | Madison Stookey  |
| 1&2 yr olds | Joy Clark        |
|             | Erie Stookey     |
| 3 yr olds   | Madison Thompson |
|             | Becky Pennington |
| Welcome     | Angie Smith      |

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

- Al Davis
- Gaynell Elrod
- Edna Morgan

## Home

- Becky Born
- Cincotta
- Tom Brewster
- Helen Fisher
- Tressie Fletcher
- Bimol Poole
- Scott O'Steen
- Beth Daugherty

- Stephen Mosman
- Patti Godfrey
- Anita Acker
- Betty Phillips
- Sharon Mullins
- Bobbie Allison
- Karen Pierce
- Tommie Brock
- John & June Stewart
- Linda Sikes
- Shirley Bryan

- George Smith
- Ken & Betty Goodner
- Nell Smith
- Helen Epperson
- Sam & Mary Lou Brown

- Norma Carpenter
- Eva Williams
- Eunice Mosman
- Eloise Morris
- Bertha Pennington
- Fred Boswell

## Nursing Home

- Bob Ward
- Lila Archer
- Dale & Delores Kinnison

## Birthdays

- Patricia Clark (13)
- Helen Fisher (15)
- Jase Bethune (17)
- Storm Maslanik (18)
- Mary A. Paulson (18)

## Staff

- Pastor - Jason Thomas
- Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
- Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
- Youth Minister - Kevin Stone
- Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
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- Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins
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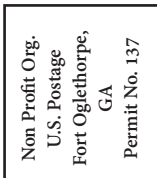
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**Food of the Week:**  
**Crackers**



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## Upcoming

### Spring Forward Saturday Night

As we look forward to our gathering moments this Sunday morning, remember that we spring forward one hour this weekend. Our 9:30 am Bible Study Groups and 10:55 am Worship Celebration will meet on time, but you will be an hour too late if you don't spring forward. We hope to see you well and on time this Sunday!

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

God is doing a great work of reaching people and planting churches in our country. Yet, there is much more work to be done. Please pray for our missionaries and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Every dollar you give will go towards church planting and missions in the United States. Our 2017 goal is \$6,000 and so far we have received \$480. Thanks for your support!

### The Butterflies Have Taken Flight!

Don't be too surprised to find a colorful "Freedom" Butterfly in your flower garden sometime very soon. The Butterflies have taken flight and will continue throughout March for our cause of Freedom. This is a fun way to continue or countdown to being debt free. For a suggested donation of only \$20, you can pay the Butterfly forward into another church member's front yard of your choice!

### New Bible Studies

We are excited to announce two special Bible Studies that have begun this month. **Grief Share** continues this Sunday at 4 pm and **Financial Peace** continues on Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Both classes meet weekly on our campus through the month of May. Call the Church Office for more information and to sign up!

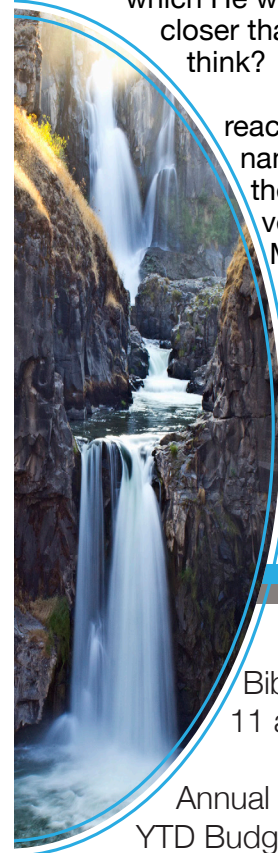
**March 8 - March 15**



## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

What about the person next door? As we step into part two of our series on doing the little things well, we consider who should be on the receiving end of our prayers, our encouragement, and our outreach. We begin, of course, asking and trusting God to show us the way. Yet, could it be that the person to which He will guide us is closer than we might think?



When Jesus reached out to a guy named Matthew, the next step was very simple. Matthew began reaching out to the people he already knew... His most natural and already-existing relationships. **"While Jesus was having**

**dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples" (Matt. 9:10).** Matthew already knew these people and simply invited them to a friendly, dinner experience to meet Jesus.

We often make this too complicated. Consider, as you pray, that God would help you connect with the people whom you already know. Begin with your family. They are your first and most important ministry (See Deut. 6:7). It could be something as simple as sharing a consistent daily or weekly meal together that can include some meaningful, God-centered conversation. Beyond your family, consider the people you work with or the neighbors next door. Perhaps your next BBQ on the back porch could turn into something even more meaningful than the BBQ! We can do these little things throughout the week and celebrate the moments together each Sunday! -Jason

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Ephesians gives great insight to the lifestyle that ought to characterize Christians as they relate to one another. Our actions ought to be permeated with kindness. Kindness is love expressed in practical ways; philosophically it is putting the needs of others before our own. It is intentionally considering ways to meet other people's needs.

Being compassionate means that we are keenly sensitive to the feelings of others that we are vulnerable to be with them. It is a type of letting go of ourselves. When a fellow Christian experiences sorrow, we grieve also (1 Cor. 12:26). When another believer is joyful, we, too, rejoice. Because we follow Christ, we are willing to let go of any status, position, or right in order that we may reflect the extend of God's love. This takes us to an extreme sharing and a place where we are uncomfortable, which leads to our growth.

We show complete forgiveness because we, too, fall short of God's ideal. Let's forgive



everyone, everywhere, of everything all the time. Often we are less patient with our fellow disciples than we are with nonbelievers. When this happens, we need to look closely at the cross and remember the forgiveness we all received there and its extreme nature. It is only after embracing this peace that we live in the compassionate kindness of Ephesians. We must set aside the self-centeredness. We cannot pick and chose who to be kind to and who not to be. This kindness of not of the gospel.

Jesus did not say that the world will know Him by our miracles, by our grand testimonies, or by our vast Bible knowledge. The world will know Him by the love that Christians show to one another (John 13:35). Are we constantly in conflict with others? Ask God to give us kindness, a compassionate heart, and a forgiving spirit. As we allow the Spirit to build these qualities into us, our life will be a blessing to others around us.

## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

What will people think? I'm sure all of us have asked that question at one time or another during worship. What if I raise my hands, or go forward and kneel, or clap?

Consider King David: *Wearing a linen ephod (type of clothing), David was dancing before the Lord with all his might. (II Samuel 6:14)* David was so filled with joy and a desire to express his praise to the Lord that he publicly danced, in the middle of the street before the Lord. He didn't ask, "What will people think?"

I am not saying that we must all dance before the Lord. I am however, suggesting that we consider what the Lord may be prompting us to do, rather than asking, "What will people think?" A few years ago when I was a youth pastor, I was about to speak at a conference of several hundred high school students. Just before my time to speak, a student was on the stage singing a song called "All Rise."

As I sat on the front row, worshipping as she sang, I felt a prompting in my heart to rise, to stand. She sang, "All rise, all rise, to stand

*before the throne in the presence of the Holy One."* But these thoughts crossed my mind: "What will people think? I'm the speaker. I need to set an example. What if the students think I'm crazy? Protocol says to sit calmly during a solo. What if I'm the only one standing?"

Finally, I obeyed the Lord and stood. As I did, I looked around and noticed that I was the last one to stand. Everyone else had stood while I was wrestling with the Lord on whether or not to stand.

May we hear the Lord in worship, and obey Him as we express ourselves...

**Worship Well!**

(Check out my Blog: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 258  
11 am Worship Attendance 301

Annual Budget 559,047.00  
YTD Budget Needs 107,509.04  
YTD Budget Giving 110,082.53

**This Sunday's Message:**  
The Book of Ruth:  
Testimonies & Conclusion

**Next Sunday's Message:**  
New Sermon Series  
Begins...

Total Receipts for the Week: 16,722.53  
Weekly Budget Giving 14,657.17  
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,765.92  
Weekly Missions Giving 798.96

## Announcements

### Jobs Ministry

Our Navigating Thru Change - Jobs Ministry is changing lives! Already this year, three people have found new jobs through this ministry. If you know someone needing help and encouragement after a job loss, contact the Church Office to get them connected to this important ministry.

### Bridal Shower

Everyone is invited to a Bridal Shower for Whitney Widener and Tyler Key, future daughter-in-law and son of Allen and Susan Key, on Sunday, 3.19.17, from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Circle. The couple is registered at Belk and Walmart. The shower is being given by the Challenge Class.

### Christian Sympathy

As a church family, we pray for and express our deepest sympathy to the family of Eloise Morris upon her death and to Winona Lewis & family on the death of Winona's brother, Thomas Williams.

## Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

**Mandatory Camp Mtgs:** Sun., 3.19 at 12:15 PM in the Faith Optics Room (lunch provided) or Wed., 3.22 at 6:00 PM also in the Faith Optics Room. Parents must attend one of these for paperwork & info.

**March 26 - Winter Jam:** We'll leave the Church Campus at 12:15 pm, so the students will need \$10 for the concert plus \$10 for lunch. We will return by 11:30 pm. Money for souvenirs and food at the concert will be extra.

**Needed:** People to host the youth small group (PALS) on Sunday evenings, once a month, from 5:30 - 7 pm, with a light dinner. Contact Kevin Stone to be a host.

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24: 5-6**

**EggFest:** We will be hosting our annual EggFest on Saturday, 4.15.17, from 3-5 pm. We would like for everyone to bring one dozen pre-filled eggs to donate towards our egg hunt. Last year was a huge success with hundreds of kids, so we need to plan for even more this year! If you would like to volunteer, sign up at the Welcome Desk.

**Renovation:** We are excited about upcoming changes in the Youth House, including new carpet, fresh paint, and redecorating! Becky Pennington has graciously agreed to be our designer to make this area more inviting and engaging. Consider helping us!

**Camp Sponsorships:** Thanks to the generosity of many, no teen has ever been turned away from a summer camp opportunity. Recently, we've had a few sponsorship needs arise. If you or your Sunday School Class would like sponsor a teen for camp (partially or totally), contact the Church Office.

**VBS:** Attention all VBS volunteers! There are some VBS workshops coming soon to train for our upcoming Galactic Starveyors VBS Week. If you would like to attend one of these workshops, see Nichole as soon as possible. Our VBS happens earlier this summer: June 4-8.

**The Point:** Children's Worship at The Point is happening this week! We will dismiss during the Fellowship Song from the Worship Center. Children should be picked up immediately following the service in our FLC (gym).happens earlier this summer:

## Women's Ministry

**WOJ-2017** - If you have not submitted your money for the WOI conference, do so ASAP! Also, send a text message to Laura Jones (423.605.1816) with your T-shirt size.

**Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting** - Thursday, 03.16.17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Agape

## FCA Banquet

Our Faith Family is sponsoring a table for the annual FCA Banquet on Thursday, 3.30.17, at 6 pm. The banquet will be at the Colonnade on 264 Catoosa Circle, right off of Battlefield

## Keenagers' Meeting

Our very own Jim Forester, retired Catoosa County educator, will present the program for the Keenagers' Lunch Meeting next

## Rummage Sale

The BIG Rummage Sale is coming soon, scheduled for Friday, 5.5.17 and Saturday, 5.6.17. Mark your calendars as we will need YOUR help! We have already collected many treasures and expect even

classroom. If you are currently a leader in this ministry or would like to be involved, plan to attend.

Parkway in Ringgold. There are six seats available, but you must call the Church Office (706.866.0232) to reserve your seat. It will be first call, first serve. Let us know by Thursday,

Tuesday, 3.14.17 at 10:30 am. Jim will share his experience in NYC on 9.11, and he might be persuaded to sing a song or two!

more. Pricing and sorting is already underway. This is a BIG fund raiser for our Faith Family, and it takes participation from everyone to make it a success. For more info, call Elaine Steele at 423.903.2365.