

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, March 19

8 am Deacon's Meeting

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study

10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration

4 pm Grief Share (Builder's Room)

5 pm Atkinson Life Group

6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, March 20

10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers
@ Pruitt Nursing home

Wednesday, March 22

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Egg Casserole Bacon & Sausage

Pancakes Biscuits & Gravy Grits

5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
Financial Peace (Ambassador Room)

6 pm Kids' Clubhouse Friends
Group Bible studies

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

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

March 19-25

Donnie Lindsay

Tim Banister

Marlin Paulson

March 26-April 1

Gene McDaniel

Ronnie Born

Mary A. Paulson

Wednesday Meal

March 22

Frankie Trotter

Hal Jones

Charles Tant

Dolores Tant

March 29

Donnie Lindsay

Donna Lindsay

Mark Kitchen

Brenda Jones

Security

March 19

James Swafford

Eddy Trotter

March 26

Paul Overlin

Greeters

March 19

Aurelia Little

Margaret Box

Terry Pennington

March 26

Harold Parrish

Betty Parrish

Louise Stinnett

Sunday, Mar. 19

Babies

Nancy Smith

Madison Stookey

1&2 yr olds

Joy Clark

Erie Stookey

3 yr olds

Madison Thompson

Becky Pennington

Welcome

Angie Smith

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, Mar. 26

Babies

Amber White

Brenda Lynch

1&2 yr olds

Marcy Mead

Jane Hogsed

3 yr olds

Mackie Yatooma

Pam Bethune

Welcome

Frankie Trotter

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Al Davis

Gaynell Elrod

Edna Morgan

Bimol Poole

Home

Tom Brewster

Helen Fisher

Tressie Fletcher

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

Nell Smith

Ken & Betty

Goodner

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

Fred Boswell

Winona Lewis

Birthdays

Jacob Trotter (20)

Rob Randall (21)

Ray Leath (22)

Shannon Dunn (23)

Spencer Emous (23)

Parker Ingram (23)

Marilyn Waters (23)

Ken Goodner (24)

Maddie Stier (24)

Cindy Hall (25)

Chris Parente (25)

Lisa West (25)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas

Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis

Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson

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**Christ Chapel
Food of the Week:
Crackers**



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Upcoming

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 \$575. Thanks for your support!

2nd Annual Egg Fest 2017

Hundreds of kids & families flocked to our church campus last year for the 1st Annual Big Egg Festival, and we are planning for more this year. The 2nd Annual Big Egg Festival will be here Saturday, 4.15.17, from 3 to 5 pm. There will be train rides, hot dogs, music, inflatables, egg hunts, a petting zoo, and many ways for you to help volunteer! Sign up and bring pre-filled plastic eggs to our main Welcome Center.

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 our 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 off to a great start with our two special Bible studies and it is not too late for you to get involved. **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 15- March 22

Word From Our Pastor

Could it be you? As we continue in part three on how to do the little things well, we take a moment to consider a simple word that will change your life... **“Available.”** So often we pass by ministry needs and we might take a moment to pray about those needs,

but do we ever stop to think that God might use us to be the answer for those needs? Could it be you?

In Acts 3, Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer, going as they often went and perhaps praying for ministry needs as we often do. Yet, on this day, something interrupted their routine. **“Now a man crippled**



Jason Thomas from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money” (Acts 3:2-3).

Perhaps they had passed by this man many times before, and it would have been very easy for them to pass by on this day. Yet, Peter and John allowed for this interruption with life-changing results. **“Taking him by the right hand, he [Peter] helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong” (Acts 3:7).** They experienced the power of God working through their lives in a way that never would have happened had they not made themselves available. Consider as you go and do this week, is God whispering these words to you, **“What about you?”** Be available to answer His call and we will celebrate the victories this Sunday! -Jason

Bible Study Attendance	177
11 am Worship Attendance	267

Annual Budget	559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs	118,259.94
YTD Budget Giving	121,674.79

Total Receipts for the Week:	18,566.51
Weekly Budget Giving	11,592.26
Weekly Freedom Giving	3,535.25
Weekly Missions Giving	510.00

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, this 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.

20th Anniversary
Everyone is invited to celebrate the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry and Angela Gann on 3.25.17 at the Olive Branch Restaurant on Ringgold Road from 2 to 4 pm. For more info contact Angela Gann @ 706.866.2492 after 7 pm.

Discipleship

Our society is full of “experts.” There are people everywhere who want to convince you of the wisdom of their opinion. Yet God says that it is not the one who declares his viewpoint the most loudly or vociferously who is the wisest, but the one who is vindicated over time. Wisdom is not proven by argument or debate. Wisdom acknowledges there are unknowns but focuses on faith moment by moment. Wisdom is proven over time. Some people adamantly proclaim that their opinion is best. Regardless of how convincingly these people defend their viewpoint, time is the best judge of their wisdom. The result of a practice proves its validity, not how loudly it is promoted. The more we experience Christ, the more we realize our need of Him. When you seek to be conformed to God, you will sometimes meet resistance and criticism from others who disagree with the wisdom of your actions. Your immediate response may be the urge to vindicate yourself. Have the patience of Christ. Love them. If you wait



Andy Atkinson

patiently, time will reveal the wisdom of your actions far better than you could through argument.

Through the ages, the wisdom found in God’s Word has been tested and revealed to be true. It is critical that you measure everything you hear against the Scriptures and the Discerning Divine Spirit. Society’s values are consistently changing, but our revelation of God through Jesus is timeless. Whenever you share an opinion in counseling someone else, make sure that it comes from the Christ of Scripture and not merely from your best thinking. As long as you base your life values and perspectives on Christ being the exact image of God, time will be your defender and will validate the wisdom of your choices. If, over time, you clearly see you were mislead, return to life, teachings and passion of Jesus . Then

seek to be conformed to eternal mystery of Christ and watch to see God confirm His wisdom through faith. Let’s be conformed by faith instead of seeking the certitude of experts.

Student Spotlight

Mandatory Camp Mtgs: This 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

Kevin Stone

month, from 5:30 – 7 pm, with a light dinner. Contact Kevin Stone to be a host.

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

Children's Headlines

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6

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.

Nichole Stookey

VBS: Attention all VBS volunteers! Our VBS happens earlier this summer: June 4-8. We will be having some scheduled work days to help the Randall's decorate starting in April. Please look for these dates soon.

The Point: Children's Worship at The Point will meet again on March 26. Invite a friend! June 4-8.

Worship & More...

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

There is a powerful prophetic message in this verse for all of us! All throughout Scripture are promises of God’s intent and purpose that will come to pass. In the above verse, we are given a prophetic word that we can have a hand in fulfilling, in helping it come to pass.

God says that the earth ***will*** be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. We can help fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. How? By simply filling the atmosphere with praise! Speak His praises, sing His praises, shout His praises.

And we can go further in what we say and sing: Instead of saying and singing about our problems and difficulties (and God coming to our rescue), say and sing about the greatness of God (without mentioning yourself).

Brad Lewis

Too often our praise is “me focused” and not “God focused.” (Look at your favorite songs and see how many of the pronouns *I, me, my, mine,* and *we* are used). May we fill the atmosphere with God’s praises! May we actively change the sound that the people around us hear! May the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as much as the water covers the sea! ***Worship Well!***

(Check out my Blog: **Bigcloud.tv**)

-Brad



Women's Ministry

WOJ-2017 – If you have not submitted your money for the WOJ conference, do so ASAP! Also, send a text message to Laura Jones (423.605.1816) with your T-shirt size. **LifeGroup for Women** - Meets twice a month in our downstairs Fellowship Circle with food, fun, and

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 Parkway in Ringgold. There are six seats available, but you

International Missions

Have you considered going on a short term mission trip in 2017? Our Baptist Association will be leading several trips this year, including

Rummage Sale

The BIG Rummage Sale is 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

time in the Word. The next meeting will be Sunday, 3.26.17, at 5 pm. Women of all ages are invited.

must call the Church Office (706.866.0232) to reserve your seat. It will be first call, first serve. Let us know by Thursday, 3.23.17.

Zimbabwe (August 14-24), and Brazil (November 2-10). Email Pastor Jason (jasont@fbcfo.org) for details.

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.