

# This Week @ FBC

**Sunday, March 26**

**9:30 am** Sunday Bible Study

**10:55 am** Morning Worship Celebration

**11:15 am** Kids' Worship @ The Point

**4 pm** Grief Share (Builder's Room)

**5:30 pm** Women's Life Group

**6 pm** Evening Worship Service  
Youth Winter Jam

**Monday, March 27**

**10:30 am** Joyful Praise Singers  
@ NHC Ft. Oglethorpe

**Wednesday, March 29**

**5 pm** Wednesday Evening Meal

**Barbecue Pork Potato Salad**

**Baked Beans Slaw Bread Dessert**

**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

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

March 26-April 1

Gene McDaniel

Ronnie Born

Mary A. Paulson

April 2- 8

Ron Mullins

Laurie Brown

Raymond Pendley

### Wednesday Meal

March 29

Donnie Lindsay

Donna Lindsay

Mark Kitchen

Brenda Jones

April 5

Wayne Rasbury

Charlie Rasbury

Pat Medearis

Sue Hughes

### Security

March 26

Paul Overlin

April 2

Wayne Honeycutt

Ken Lee

### Greeters

March 26

Harold Parrish

Betty Parrish

Louise Stinnett

April 2

Kay Swafford

Sue Overlin

Elaine Steele

**Sunday, Mar. 26**

Babies

Amber White

Brenda Lynch

1&2 yr olds

Marcy Mead

Jane Hogsed

3 yr olds

Ron Mullins

Sandra Mullins

Welcome

Frankie Trotter

**LaunchPad**

**Next Sunday, Apr. 2**

Babies

Ray cox

Cathy Cox

1&2 yr olds

Tracie Dodson

Hannah Lee

3 yr olds

Rena Honeycutt

Lisa Banister

Welcome

Frankie Trotter

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Cindy Nabors

Virginia Grant

Gaynell Elrod

Ann Broyles

(in Kansas)

## Home

Edna Morgan

Bimol Poole

Clarence

Allison

Tom Brewster

Helen Fisher

Tressie Fletcher

Scott O'Steen

Beth Daugherty

Anita Acker

Stephen

Mosman

Patti Godfrey

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**

Lila Archer

Dale & Delores

Kinnison

Norma

Carpenter

Eva Williams

Eunice Mosman

Eloise Morris

Bertha

Pennington

Fred Boswell

Winona Lewis

## Birthdays

Jeanette Dupree (26)

Lynn Tyree (26)

Beth Daugherty (29)

Mike Parker (30)

Hugh Collis (31)

Madison Stookey (31)

Haven Frizelle )1)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas

Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis

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## Christ Chapel

**Food of the Week:**

**Canned Meats**



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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 \$875. Thanks for your support!

### 2nd Annual Egg Fest 2017

Hundreds of kids & families flocked to our church campus last year for the 1st Annual Egg Fest, and we are planning for more this year. The 2nd Annual Egg Fest will be here Saturday, 4.15.17, from 3 to 5 pm. There will be kiddie train rides, hot dogs, music, inflatables, egg hunts, a petting zoo, and many ways for you to 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 22- March 29



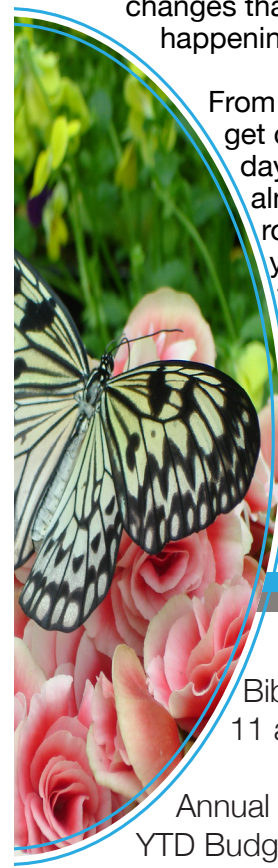
# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Are you flexible? As we step into part 4 on how to do the little things well, the question is one of flexibility... But not so much about whether you can touch your toes (though that is not a bad thing). This flexibility is more about how you live each day and how you respond to new opportunities and the

changes that are constantly happening in our culture.

Consider this. From the moment you get out of bed each day, there will almost always be a routine into which you step. We tend to be creatures of habit, and on any given day, we have our routines. Routines can be very helpful when it comes



to consistency, depth, and predictability, but they can also prevent us from experiencing the movement of God in a moment of spontaneous opportunity. In other words, we often become so locked into our routines that we miss the moment when God calls us to detour from our normal routine.

For the sake of the gospel, there will be times to take that special detour. The apostle Paul explained it this way, **“I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings” (1 Cor. 9:22-23).** His routine involved going first to the Jewish synagogues. Yet, he was always flexible in his approach and open when God made other opportunities available. He had a routine, but he was not rigid to the point of missing God. Think about your routine. Be open and ready for the God-given detour today. -Jason



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	242
11 am Worship Attendance	282

Annual Budget	559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs	129,010.85
YTD Budget Giving	131,050.91

Total Receipts for the Week:	14,253.12
Weekly Budget Giving	10,281.12
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,959.00
Weekly Missions Giving	438.00

## 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.

**Christian Sympathy**  
Join us in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mary Davis & Luke and Linda Daniels & families on the death of Alvin Davis.  
  
We also express our deepest sympathy to Susan Ward and her family on the death of Bob Ward.

**20th Anniversary**  
Everyone is invited to celebrate the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry and Angela Gann this Saturday, 3.25.17, at the Olive Branch Restaurant on Ringgold Road between 2 to 4 pm. For more info contact Angela Gann @ 706.866.2493 after 7 pm.

## Discipleship

There is a temptation we face that encourages us to be “practical” and “get results,” believing “the end justifies the means.” Yet, Scripture reveals that the means are sometimes even more important than the ends. Our culture tries to convince us that as long as we can accomplish something good, that’s all that matters. For example, Ananias and Sapphira gave an offering to their church, which was a good thing, but they did it deceitfully. God judged them immediately, not for what they did, but for how they did it. The deceiver tried this with Jesus. He did not question the worthiness of Jesus’ goal, but simply offered “practical” solutions to accomplish the goal more quickly and at lesser cost. To carry our cross and follow Him has a great cost. We must realize the beauty of that and have faith that when our strength fails, His strength will be shown even more glorious than before.

God’s ways are not like man’s ways. The Gospel seems foolish to man’s wisdom. Simple efficiency from a human perspective is not prized by



## Andy Atkinson

God. It did not seem efficient to have the children of Israel march around Jericho thirteen times and then blow their trumpets, but it brought the walls down (Josh. 6). It did not appear wise to select the youngest of Jesse’s sons to become the next king, but God saw someone after His own heart. At first glance, it does not seem promising or logical for Jesus to have picked the twelve disciples He did, yet through them, God dramatically influenced the world.

This week, let’s remember that it is never wise to attempt to do God’s work in man’s way. Would you pray this prayer with me this week? **“Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.”**



## Student Spotlight

**March 26 - Winter Jam:** The Students will leave the Church Campus at 12:15 pm. They will need \$10 for the concert plus \$10 for lunch. We will return by 11:30 pm. Money for souvenirs and food at the event 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.

**Renovation:** We are excited about upcoming changes in the Youth House, including new carpet, fresh paint, and

Kevin Stone  
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.

## Children's Headlines

**"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:11-12**

**The Point:** Children's Worship at The Point will meet this Sunday! Children will be dismissed from the Worship Center and should be picked up from the FLC immediately after service.

**EggFest:** Thank you to those who have signed up to help and those that have already brought in **pre-filled Easter Eggs**. We still need volunteers for this event, and

## Nichole Stookey

please continue to bring in the eggs as we are expecting a HUGE turn out this year!

**VBS:** We have set a few decorating dates to work with Rob and Holly Randall. The first date is Saturday, April 1 from 9-2. No need to be an artist to help out as there will be plenty for everyone to do! Thank you for all your support with this ministry!

**Camp Lunch Fundraiser:** Our next Camp Lunch will be on 4.2. If you are attending camp this year, be here by 9am and plan to stay for clean-up after lunch is over. Everyone should have paid the \$60 Camp deposit by now. If you haven’t, see Nichole ASAP!

## Worship & More...

**...it shall be a Jubilee for you...**  
In God’s Word we have a powerful demonstration of the celebration associated with the Kingdom of God: The Year of Jubilee! (See Leviticus 25:8-55.) God gave it to His people so they would take their attention off of problems and hardships, and focus on life, celebration, rejoicing and His goodness.

In the Year of Jubilee there is release from indebtedness, freedom for captives, property returned to original owners, and a great sense of rest. There was celebration, feasting, and joy!

What a wonderful picture of redemption and forgiveness that we as Believers have because of Christ’s life, death and resurrection, and our trusting in Him!

Oftentimes, Christians focus on the problems of their lives. When asked how they are doing, people respond: “I’m here” or “Barely making it” or (I’ve even heard) “I’m breathing”.

Also, Christians often focus on the things they don’t like. This causes them to be sad, critical, and disapproving. They begin to find fault in



## Women's Ministry

**WOJ-2017** – There will be a brief meeting of all ladies going to WOJ on 4.9 immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Please try to come by for 10 minutes.

**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 next Thursday, 3.30.17, at 6 pm. The banquet will be at the Colonnade (264 Catoosa Circle, Ringgold). The speaker will be former Atlanta Brave, Sid Bream. There are six seats

## 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

## Brad Lewis

everything that doesn’t go their way, even the smallest things.

What we don’t realize is that everyday for a Believer is a celebration: Freedom, release, reclaiming, forgiveness, peace, and joy!

Yes, life is hard. But the Presence of God is greater than our hardships. When we focus on our problems, we don’t demonstrate our faith. But when we focus on the Lord, we show that our faith is is greater than our problems.

This is the year of Jubilee!  
**Worship Well!**

*(Read about hugging lepers on my Blog: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))*

-Brad



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

remaining, but you must call the Church Office (706.866.0232) to reserve your seat. It will be first call, first serve. Let us know ASAP!

Zimbabwe (August 14-24), and Brazil (November 2-10). Email Pastor Jason ([jasont@fbcfo.org](mailto: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.