

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 2

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
12:15 pm Camp Fund Raiser Lunch
4 pm Grief Share (Builder's Room)
5 pm Atkinson Life Group
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, April 3

10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers
@ Rosewood

Tuesday, April 4

10:30 am Women on Mission
6:30 pm VBS Decorating

Wednesday, April 5

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Chicken Bread **Baked Potato Dessert**
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
Financial Peace (Ambassador Room)
6 pm Kids' Clubhouse Friends
New Bible Study "Book of Genesis"
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

6:30 am VBS Decorating

Saturday, April 8

9 am VBS Decorating

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Virginia Grant
Bobbie Allison
Winona Lewis
Ann Broyles
(in Kansas)

Home

Cindy Nabors
Gaynell Elrod
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
Karen Pierce
Tommie Brock
John & June
Stewart
Linda Sikes

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

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

Nursing

Home
Lila Archer
Dale & Delores
Kinnison

Birthdays

Charla Hodges (2)
Jennifer Stone (2)
Spencer Maslanik (3)

Sue Hughes (4)
Winona Lewis (6)
David White (7)

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
Treasurer - Darlene Lane

jasont@fbcfo.org
bradl@fbcfo.org
andya@fbcfo.org
kevins@fbcfo.org
nicholes@fbcfo.org
miki@fbcfo.org
sandram@fbcfo.org
finance@fbcfo.org

2645 Lafayette Road - P.O. Box 2125
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
Office: 706.866.0232
www.fbcfo.org



find us on social media

Pastoral Emergency Line
423-708-5303

Christ Chapel
Food of the Week:
Canned Meats



First Baptist Church

Where Truth and Love come together

www.fbcfo.org

Upcoming

Easter 2017: As He Lives I Live!

Where will you be on Easter morning, 4.16.17? Make plans now to tell your family and invite others to our Easter 7 am Sunrise Service and 10:45 am Worship Celebration. You will find special invite cards in our main Worship Center. Together, we will answer this life-changing question: As He Lives I live to...

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.

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!

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!

March 29-April 5

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

April 2- 8
Ron Mullins
Laurie Brown
Raymond Pendley

April 9-15
Scott O'Steen
Linda Daniels
Kerry Pennington

Wednesday Meal

April 5
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis
Sue Hughes

April 12
Mary A. Paulson
Marlin Paulson
Kelly Paulson
Mark Paulson

Security

April 2
W. Honeycutt
Ken Lee

April 9
Tom Acker
Kris Kubler

Greeters

April 2
Kay Swafford
Sue Overlin
Elaine Steele

April 9
Laurie Brown
Joyce Tindall
Brenda Jones

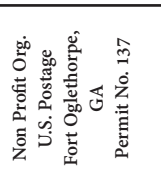
LaunchPad

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

Next Sunday, Apr. 9

Babies
Joyce Tindall
Sue Overlin
1&2 yr olds
Jenny Pitts
Callie Stookey
3 yr olds
Rob Randall
Holly Randall
Welcome
Jane Hogsed



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

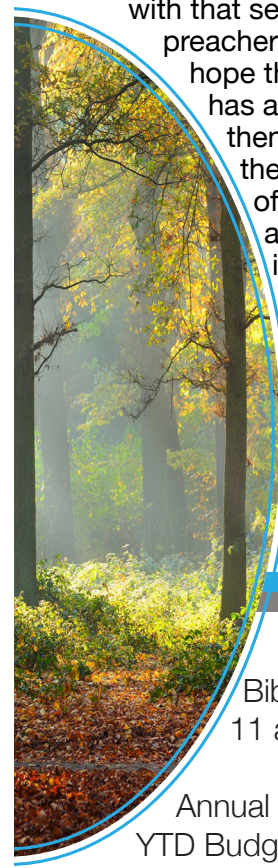
First Baptist Church
2645 Lafayette Road
P.O. Box 2125
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Word From Our Pastor

Deepen your spiritual roots! As we take the next step in our newsletter series on how to do the little things well, let's take a moment to consider our own spiritual growth. Often we become so focused on helping others that we forget about ourselves. I've heard it said many

times, "You sure let **them** have it with that sermon today preacher!" And of course I hope that God's Word has an impact on them, but I want them to include all of us because it is all of us who need it!

When Paul wrote his letter the house church in Colosse, he knew that they had been believers in Christ for many



Jason Thomas years. Yet, this was his ongoing prayer for them, **"asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding... in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father..." (Col. 1:9-12).** Paul understood what Jesus said in John 15 when He challenged His closest followers to stay connected to Him as the true spiritual vine and the one who makes growth and fruitful living possible.

What if we prayed that way for each other this week? Let's encourage each other to be in the Word and to continue growing, even as we celebrate this Sunday! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 220
11 am Worship Attendance 297

Annual Budget 559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs Details
YTD Budget Giving Will be Shared

Total Receipts for the Week: Next Week
Weekly Budget Giving
Weekly Freedom Giving
Weekly Missions Giving

Announcements

Children's Home
We are collecting Walmart gift cards, non-perishable grocery items and household goods for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. The collection deadline will be Wed., 4.26.17. Bring items to the collection box in our Main Welcome Center.

Global Missions
Have you considered going on a short term mission trip in 2017? Our Baptist Association will be leading several trips this year, including **Zimbabwe** (August 14-24), and **Brazil** (November 2-10). Email Pastor Jason at jasont@fbcfo.org for details.

New Bible Study
A new Bible study "Book of Genesis" will be taught by Louise Pendley on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. The class will meet in the Agape Room, right by the main Welcome Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Discipleship

A foolish person makes unwise choices, then spins the past to their liking. With every new opportunity, they move in a different direction, not questioning whether that is the best choice. The loudest voice gains their attention. It may be the quiet voice that they should hear the clearest.

We are bombarded with opportunities that entice us to invest our time and energy. Each day the voices of urgency cry out for every available moment, promising that time spent on them will reap great rewards. How can we recognize God's voice among so many competing voices? The key is to be constantly listening to God no matter how loud or soft His voice is.

Marriages are under tremendous pressure; families are disintegrating. Multitudes are dying each year without hearing the gospel. Investing your life wisely is critical to you and to those around you. Foolishly spending your time on wasteful pursuits can cost you dearly. Often, it is not evil pursuits that rob your time. Rather, the temptation is to



Andy Atkinson

sacrifice what is best for what is good. The enemy knows that blatantly tempting you with evil will be obvious, so he will lure you with distractions, leaving you no time to carry out God's will. You may inadvertently substitute religious activity for God's will, pursuing your own goals for God's kingdom instead of waiting for His assignment. Life is precious. Be sure to invest it wisely. "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt 16:26). This week would you pray this prayer with me? **"O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with contrite hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever, Amen. reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen**

Kevin Stone

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. If you or your Sunday School Class would like sponsor a teen for camp (partially or totally), contact the Church Office.

Student Spotlight

Summer Camp Fund Raiser Lunch: All campers need to be here this Sunday at 9 am with a dessert and stay until 1:45 pm to receive full credit. **The menu includes Pork Roast w/ Potatoes & Carrots, Mixed Beans, Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Cornbread.**

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,

Children's Headlines

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Camp Lunch Fundraiser: The Camp Lunch Fundraiser is this Sunday. 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!

Nichole Stookey

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 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 this Saturday, 4.1.17, 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!

Worship & More...

He is not here; He has risen!
Resurrection Sunday is near, and although every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, we as Believers focus on that one Sunday we call Easter.

I personally like to call it Resurrection Sunday, because it puts the focus on what the followers of Jesus found that morning when they went to the tomb: He is risen, He's alive!

My comments in this space are simple: Begin now to focus on Resurrection Sunday. That will give you 2½ weeks to prepare spiritually, emotionally, and physically for that day of celebration. Here are some suggestions:

- Read these scriptures daily: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12 (perhaps rotating the different accounts, one per day).
- Meditate on the scripture, praying that God will make the Resurrection story personal for you.
- Sing songs of the Resurrection daily, to focus your heart on the fact that He is risen.

Brad Lewis

-Make Saturday evening before Resurrection Sunday a stress-free time: Stay at home, pre-choose Sunday clothing and other needed items, read the Resurrection story with your family, go to bed early. (Elaine and I do this every Saturday evening as we prepare for Sunday worship.)

Let's make Resurrection Sunday more than Easter Sunday.

Let's make it a culmination of our preparation. Let's make it a powerful celebration: He is risen, He's alive! ***Worship Well!***

(Read about unexpected encounters on Blog: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



Women's Ministry

WOJ-2017 – There will be a brief meeting of all ladies going to WOI on 4.9.17 immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Please try to come by for 10 minutes.

Women's Life Group Meeting - Meets twice a month in our downstairs Fellowship Circle with

food, fun, and time in the Word. The next meeting will be Sunday, 4.9.17, at 5 pm. Women of all ages are invited.

Why They Stay

Next Wednesday, 4.5.17, we will begin a new book study in the Pastor's Prayer Service @ 6:30 pm. As parents, grandparents, and church leaders, we've talked about why some of our younger generations have drifted away

from the local church. This new study will look at why many have stayed, and how that can help us better prepare and make disciples of the even younger generations now before us.

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 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.