

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, April 9 PALM SUNDAY

- 8 am Deacon's Meeting  
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration - Lord's Supper  
4 pm Grief Share (Builder's Room)  
5:30 pm Women's Life Group  
6 pm Evening Worship & Prayer Service

## Monday, April 10

- 10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers  
@ Parkside

## Tuesday, April 4

- 10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

## Wednesday, April 12

- 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal  
No other Wednesday night activities

## Maundy Thursday, April 13

- 5 pm Evening Meal  
Ham Mac-n-Cheese Peas & Carrots  
Bread Dessert  
6 pm Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday, April 14 GOOD FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

## Saturday, April 15

- 3-5 pm The Big Egg-Festival

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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

April 16-22  
Paul Overlin  
Luke Daniels  
Don Pittman

## Security

April 16  
Steve Imler  
Jeff Wright

## Wednesday Meal

April 19  
Charles Helton  
Nancy Smith  
Betty Parrish  
Bettye Dunwoody

## Greeters

April 16  
Jim Carlton  
Lois Carlton  
W. Honeycutt  
Rena Honeycutt

## LaunchPad

Sunday, Apr. 16  
Babies Dana O'Steen  
1&2 yr olds Joy Clark  
3 yr olds Bob Johnson  
Welcome Angie Smith

## Next Sunday, Apr. 23

Babies Cindy Shipp  
1&2 yr olds Sue Overlin  
3 yr olds Jane Hogsed  
Welcome Linda Daniels  
Shelly Brooks

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Winona Lewis  
Ann Broyles  
(in Kansas)

## Home

Scott O'Steen  
Virginia Grant  
Cindy Nabors  
Gaynell Elrod  
Edna Morgan  
Bimol Poole  
Clarence Allison

Tom Brewster  
Helen Fisher  
Tressie Fletcher  
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  
Bobbie Allison

## Nursing

Home  
Lila Archer

## Birthdays

Traci Hicks (13)  
Doug Trew (14)  
Taylor Frizelle (15)  
Carol McDowell (15)  
Royal Smith (15)  
Ally Grace Thomas (15)

# Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
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**423-708-5303**

## With Love & Thanks

The family of Robert E. Ward sends a heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who helped with the beautiful memorial service, flowers, meal, love and support during a difficult time. You are a wonderful church family!



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# Upcoming

## Easter 2017: As He Lives I Live!

Where will you be Easter morning, 4.16.17? Make plans to tell your family and invite others to our Easter 7 am Sunrise Service and 10:45 am Worship Celebration. There are special invite cards in our main Worship Center, and we will have a special surprise this weekend! Together, we will answer this 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 next 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 \$1,337.00. Thanks for your support!

## Keenagers' Lunch Meeting

The Keenagers will welcome the FBC Joyful Praise Singers, led by Pastor Brad, next Tuesday, 4.11.17, at 10:30 am. Margaret Box has promised a "tasty" lunch. Plan to join us and bring a friend for a time of good food, fellowship, and beautiful music.

# April 5 - April 12



# Word From Our Pastor

**Don't give up!** As we wrap up our newsletter series on how to do the little things well, we recognize that our mission is more of a marathon than a sprint.

I wonder what it was like for the first disciples, after Jesus ascended, as they waited to carry on the mission of God. We read about them in Acts 1 waiting and praying, but also knowing that the mission set before them was an enormous one. Jesus had told them, after all, that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Yet, there they sat in a hidden, second-story room with



Bible Study Attendance	217
11 am Worship Attendance	254
Annual Budget	559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs	139,761.75
YTD Budget Giving	159,480.44
Total Receipts for the Week:	29,077.15
Weekly Budget Giving	18,538.86
Weekly Freedom Giving	9,518.03
Weekly Missions Giving	810.26

## 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.

**Compassion Sunday**  
We will highlight & celebrate the Compassion International Ministry on Sunday, 4.30.17. There will be information and a time for you to consider sponsoring a child of your own. If you are a current sponsor and would like to share a testimony that morning, please call the Church Office (706.866.0232).

**Why They Stay**  
It is not too late to join our new book study in the Pastor's Prayer Service @ 6:30 pm. This new study looks at why many of our young adults have chosen to stay active in the local church. As parents, grand parents, and church leaders, we are learning how to better disciple the even younger generations to help them remain strong in their faith.

Jason Thomas so much to do and up against the greatest of odds. The difference for them between victory and defeat was the power of God and a faithful persistence to be His instruments in their daily lives. And as we now know, God helped them grow big as the Body of Christ by doing the little things of praying, reaching and building relationships with new people.

By their very nature, doing the little things means not to expect immediate big results. It means a "crock-pot" style of effort and production rather than the instant "microwave" style. Don't be discouraged if things don't happen as fast or as big as you might want. Trust God for the direction and opportunities and most of all for the results. He wants this to be your lifestyle, from which you will one day look back and share these words with Paul: **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"** (2 Tim. 4:7)! -Jason

## The Sunday Report

**This Sunday's Message:**  
The Forgiveness Series:  
Unleashing More of the Gospel

**Next Sunday's Message:**  
The Forgiveness Series  
Continues...

# Discipleship

In our vast world it's easy to feel that we are nothing more than an **insignificant** speck in the midst of a multitude. Our world tends to depersonalize us, seeking to make us like everyone else, but God loves us in specific ways that are particular to us. To our world, we are a demographic, a stereotype, or a programmable consumer. The eyes of God who created all things, remains aware of the smallest details of our unique personality and the variety of ways in which we are uniquely made.

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem to fulfill His assignment on the cross. The multitudes thronged around Him in such numbers that the diminutive Zacchaeus could not see Jesus unless he climbed a tree in Jericho. Zacchaeus would have been satisfied simply to catch a glimpse of this marvelous and unique Teacher. But Jesus stopped, turned, and looked directly at him! In that moment, Zacchaeus was oblivious to the crowd around him. Thus



## Student Spotlight

**Summer Camp Update:** We had a wonderful fundraiser lunch this past Sunday and are getting closer to the big camp date of 6.10.17! Thanks for all your support and remember that the camp forms are due right away so that we can get them sent to LifeWay. Also, the most recent deposit was due 4.2.17 and the final deposit will be due 6.4.17. Contact Kevin Stone at 423.902.9017 with any questions.

**Life Group Hosts:** Consider opening your home to host the Youth Life Group (**PALS**) on Sunday evenings, once a month, from

## 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**

**EggFest:** The fun will happen next Saturday, 4.15.17, from 3-5 pm. Thank you to all who have signed up to help and those that have already brought in **pre-filled Easter Eggs**. We still need volunteers and more

Andy Atkinson

began a special time with Jesus that radically changed his life. Christ values humanity completely different than how the world values people.

Jesus will relate to you in ways that are unique to you. He knows your past; He knows what you will face in the future. Because He knows everything about you, His word to you will perfectly fit the circumstances of your life. You may be in a group of Christians who are listening to God's Word, and you may hear things from Him that no one else hears. Don't become frustrated with others if they are not as excited about a truth from God as you are. Don't be impatient with them if they are not implementing God's Word in their lives exactly as you are. We are all on different paths of our journey. God will personalize His word to you. He will relate to each

of your friends in a way that specifically meets their needs as well. Looking forward to a wonderful Palm Sunday great start towards Holy Week.

Kevin Stone  
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. As we begin this work we will let you know how you can help!

Nichole Stookey  
eggs as we are expecting a HUGE turn out this year!

**VBS 2017:** We have set a few decorating dates to work with Rob and Holly Randall. Check with them for more details. You don't have to be an artist to help out as there will be plenty for everyone to do! Thank you for all your support with this important ministry!

# Worship & More...

**He's Alive!**  
Last week in this space I suggested that we begin now to prepare for Resurrection Sunday. I also offered some easy tips to help us prepare.

I hope that you are preparing for Resurrection Sunday. It is the greatest day for Believers, for it defines our very faith.

One of the great traditions in Christianity, dating back to the first century, was that Believers would greet each other on Sunday (and especially on Resurrection Sunday) by saying, "He's Alive!" Instead of "Hi," Good morning," or "How about them..." they would say **He's Alive!**

Can you imagine the encouragement, energy, anticipation, and excitement that would be generated by simply using those words in our Sunday morning greetings? It could powerful! **He's Alive!**

## Women's Ministry

**WOJ-2017** – We will have a 15 minute meeting this Sunday for all who are going to the Women of Joy Conference this year. Meet in the Lydia Classroom right after the Morning Worship Service. If you cannot attend, have someone come in your place.

**Women's Luncheon, 6.3.17**  
We are excited to announce our annual Women's Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, 6.3.17 at 10:30 am. We expect the turn out to be bigger than ever this year!

## 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

Brad Lewis

Consider these words:

*He is risen, He's alive  
And He's reigning, Lord on high  
I lift my hands in praise  
The stone was rolled away  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain*

He is risen, He's alive!  
**Worship Well... for He's Alive!**

*(Read some India stories on my Blog: **Bigcloud.tv**)*

-Brad

Julie Baumgardner from **First Things First** will be our speaker and **Lions of Steel** will be our entertainment. We are calling on all the women of our church to help make this event the most successful yet! If you would like to host/ decorate a table, see Sarah Kubler in the main Welcome Center this Sunday at 12:15 pm or contact her at 423.653.2268.

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.

