

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, April 16 RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

- 7 am Easter Sunrise Service  
8 am Easter Breakfast & Photo Opportunity  
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:45 am Morning Worship Celebration  
No Evening Worship Service



## Wednesday, April 19

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Baked Chicken    White Beans**  
**Cole Slaw    Potato Salad**  
**Bread    Desert**  
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study  
Financial Peace in Ambassadors Room  
6 pm Kids' Clubhouse Friends  
Group Bible Studies  
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Prayer & Business Meeting  
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, April 22

- 9:30 am VBS Decorating

Find more info online at [www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

- April 16-22  
Paul Overlin  
Luke Daniels  
Don Pittman
- April 23-29  
Marlin Paulson  
Charles Helton  
Wayne Rasbury

## Security

- April 16  
Steve Imler  
Jeff Wright
- April 23  
Gene McDaniel  
Jeff Ingram

## Wednesday Meal

- April 19  
Charles Helton  
Nancy Smith  
Betty Parrish  
Bettye Dunwoody
- April 26  
James Swafford  
Olene Hendricks  
Sandra Mullins  
Cathy Cox

## Greeters

- April 16  
Jim Carlton  
Lois Carlton  
W. Honeycutt  
Rena Honeycutt
- April 23  
Scott O'Steen  
Dana O'Steen  
Preble McDaniel  
Gene McDaniel

## LaunchPad

- Sunday, Apr. 16**  
Babies Dana O'Steen  
Scott O'Steen  
1&2 yr olds Joy Clark  
Erie Stookey  
3 yr olds Bob Johnson  
Judy Johnson  
Welcome Angie Smith

## Next Sunday, Apr. 23

- Babies Cindy Shipp  
Sue Overlin  
1&2 yr olds Jane Hogsed  
Levanda Swafford  
3 yr olds Linda Daniels  
Mackie Yatooma  
Welcome Shelly Brooks

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

- Royal Smith  
Benjamin  
Forrest  
Martha Cope  
Taime Imler

## Home

- Scott O'Steen  
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  
Dale & Delores

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

## Birthdays

- Norma Carpenter (16)  
Thomas Smith (16)  
Kelly Paulson (17)  
Joyce Smith (18)  
Pierce Pennington (20)
- Erie Stookey (20)  
Bobbie Allison (21)  
Jeff Scott (21)  
Barbara Miller (22)  
Ollie Rogers (22)

## 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](http://www.fbcfo.org)



find us on social media

## Pastoral Emergency Line

## With Love & Thanks

Dear Church Family,  
We want to thank you so very much for your love, prayers, and visits. The singing at the Memorial was great, and the sermon was just what Al would have wanted. All the food was wonderful too. We love each and everyone of you. -Al Davis family



# First Baptist Church

Where Truth and Love come together

[www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

## Upcoming

### Easter 2017: As He Lives I Live!

Where will you be this Sunday on Easter morning? Make plans to be here and invite others to our Easter 7 am Sunrise Service and 10:45 am Worship Celebration. The Big Breakfast and Bible Study will be in-between at 8 am and 9:30 am. Together, we will answer this question: As He Lives I live to... ?

### 2nd Annual Egg Fest 2017

Bring all the kids and grandkids to the 2nd Annual Egg Fest on our campus this 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 so much more! We can't wait to see you and all the kids this Saturday!

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

God is doing a great work of reaching people and planting churches in our country. 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 \$1,832.00. Thanks for your support!

### The Starting Line

Our Starting Line will begin once again on Sunday, 4.30.17, at 9:30 am. All guests and new members are invited to experience these four sessions with Pastor Jason as a helpful way to get to know our faith family and begin a new journey with us. Come to the main Welcome Center for directions to the class. Child care, donuts, and coffee will be provided.

## April 12 - April 19



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**Welcome to Passion Week 2017!** My personal prayer for you and me this week is that God will draw us close to be captivated and refreshed by what Jesus has done for us and to consider once more how His resurrection is vital for our lives.

There will be several ministry moments for you and I to share this week, including Dinner & Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, Egg-Fest on Saturday afternoon, and Easter Sunrise, Breakfast, Bible study, and our Big Worship Celebration on Sunday morning.

Each of these will be special moments for us to gather and experience the



power of the resurrection in fresh, unique ways. Yet, don't overlook the opportunity to have your own personal quiet-time moments. Let God speak to you this week through His Word. Try reading each of the resurrection passages from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and how Paul reflected on the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15.

The resurrection is the very foundation of our faith. By it we have confidence in the promise of a future physical resurrection, but also the reality of being a new spiritual creation right now. Notice that it wasn't until after His resurrection that Jesus did this for His closest disciples... **“And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:22).** Let the same power that raised Jesus from the dead live in you right now through your faith in Jesus! **As He lives, you also live!** I can't wait to celebrate all that with you this Sunday! -Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 241  
11 am Worship Attendance 275

Annual Budget 559,047.00  
YTD Budget Needs 161,263.56  
YTD Budget Giving 171,846.95

### This Sunday's Message:

Resurrection Sunday:  
As He Lives, I Live!

### Next Sunday's Message:

The Forgiveness Series  
Continues...

Total Receipts for the Week: 17,274.55  
Weekly Budget Giving 12,466.61  
Weekly Freedom Giving 3,048.58  
Weekly Missions Giving 667.93

## Announcements

### Bridal Shower

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Sue Dowis and Phillip Everett on Saturday, 4.22.17 in the Fellowship Circle from 1:00-3:30 pm. Sue and Phillip are new members of our church family, and Sue is the daughter of Steve Dowis.

### 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

Our new book study Why They Stay will officially begin Wed., 4.26.17, in the Pastor's 6:30 pm Prayer Service. This new study looks at why many young adults have chosen to stay active in the local church. This will help us better disciple our children & youth to help them remain strong in their faith for the rest of their lives!

## Discipleship

In times like the Holy Week where we are imagining every step of Jesus, it is tempting to conclude: "If only I could have walked with Jesus, as the twelve disciples did!" Remember that what is important is not what we know about Jesus, but that we know Him in each moment and each breathe of life! **“Jesus is alive” is true in every way in 2017 as it was in 33 AD.** Right now, Jesus is dynamically speaking to our self-reliance whatever that may be. The question is do we have ears to hear and eyes to see now!

The core truth of our faith is this: the God of the gospel brings **life out of death**. The God of the gospel brings sight from blindness, physically, historically, literally, metaphorically, symbolically, any way He wants. On that Sunday morning the earliest church discovered that the Jesus who had been brutally executed by the state was alive and **on the loose**; death had no power over God's will for life. The deadly systems of the most powerful human authority had



### Andy Atkinson

no grip on Him even through His execution. But in truth, the God of the gospel has been doing this forever. We are able to experience an everlasting and eternal truth in a new way. The Christ we serve today is and was the Lord of all creation. We may go one step more with Jesus, if we ask what the disciples saw about Jesus that the political and religious authorities missed. The answer is **the power of the cross**.

Mediate and imagine how the cross is not simply a one-time deal in the life of Jesus or of God. Rather the cross is the clue about how to live an alternative life in the world, an alternative life that is marked by risky faith that has the power to heal, to value what God values, to evoke new possibilities in the face of despair, to enact new forms of freedom in the face of seemingly endless oppression (Matt 16:24). **This is the power of the cross.** Lets remember, none of this happens, unless there is a risk and a release of self as Jesus released Himself.

## Student Spotlight

### Kevin Stone

**Summer Camp Update:** We 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 we can send them 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 (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 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!

## Children's Headlines

### Nichole Stookey

Office. Invite all of your friends and family and we will see you Saturday!!

**VBS:** Our VBS Decorating Team has already began creating props for VBS. See Rob and Holly Randall if you would like to help.

**EggFest:** We will begin our festivities at 3pm on Saturday! All volunteers please plan to be here by 2:00. You can still drop eggs off at the Church

## Worship & More...

### Yes, He's Alive!

Galatians 2:20 says: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Powerful words for living lives of power! As you see above, you and I as Believers have been crucified with Christ. We are dead to ourselves: our wants, our desires, our ways, our wills... All nailed to the cross with Christ!

Passion Week points toward Resurrection Sunday, but we cannot skip over the events of Jesus' Passion Week if we are to truly appreciate the Resurrection.

Christ's relinquishing of His wants, desires, ways, and will were necessary for Him to allow Himself to be nailed to the cross and be crucified in our behalf.

In the same way, when we believe in Jesus, we relinquish our

### Brad Lewis

wants, desires, ways, and wills. By accepting Jesus' payment for our sin, we also accept His life living in us. So with conviction we can say: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*

And just as Christ was raised from the dead, we also, having been crucified with Him, are alive... Because He is risen and He's alive!

**Worship Well... for He's Alive!**

(Watch my Video Blog: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))

-Brad



## Women's Ministry

### Women's Luncheon, 6.3.17

Tickets are now on sale for the Women's Ministry Luncheon, 6.3.17, 11:30 to 1:30. To purchase contact Laura Jones or Sarah Kubler. Cost is \$15.00 each. If you would like to host a table contact Sarah Kubler. Other volunteers will also be needed, including men. If you want to volunteer in another

capacity: set-up or clean-up tables, childcare, greeters, or security, contact Laura Jones or signup on the sheet in the Welcome Center.

## Georgia Baptist Children's Home

We have 2 more weeks to collect items for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. Collection boxes are in the Children's Welcome Center and the Main Welcome Center.

Walmart gift cards or checks can be made out to FBCFO and ear-marked for Children's Home. We are also collecting any household or food-staple items.

## Rummage Sale

The BIG Rummage Sale will be here on Friday, 5.5.17 and Saturday, 5.6.17. Mark your calendars and make plans to volunteer. We have already collected many treasures and expect man 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.