### This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 23

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration 11:15 am Kid's Worship @ The Point

> 5:30 pm Life Group for Women 6 pm Evening Worship



Wednesday, April 26

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes **Broccoli 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 Pastor's Prayer Service 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30 Women of Joy Conference (Pigeon Forge, TN)

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

### Our Volunteers

#### Deacons of the Week

April 23-29 Marlin Paulson Charles Helton Wayne Rasbury April 30-May 6 Mary Anna Paulson Patrice Humphrey Linda Daniels

Security

April 23 Gene McDaniel Jeff Ingram

Welcome

April 30

Ron Bethune

Wednesday Meal

April 26 James Swafford Olene Hendricks Hal Jones Sandra Mullins Cathy Cox

<u>May 3</u> Frankie Trotter Charles Tant **Dolores Tant** 

#### Greeters

April 23 Scott O'Steen Dana O'Steen Preble McDaniel

Gene McDaniel

April 30 Louise Stinnett Barbara Poole G. McDowell

LaunchPad

Sunday, Apr. 23 Cindy Shipp

Sue Overlin 1&2 yr olds Jane Hogsed

Levanda Swafford

Shelly Brooks

3 yr olds Linda Daniels Mackie Yatooma Next Sunday, Apr. 30 Brittany Stone

Jennifer Stone 1&2 yr olds Madison Thompson

Charles Tant 3 yr olds

Welcome

Scott O'Steen Dana O'Steen Angie Smith

## Prayer Concerns

#### Hospital

Ron Brock Martha Cope Larry Shipp Vera Thomas

#### Home

Beniamin Forrest Taime Imler Barbara Miller Scott O'Steen **Bimol Poole** Clarence Allison

Tom Brewster Linda Sikes Helen Fisher Shirley Bryan Tressie Fletcher George Smith Beth Daugherty Nell Smith Anita Acker Ken & Betty Stephen Goodner Mosman Helen Audrev Brown Epperson Patti Godfrey Sam & Mary

Betty Phillips Lou Brown Sharon Mullins Karen Pierce Nursing Tommie Brock Home John & June Royal Smith

Winona Lewis Lila Archer Dale & Delores Kinnison Norma Carpenter Eva Williams **Eunice Mosman** Eloise Morris Bertha Pennington

Fred Boswell

### Birthdays

Stewart

Chervl Arnold (23) Alexis Greene (25) Steve Imler (25)

Chris Sullivan (25) Carrie Payne (26) Sarah Delzell (28)

### Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson Youth Minister - Kevin Stone Children Minister - Nichole Stookey Adminstrative Assistant - Miki Ingram Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins Treasurer - Darlene Lane

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### **Christian Sympathy**

On behalf of our Church Family. we express our deepest sympathy to Lynn Lance & Family on the death of Betty Turner and Lois Carlton & Joyce Tindall & Family on the death of Talmon Harbour.



## Where Truth and Love come together

## Upcoming

### The Starting Line

Our Starting Line will begin next Sunday, 4.30.17, at 9:30 am. All guests and new members are invited to experience this foursession class 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.

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

God is doing a great work 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 \$2,352.00. The last Sunday to give will be 5.7.17. Thanks for your support!

### Celebrating Five Years

Join us on Sunday, 4.30.17, at 5 pm for a special ice cream and cake reception honoring our Youth Minister Kevin Stone. We're calling all our Youth and everyone to gather in the Fellowship Circle to celebrate this five-year milestone. Bring your favorite homemade ice creams. We'll have cake and drinks to go along with it.

### The Big Yard Sale

The BIG Yard 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 many 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. Sign up to volunteer at our main Welcome Center.

**Word From Our Pastor Jason Thomas** As we move ahead following

an amazing Easter Weekend, I would like to begin my next newsletter miniseries on what the Resurrection means in the "here and now." This past Sunday, 168 of us celebrated at Sunrise and 370 celebrated at our 10:45 Service. It was a powerful

weekend. But what does all of it mean for you and I on the next Monday morning? When that Monday comes, Jesus is still risen alive isn't He? In one of my favorite verses, the Apostle Paul writes about life in the here and now based on the power of the resurrection, "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the

dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you (Rom. 8:11).

Wow! Let me encourage you to think deeply about those inspired words and commit them to memory. God wants to empower you with resurrected living in the here and now. Yes, we must wait for the end times to experience a physical resurrection. Yet, there is a Spirit-filled, spiritually resurrected life that is possible for you and I in the here and now. The only condition is IF the Holy Spirit is living in you. And if you are wondering how that IF can be satisfied, very simply, but yet very powerfully, it is by your faith. "Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit" (Eph. 1:13). An empty tomb means you can be filled with the Spirit of God! May it be as we live this week in His harvest field. -Jason

### The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 11 am Worship Attendance 370

Annual Budget 559.047.00 YTD Budget Needs 172,014.46 YTD Budget Giving 178,754.77

Total Receipts for the Week: 14,232.65 8,995.82 Weekly Budget Giving Weekly Freedom Giving 2,421.83 Weekly Missions Giving 747.00 This Sunday's Message:

Forgiveness Part Five: "Why All This Conflict?"

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

### **Announcements**

### **Bridal Shower**

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Sue **Dowis and Phillip** Everett this 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 seemly 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.

### Worship & More...

look?

Yes. He's Alive! here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He are one of the people who went to the tomb on that Resurrection morning, and the angel said to you,

#### Women's Ministry Kevin Stone

Women's Luncheon, 6.3.17

Tickets are now on sale for the Women's Ministry Luncheon happening Saturday, 6.3.17, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. To purchase a ticket, contact Laura Jones or Sarah Kubler. Cost is \$15.00 each. If you would like to host a table, contact Sarah Kubler. Also we are calling on both our men

Matthew 28:6 says: He is not

Imagine with me, that you

Natural curiosity is a strong

So I ask, what would have

"Come see the place where He lay."

motivator. But a stronger motivator

should be faith. If Jesus had told

you He would rise up on the third

drawn you into the tomb to look:

It's the week after

on... Is your life different today?

Sunday, or are you living every

moment of every day in the

Was this past Sunday just another

Resurrection Sunday, and life goes

Curiosity or faith?

day, would you have believed Him?

Would you go into the tomb and

and women for volunteer support. To help with set-up, cleanup, childcare, greeting, or security, contact Laura Jones or sign up in the main Welcome Center.

#### Resurrection power that comes from an encounter with the living Savior?

**Brad Lewis** 

Think about this: Most Christians look to God to secure their salvation, then forget about Him until their next crisis.

May we be a people of faith, not just curious, and not just needing something. Because He lives, I Worship Well... for He's Alive! (Check out my

Blog: **Bigcloud.tv)** 

-Brad

# Georgia Baptist Children's Home

We have one more week 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.

### **Graduation Celebrations**

We are drawing near to that special time of year to recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates! Sunday, 5.21.17, will be a special day to do just that as we recognize our graduates in the 10:55 Worship

Celebration and then host the Heritage High School Baccalaureate Service at 2 pm. We are excited for our new upcoming graduates!

## Student Spotlight

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

"Flowers appear on the earth: the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:12

**Thank you:** To everyone who took part in making EggFEST 2017 such a success! I appreciate you all!!

The Point: We will be having Children's Worship at The Point this Sunday, 4.23.17. Children will be dismissed from the Worship Center and should be picked up from the FLC immediately following service.

Baby Dedication: We will be having a special Baby Dedication on Mother's Day. If you would like to participate in this special ceremony let me know.

Kids' Celebration Night: On Sunday Night, 5.21.17, at 6 pm, we will have a Kids Celebration Service highlighting all of our Kids' Ministry activities from 2017. Please plan to attend this special Worship Service and support our FBCFO Kids. We will have an Ice Cream Social immediately after.

VBS: If you plan to volunteer during VBS please send me an emailnicholes@fbcfo.org. I am planning to have a VBS Leaders meeting in the next couple of weeks.