

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, May 7

- 9:30 am** Sunday Bible Study
The Starting Line in the Circle
- 10:55 am** Morning Worship Celebration
- 11:15 am** Kids Worship @ The Point
- 12:15 pm** Summer Camp Fund Raising Lunch
- 4 pm** Grief Share (Builders Room)
- 5:30 pm** Life Group for Women
- 6 pm** Evening Worship in the Circle

Tuesday, May 9

- 10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

- 5 pm** Wednesday Evening Meal
Spaghetti Salad Bread Desert
- 5:45 pm** Youth Pizza & Bible Study
Financial Peace (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

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Winona Lewis
Betty Puckett
Larry Shipp
Tony Miller

Home

Callie Stookey
Donna Lindsay
Benjamin Forrest
Taimie Imler
Scott O'Steen
Tom Brewster
Tressie Fletcher

Beth Daugherty
Stephen Mosman
Audrey Brown
Patti Godfrey
Betty Phillips
Karen Pierce
Tommie Brock
John & June Stewart
Linda Sikes
Shirley Bryan
George Smith
Nell Smith
Martha Cope

Ken & Betty Goodner
Helen Epperson
Sam & Mary
Lou Brown

Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Bertha Pennington
Fred Boswell

Nursing

Home
Lila Archer
Dale & Delores Kinnison
Norma Carpenter

Birthdays

Zoe Ferrell (7)
Greg Smith (7)
Tim Banister (8)
Shannon McDaniel (8)

Sarah Humphrey (9)
Angie Smith (11)
Allison Hardeman (13)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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Pastoral Emergency Line
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Kidney Karnival

There will be a free kidney screening on 5.13.17 from 12 to 4 pm at First Baptist Church Ft. Oglethorpe. A Doctor, Nurse Practitioner and Dietitian will be on site to answer any questions you may have!



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Upcoming

The Big Yard Sale Reschedule

The Big Yard Sale has been **rescheduled** for Friday, 5.19 and Saturday, 5.20.17, due to weather. We will need volunteers throughout the two days, beginning at 6 am on Friday to move the items from the CERT garage to the front of the campus. We need trailers for the load out, tables for the set up, and bake goods to be sold to all the guests. You can sign up to volunteer at the main Welcome Desk and contact Elaine Steele (423.903.2365) for more information.

The Place to BE

We are kicking off a new Coffee Cafe this Sunday morning in our Main Welcome Center at 9:15 am, and this will be the place to BE for good coffee & a few little sweets before Bible Study and Worship. Stop by and check it out between 9:15 and 10:30 am this Sunday! Thanks to Mark & Kelly Paulson for getting this started.

The Starting Line

Our Starting Line will continue this Sunday, 5.7.17, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Circle. All guests and new members are invited to experience these special 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 Circle. Child care, donuts, and coffee will be provided.

Annie Armstrong Missions Offering

This Sunday, 5.7.17, will be the last Sunday for our 2017 Annie Armstrong Missions Offering. Our 2017 goal is \$6,000 and so far we have received \$2,829.00. Every dollar we raise will go directly to missions and church planting in the USA. Thanks for contributing to this important cause.

May 3 - May 10

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

May 7-13
Raymond Pendley
Donnie Lindsay
Bruce Underwood

May 14-20
Kerry Pennington
Gene McDaniel
Tim Banister

Wednesday Meal

May 10
Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Mark Kitchen
Brenda Jones

May 17
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Pat Medearis
Sue Hughes

Security

May 7
James Swafford
Eddy Trotter

May 14
Paul Overlin

Greeters

May 7
Donna Lindsay
Donnie Lindsay
Mary Jo Case

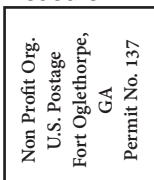
May 14
Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
Mary Jo Case

Sunday, May 7 LaunchPad

Babies LeAnn Alexander
Ella Alexander
1&2 yr olds Morgan Trotter
Betty Parrish
3 yr olds Barbara Holland
Brenda Jones
Welcome Jane Hogsed

Next Sunday, May 14

Babies Melissa Pittman
Don Pittman
1&2 yr olds Angie Smith
Morgan Trotter
3 yr olds Jan Rosser
Lynn Tyree
Welcome Frankie Trotter



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Freedom is Now! As we take the second step in our newsletter mini-series on the Gospel of the Now, let's take a moment to consider the freedom that is available now.

I first met Michael when he was working as a counselor in the court system. Michael himself had once been a defendant facing felony drug and assault charges in that same system. He described to me what it was like the moment he was paroled and took his first steps outside the walls of that prison. His chains were gone, the trees seemed greener, and even the sky appeared more blue. The only reason he ever returned to that place after

his release was to help others experience the freedom that he now enjoyed!

Sometimes the sin in our lives leaves us feeling like we are in chains. But consider what God has to say about that once you give your life to Jesus: **"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been freed from sin" (Rom. 6:6-7).** Because of the cross and its power that is now working in you, sin no longer has to dominate you. Sin no longer gets to have the final say over you. **"For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).**

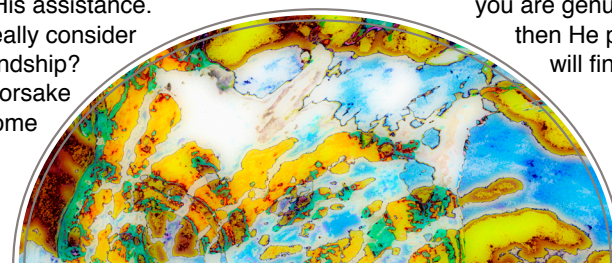
Consider the freedom that God has won for you. What will you do with that freedom today and with each new day that God gives to you? Let's live free for Him! -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Our response & posture to God greatly determine His pronounced presence in our lives. The primary identity of Jesus in the New Testament is Jesus the King. Without our allegiance to this identity, all other of His identities are lacking (Jesus our Savior, Jesus the Priest, Jesus the Prophet, etc). He is a king unlike any of the other kings that we understand; the King of Kings! But like all kings, His presence is known throughout His kingdom.

We must be careful not to follow Pilate in his perspective of Christ's kingdom (Mk 15:2-5). If we seek God with all of our hearts, then we will find Him (Jer. 29:13-14). We cannot reject dining at His table and expect Him to be near. This is taking Jesus' words about being His friend to extreme unhealthy measures (John 15:13). He does not merely follow us throughout our day in case we need His assistance. Honestly do we really consider this to be true friendship? If we continue to forsake Him, a time will come when we desperately need Him and He will not be near



-Andy

(Isa. 59:1-2). The issue is not whether God has forsaken us, but whether we have given our allegiance to His Kingship and Kingdom.

Realize it is an insult to Jesus, the King of Kings, to treat Him like a servant who should wait upon us. God relates to us on His unique terms, not ours. Now our King is completely compassionate and merciful & God desires a close walk with us. He will make His presence real and personal. If we turn and seek God from a "poor in spirit" posture, we can look forward to intimate fellowship with Him (James 4:8-10). We are to continually return to Him. This requires us to do some forsaking, forsaking the kingdom of darkness and placing our faith and allegiance to Him as King.

Do you say you want to experience God's presence while your actions reveal otherwise? If your actions reveal that you are genuinely seeking God, then He promises that you will find Him (Matt. 7:7).

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 252
11 am Worship Attendance 257

Annual Budget 559,047.00
YTD Budget Needs 193,516.27
YTD Budget Giving 196,579.68

Total Receipts for the Week: 17,877.04
Weekly Budget Giving 11,663.91
Weekly Freedom Giving 4,163.63
Weekly Missions Giving 727.81

This Sunday's Message:

Forgiveness Part Seven:
Final Thoughts & Testimony

Next Sunday's Message:

2017 Mother's Day
Celebration

Announcements

Freedom Update

The Countdown to Freedom means that we are one step closer to being debt free. So far, your support of Freedom in April has been amazing! We have received \$20,106 already this month. That means an extra \$9,000 payment straight on the principal! Thank you for your ongoing support!

Keenagers

Ryan Stinson will present a program of music & song at the Keenagers' Meeting, next Tuesday, 5.9.17, at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to attend and enjoy great entertainment and a very good lunch. Friends and visitors are welcome.

FBC A-Men

This is a call to the men from our Faith Family to step up and rally together for some special upcoming opportunities. We begin on Thursday, 5.25.17, with a trip to Bell South Park for a Chattanooga Lookouts game. We'll meet on campus at 6 pm. Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) to sign up!

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Camp Fundraiser 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: Spiral Sliced Glazed Ham, Crisp Broccoli Salad, Creamy Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Baby Carrots.

Summer Camp Update: We are getting closer to the big camp date of 6.10.17! Thanks for all your support and remember the camp forms are due right away so we

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

The Point: We will be having our Kids Worship service this Sunday! Pray for Kids to be impacted with the gospel!

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

Kids' Celebration Night: On Sunday Night, 5.21.17, at 6 pm, we will have a

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.

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 Party immediately after.

VBS: Our 2017 VBS is next month! If you plan to volunteer, please email Ms. Nichole at nicholes@fbcfo.org. There will be a volunteers meeting in the next couple of weeks. There is also a training session being held at Burning Bush Baptist on 5.4.17 at 6:30. If anyone would like to go, see Nichole immediately!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Habakkuk 3:17-18 says: Though the fig tree should not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail, and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold, and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

The prophet made a declaration that demonstrated his faith. Circumstances told one story: Problems, pain, and poverty. Faith told another story: Praise, joy, and worship. The key words of "I will" show that it was a process that the prophet walked through. As he walked through his life, his focus was on the Lord, rather than on his problems.

Praising God is easy when life is easy. Faith is demonstrated when we give God praise during the difficult times. If we only focus

on the difficulty and if we only look at the problems, we are neglecting to live out what we say we believe. Complaining shows that we do not trust God with our lives, and that we don't think He has our best interests in mind. (Romans 8:28)

May we tell the story of **Faith**, no matter what the circumstances are. **Worship Well!**

(Check out my Blog: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad

Women's Ministry

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

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

Graduation Celebrations

We are getting closer to that special time of year to recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates! **Sunday, 6.04.17**, will be our special graduate recognition day in the

10:55 am Worship Celebration. We are excited for our new upcoming graduates! Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) if you would like to participate.

Senior Adult Day

Join us on Sunday, 5.28.17 for a special Heritage Day, praising God and celebrating the ongoing legacy of our Faith Family. Our Joyful Praise Singers will share in worship, as well as a special message

from Pastor Brad. Lunch will follow for all our senior adults in the Fellowship Circle. Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) to make a lunch reservation.

