

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, May 14
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

9 am The new Coffee Cafe will be open
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
6 pm NO Evening Worship

Tuesday, May 16
8 am Pastoral Staff Retreat

Wednesday, May 17
5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Meat Loaf Baked Potato
Broccoli 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 -
Business Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

May 14-20
Kerry Pennington
Gene McDaniel
Tim Banister

May 21-27
Don Pittman
Ron Mullins
Ronnie Born

Security

May 14
Paul Overlin

May 21
Wayne Honeycutt
Ken Lee

Greeters

May 14
Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
Mary Jo Case

May 21
Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
Marlin Paulson

LaunchPad

Sunday, May 14
Babies
1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds
Welcome

Melissa Pittman
Don Pittman
Angie Smith
Morgan Trotter
Barbara Holland
Brenda Jones
Frankie Trotter

Next Sunday, May 21

Babies
1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds
Welcome

Elaine Steele
Lindsay Brooks
Kim Flegal
Debbie harp
Taimie Imler
Steve Imler
Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital
Winona Lewis

Home
Tony Miller
Joetta Roderick
Jerry Gann
Paul Page
Larry Shipp
Callie Stookey
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 Stewart
Linda Sikes
Shirley Bryan
Nell Smith

Martha Cope
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Helen
Epperson
Sam & Mary
Lou Brown

Nursing Home
Lila Archer
Dale & Delores
Kinnison

June Stewart
Norma
Carpenter
Eva Williams
Eunice Mosman
Bertha
Pennington
Fred Boswell
Betty Puckett

Birthdays

Regeania Nicholson (14)
Lamar Elrod, Jr. (15)
Corey Brumbaugh (16)

Susan Key (17)
Mattilee Massey (18)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Youth Minister - Kevin Stone
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
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Kidney Carnival

There will be a free kidney screening this Saturday, 5.13.17 from 12 to 4 pm on our Church campus. A Doctor, Nurse Practitioner and Dietitian will be on site to assist and answer all your questions!



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Upcoming

Happy Mother's Day!

We love all of our mom's and mom figures! We will honor all of them this Sunday with donuts for everyone at our new Coffee Cafe beginning at 9 am. Join us for good coffee and a donut before Bible study and our Celebration Worship. The Cafe is located in our main Welcome Center.

The Big Yard Sale Reschedule

The Big Yard Sale has been **rescheduled** for Friday, 5.26 and Saturday, 5.27.17. 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 Starting Line

Our Starting Line will take a break this Sunday morning, 5.14.17, but will resume on Sunday, 5.21.17. 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.

VBS Galatic Starveyers

Our 2017 VBS experience will begin Sunday, 6.4.17 through Thursday, 6.8.17. The big theme this year is getting to know God through His vast & wonderful creation. If you are currently active with our Faith Family, consider yourself a volunteer even if you will not be working the actual event. You can still help through prayer and personal invitations. We will have a special **church-wide VBS meeting** in the Circle at 6:30 pm on Wed., 5.31.17.

May 10 - May 17

Word From Our Pastor

The Power you need is NOW!


As we take a third step in our newsletter series on the Gospel of the Now, we consider the power that is available in the now. So far, we have seen how the gospel is more than a future ticket to heaven. As the tomb is empty, you can be filled with the Holy Spirit to experience forgiveness and freedom from sin in the now. And the power that you need to live well is also available to you now!

If you experienced our Worship Celebration this past Sunday, you saw first hand the power of God through the testimony of Mr. Tracy Smith. Tracy shared how it was only

Jason Thomas

through the power of God that he was able to forgive the person who murdered his son. It was not something that he could ever do in his own strength. God supplied the grace through the cross of Jesus Christ and also gave Tracy the strength to make that seemingly impossible decision to forgive.

In the moments when we feel weak, we have an opportunity. Consider what Paul wrote about his weaknesses, **“This is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 For. 12:10).** This strength did not come from within himself. It was God who reminded Paul that it was His grace that was sufficient and His power that is made perfect in weakness. With His Spirit in you now, there is power for you right now. May His power come alive in our weakness! -Jason



The Sunday Report

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Announcements

Worship Rally

Franklin Graham will be leading a special night of worship next Monday night, 5.15.17, as part of his Decision America Tour. The rally will be at Coolidge Park beginning at 7:30 pm. Worship will be led by The Afters. Everyone is invited to this free worship opportunity!

Love and Thanks

Lynn & Clarence Lance would like to thank all of you for the prayers, support and visits following the death of Lynn’s sister, Betty Turner. We have a very loving and compassionate Faith Family!

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!

Discipleship


The life of Jesus provides the prototype for our prayer lives. God is seeking to mold us into the image of His Son (Col. 1:27-28). If we are to act like Christ, our prayer lives must be conformed to His. Our **compassion** must be conformed to His through prayer, our **burdens** must be conformed to His prayer and our **suffering** must be conformed to His prayer. Many Christians are unwilling to pay the price that Jesus paid when it comes to interceding with God. Jesus’ prayers came with vehement cries and tears and, “because of His godly fear,” He was heard by the Father.

Why, then, did the Father refuse His request in the garden? It was not due to any sin in Jesus’ life, nor was it because the Father did not love His Son. The Father said no, despite the unfathomable love He had for His Son, partly

Andy Atkinson

because He knew He could not spare His Son and save a world. There literally was not another way. Likewise, the Lord cannot always spare you and your family and complete His Kingdom work in those around you.

Are you willing for God to deny your prayers? Will you intercede with the Father so deeply and intimately that even in the midst of your tears you are able to say, “Nevertheless, not my will but yours be done”? The Father will always relate to you out of the context of His love for a broken world. Has God said no to one of your requests recently? Accept His answer in faith. But for this to be of profit, we must see God in terms other than an enforcer. We have to first experience God is love! The process hinges on this experience. Have you been learning obedience through how you have been praying?



Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Camp Parent Meetings: Choose between 5.17.17 @ 7 pm in the FLC gym, or 5.21.17 @ 12:15 pm in the gym (lunch provided). Parents must attend one of these meetings for important camp info.

Summer Camp Update: We are getting closer to the big camp date of 6.11.17! Thanks for all your support and remember 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.

Children's Headlines

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:31

Kids' Celebration Night: On Sunday evening, 5.21.17, at 6 pm, we will have a Kids' Celebration Service highlighting all of our Kids' Ministries in 2017. Plan to attend this special Worship Service and support our FBCFO Kids. We will have an Ice Cream Party immediately following the Celebration!

Nichole Stookey

VBS: Our 2017 VBS is next month! If you plan to volunteer, please email Nichole at nicholes@fbcfo.org. There will be a church-wide VBS meeting & orientation on Wednesday, 5.31.17, from 6:30-7:15 pm in the Fellowship Circle. We can't wait to see you there!

Baby Dedication: Is THIS Sunday. If you would like to participate in the Baby Dedication contact Nichole ASAP!

Worship & More...

I am back from India... And what a powerful mission trip it was! The Presence of God was strong, lives were changed, souls were brought into the Kingdom of God, and God preformed mighty miracles! I will be sharing about the great things God did in the near future... Watch for the date. Here is a quick story:

After ministering in a school to the students and teachers, we were having lunch at the Headmaster’s home. A Hindu mother and her 15 year old daughter came by the house (hearing there was a doctor: my brother-in-law Dr. Pat), and Pat was able to treat the daughter who was suffering from a neurological condition. He wanted to see her again, so I suggested that they attend the worship service where I would be preaching the next day. They came, and after the service while Dr. Pat was treating patients, I shared the Gospel with them (through

Brad Lewis


an interpreter) and they both committed their lives to Christ! That was just one moment of a full two weeks of ministry. I was humbled to be a part of what God is doing in India. As my wife Elaine says when I go to India, “God shows off, and Brad gets to watch!”

I am so looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday! Until then...

Worship Well!

(See a brief wrap-up of my India trip on 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. 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, 6.4.17**, 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.

Heritage 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.