

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, May 21

- 8 am Deacon's Meeting
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study  
The Starting Line continues in the Circle
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 11:15 pm Kids @ The Point
- 12:15 pm Parent Camp Meeting (w/ lunch)
- 2 pm Heritage Baccalaureate
- 4 pm Grief Share (Builders Room)
- 5:30 pm LifeGroup for Women
- 6 pm Kids' Ministry Night & Ice Cream Party

## Wednesday, May 24

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
- Barbecue Baked Beans Cole Slaw  
Potato Salad Bread Desert
- 5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
- 6 pm Kids' Clubhouse Friends  
Group Bible Studies
- 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service -  
Special Speaker- Bart Gibbs
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 25

First Blessing Preschool Program & Art Show

## Friday, May 26

- 8 am - 5 pm The Big Yard Sale
- 8 am - 1 pm The Big Yard Sale

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# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Benjamin Forrest  
Virginia Grant

## Home

Teen Morgan  
Tony Miller  
Joetta Roderick  
Jerry Gann  
Paul Page  
Larry Shipp  
Taimie Imler  
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  
Ken & Betty Goodner

Helen Epperson  
Sam & Mary Lou Brown

## Nursing Home

Lila Archer  
Dale & Delores Kinnison  
Norma Carpenter

Eva Williams  
Eunice Mosman  
Bertha Pennington  
Fred Boswell  
Betty Puckett  
Winona Lewis

## Birthdays

Dave Bolling (21)  
Rena Caradine (21)  
Wanda Kitchen (21)  
Dana O'Steen (21)  
Luke Paris (21)

Larry Shipp (21)  
JoAnn Davis (24)  
Jerry Cantrell (25)  
Truddy Hutchison (27)  
Jason Thomas (27)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Youth Minister - Kevin Stone  
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**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

**Christian Sympathy**  
We express our deepest condolences to the Stewart family on the recent passing of Carolyn June Stewart. She will be deeply missed and our prayers are with the family.

# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

May 21-27  
Don Pittman  
Ron Mullins  
Ronnie Born

May 28-June 3  
Wayne Rasbury  
Scott O'Steen  
Laurie Brown

## Wednesday Meal

May 24  
Marlin Paulson  
Mary A. Paulson  
Mark Paulson  
Kelly Paulson

May 31  
Charles Helton  
Nancy Smith  
Betty Parrish  
Betty Dunwoody

## Security

May 21  
W. Honeycutt  
Ken Lee

May 21  
Steve Imler  
Jeff Wright

## Greeters

May 21  
Cindy Shipp  
Joyce Rogers  
Dolores Tant

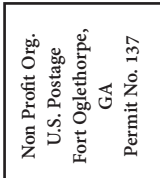
May 28  
W. Honeycutt  
Rena Honeycutt  
Terry Pennington

## Sunday, May 21 LaunchPad

Babies Elaine Steele  
Lindsay Brooks  
1&2 yr olds Kim Flegal  
Debbie Harp  
3 yr olds Taimie Imler  
Steve Imler  
Welcome Jane Hogsed

## Next Sunday, May 28

Babies Joyce Rogers  
Julie Wright  
1&2 yr olds David White  
Deedee McMahan  
3 yr olds Donnie Lindsay  
Donna Lindsay  
Welcome Angie Smith



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## Upcoming

### Kids' Celebration Night

You are invited to join us this Sunday evening for a special worship experience at 6 pm as we highlight and celebrate all our Kids' ministries from 2017. Our kids and Point Band will be leading us in worship with an ice cream party to follow.

### The Big Yard Sale

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 continues this Sunday morning, 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 17 - May 24**



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

## Peace Begins Now!

As we take a fourth step in our newsletter series on the Gospel of the Now, we consider the hope of reconciliation and peace that begins 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 reality of God picking up the broken pieces of your life also begins now.

Because of the sin in our lives, we all have past experiences and memories that involve regrets. There are moments when we have been hurt and moments when we have hurt

others. Often these hurts run deep and cause divisions that do not easily go away.

Yet, as Jesus was promising the arrival of the Holy Spirit, He offered these special words, **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).** With the presence of God in our lives, there is also the presence of peace that we so desperately need and that often surpasses our understanding (See Phil. 4:7). Take a deep breath and remember that the God of peace is walking with you. As His grace is abundant for you, you now have all the grace you need to bring healing and peace to the relationships around you.

May the gospel of peace be like the very air we breath as followers of Jesus. May His peace fill us up this week to the point of overflow into the lives of others!  
-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 239  
11 am Worship Attendance 394

Annual Budget 559,047.00  
YTD Budget Needs 215,018.08  
YTD Budget Giving 223,520.98

Total Receipts for the Week: 10,831.25  
Weekly Budget Giving 7,486.98  
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,844.80  
Weekly Missions Giving 176.15

## Announcements

**Coffee Cafe**  
You don't have to travel far on Sunday mornings to find a good cup of coffee and a place to mingle. Stop by our new Coffee Cafe each Sunday morning between 9:15 and 10:30 am in our main Welcome Center. Thanks to Mark & Kelly Paulson for leading the way.

**Keenager Trips**  
Our Keenagers invite you to two upcoming day-trips. They will be touring Gibbs Garden on Thursday, 6.1.17, and seeing “Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming” at the Colonnade on Saturday, 6.17.17. Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) for more info and to sign up.

**FBC A-Men**  
This is a call to the men from our Faith Family to rally together for some special upcoming opportunities. We begin next 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

Andy Atkinson

Our God is concerned with bringing people from death to life, helping people enter His “resurrection country.” His heart rejoices over each person who returns to Him from rebellion. If your heart is like God's, you, too, will rejoice when a child of God returns to the Father.

Jesus' parable about the prodigal son is as much about the older son who remained home as it is about the wayward son or the father. Year after year the older son labored for his father, waiting for a future reward. He had seen the brokenness his brother's rebellion had caused his father. Yet when his brother returned, the older son did not rejoice with his father. He felt no pleasure in seeing his father happy. His concern was for himself and the perceived injustice he'd been dealt. He felt like a martyr and totally missed the true obedience of celebrating with his father.

It is possible to serve God year after year and yet have a heart that is far from Him. You might be one of the hardest workers in our church and yet be filled

with bitterness and jadedness because others do not share your load. We can become so preoccupied with our spiritual labors that when God works miracles in the lives of those around us, we cannot rejoice. In many passages and parables, the obedient ones come to a table to celebrate or take part in the joy of their honored King. Don't be the one that declines a banquet invitation. A thankful posture is essential to keep from making the main thing us. The main thing is the glory of the rightful Father and King!

If you serve the Lord out of duty or habit, but not out of joy and gratitude, you will feel like a martyr. You will envy those who are experiencing joy in the Lord while you feel weighed down by the work you are doing. This is not the abundant life your

Father has in mind for you. Just like the older son, your reward is here and now, a close relationship with the Father! Come to the celebration, spend time with the Father, and share in His joy!



## Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

**Camp Parent Meetings:** This Sunday 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! The April 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

Nichole Stookey

**"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."**  
**Philippians 4:9**

**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!

**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!

# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

## The Holy Spirit In Worship

I Corinthians 2:4 says:

*My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.*

Watch television for any period of time, or check out what is popular at the movies and you will find a reoccurring theme: the **supernatural**. And here is a fact: The world is hungry for the very thing from which much of the church has shifted away from.

People want the supernatural, and we as the church possess the very thing that is **truly supernatural:** the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the greatest church builder. Nobody can win souls, build a church, or expand God's kingdom better than He can. Programs, 4-point presentations, and crafted songlists are good, but without the Holy Spirit's power they are simply another program, presentation, and songlist.

If we will embrace the Holy Spirit's leading, humbly submit to His expertise, seek His guidance, and allow

Him to empower us, then we will embrace a better way to be God's Kingdom.

The Holy Spirit is not a liability; He's our only hope at drawing men to salvation. He's our only hope of building disciples. He is our only hope of encountering God in worship.

May we embrace the Holy Spirit. May we allow Him to empower and fill us as we minister and lead...

**Worship Well!**  
(Check out my Blog: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))  
-Brad



## Women's Ministry

**Women's Ministry Annual Luncheon, 6.3.17, 11:30 to 1:30.** Cost \$15.00 Tickets will be on sale at the Welcome Center before SS and after worship on May 21 and 28th. You may also purchase a ticket in the church office, on the FB link at FBCFO Women's Ministry, or contact Laura Jones (423-605-1816). Tickets must be

purchased before 5.29.17. We also desperately need several women willing to host several tables for women who do not have a place to sit. Also needed are a couple of men to set up and break down tables.

## 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.