

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, February 25

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
11:15 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
12:15 pm Youth Leave for Winter Jam Concert
5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, February 26

10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers
@ NHC Rossville

Wednesday, February 28

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Chicken Lima Beans
Hashbrown Casserole Field Peas
Bread Dessert
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 Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 3

6 pm Kay Dodd Comedy Hour

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Feb. 25-Mar. 3 **Mar. 4-Mar. 10**
Bruce Underwood Tim Banister
Bob Johnson Hank Humphrey
Mary A. Paulson Becky Pennington

Security

Feb. 25-Mar. 3 **Mar. 4-Mar. 10**
Phillip Everett Jeff Ingram
Ken Lee Tom Archer

Wednesday Meal

Feb. 28 **March 7**
Wayne Rasbury Marlin Paulson
Elaine Steele Mary A. Paulson
Pat Medearis Fred Colwell
Sue Hughes Dian Colwell

Greeters

Feb. 25 **March 4**
Scott O'Steen Louise Stinnett
Dana O'Steen Barbara Poole
G. McDowell Mary Jo Case

Sunday, Feb. 25 LaunchPad Next Sunday, Mar. 4

Babies	Julie Wright	Babies	Sarah Kubler
	Madison Stookey		Joyce Tindall
1&2 yr olds	Charles Tant	1&2 yr olds	LeAnn Alexander
	Nancy Smith		Ela Alexander
3 yr olds	Heather Craig	3 yr olds	Joyce Rogers
	Jane Hogsed		Linda Daniels
Welcome	Preble McDaniel	Welcome	Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

Hospital	Karen Pierce	Wanda	Nursing
Opal Hyde	Ivey Minghini	McArthur	Home
Linda Sikes	Tommie	Beth	Lila Archer
Joe McKay	Brock	Daugherty	JoAnn Davis
	Helen Fisher	John Stewart	Sharon
Home	Larry Shipp	Nell Smith	Mullins
Darlene Lane	Jean Wilson	Ken & Betty	Dale Kinnison
Mike Ulman	Betty Phillips	Goodner	Eva Williams
Carol Croft	Tom Brewster	Helen	Norma
Ruth	Bill George	Epperson	Carpenter
Wagoner	Wanda	Sam & Mary	Eunice
Jo Hill	Kitchen	Lou Brown	Mosman
Margaret	Jeanette		Bertha
Box	McKay		Pennington
Lila Mears			

Birthdays

Miki Ingram (25th)	Bettye Dunwoody (29th)
Debbie harp (27th)	Drew Today (1st)
Will Montgomery (27th)	Amber Walker (1st)
Mackie Yatooma (27th)	Cindy Daniels (2nd)
Elaine Lewis (28th)	Heather Craig (3rd)
Joetta Roderick (28th)	Julie Lowery (3rd)
Brian Swafford (28th)	

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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Items of the Month:
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Upcoming

The Kay Dodd Comedy Hour

There is great power in laughter, and as a Church Family, it is good to enjoy special moments of being together and laughing together. We invite you to join us for a night like that on Saturday, 3.3, as Christian comedian Kay Dodd will be our special guest in the Worship Center at 6 pm. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday morning, 2.25, in the Welcome Center. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. **All** proceeds go to our Free to BE building loan.

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

As disciples of Jesus who build other disciples, there is nothing more important than raising up the next generation. You have the opportunity to be part of that mission on the weekend of Friday night, 3.2 through Sunday morning, 3.4. We need four families to open their homes to small groups of middle school and high school students for that weekend. All that is needed is love, snacks, a comfortable place to sleep, and breakfast on Saturday morning. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org to volunteer.

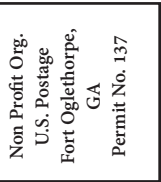
Going International in 2018

Is God calling you for a short-term mission trip? We are showcasing three possible international trips in 2018: Ecuador in July; Zimbabwe in August; and Brazil in November. Our next big meeting will be **Sunday, 3.4**, at 1 pm in the Library to begin team commitments, planning, and preparations.

Love Our Church Campus

March will be a special "Love Our Campus" month as we look forward to Easter and the coming spring season. Be thinking about what you can do to help us beautify and make our campus more inviting and engaging. We will have a special Campus Work Day on Saturday, 3.24.18, from 8 am to noon.

Feb. 21 - Feb. 28



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

What if all work is God's work? As we take this next step in our newsletter series on Calling, we begin to knock down the walls that divide the spiritual from the secular. You will recall from last week how those walls exist in our world today through these common expressions:

"Missions and ministry should be done by professional ministers; I have my life on weekdays and 'visit' God on Sundays; church leaders and staff have a closer connection to God than everyone else; and my job has no part in building the kingdom of God." Though these divisions are real, they did not exist in the beginning. **"The Lord God took**

the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and take care of it" (Gen. 2:15). What a surprise... The first calling from God upon an individual had nothing to do with ministry or missions. God did not call Adam to be a professional pastor or missionary, but to be a child of God who would be productive out in the field of life. This was the very first job, with God as the heavenly boss and Adam as the employee.

Notice that work was given to us by God so that we could be fruitful and worshipful. As we are made in the image of a creative and productive God, we too are made to be creative and productive. And though this began with agriculture, it now extends to all kinds of culture, from the fields, to main street, and even to Wall Street. What if you saw your work as a given to you by God for a bigger, godly purpose? We will explore this more next week! -Jason

Discipleship

In our zeal to please God and advance His kingdom, we can often take on responsibilities God never intended us to have. One of the great challenges of the Christian life is determining **what God does not want us to do!** Sometimes our good intentions cause more harm than good. The Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, if we don't know where, then we should stop and listen for His voice.

Moses was aware of the need for someone to settle disputes among the Israelites. Someone had to help those former slaves learn how to live together as the people of God, so Moses took it upon himself to meet this need. Long lines of unhappy people, hoping to have their cases heard, stood before Moses each day. Moses spent day after day carrying the weight of his nation's problems on his shoulders. Finally his father-in-law, an outsider, witnessed what Moses was doing and challenged the wisdom of his actions. Moses was taking on more than he



Andy Atkinson

could handle. He was wearing himself out trying to do what was impossible for one person. In doing this service alone, Moses was robbing others of an opportunity. He was also doing a disservice to his people, who otherwise could have had their issues resolved much sooner. Even when God's clear about us doing something, inviting others to this tasks is extremely important.

When you become aware of a need, do not automatically assume God wants you to meet it. Mediate on the different aspects of it and seek to understand God's heartbeat for it. If you are feeling overwhelmed by all that you are doing, you are probably doing more than God has asked. **Realize that some assignments are for a season and some will be for a lifetime.** Transitions are greatly important as the Spirit directs each step throughout life. Pray carefully about the assignments you take on, so that you don't rob yourself of God's best.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Who is Emmanuel? We know that Jesus is called Emmanuel. We are reminded of this during Advent, as we focus on the birth of our Savior.

The Bible records this as a prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.* It is written again in Matthew 1:23 *The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel (which means "God with us").*

This begs the question, "What does it mean for God to be with us?" We know that Jesus comes to live within us as the Holy Spirit when we commit our lives to Christ. How does "God with us" figure in to that relationship?

We must first grasp the magnitude of who God is in all of His greatness. Once we have a good picture of that, we need to see that amid all of His greatness, God chose

to enter humanity through Jesus so He could reach us. He didn't send Jesus to die for us because He felt sorry for us. Rather, He wanted to have a relationship with us: God with man. And He wants that relationship to be ongoing, vibrant, and life-changing.

To say that Jesus, Emmanuel, is God with us, we surrender all of ourselves, constantly, and consistently. If He is with me, then my life is with Him.

Worship Well!

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	219
11 am Worship Attendance	269
Annual Budget	598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs	80,628.29
YTD Budget Giving	68,136.78
Total Receipts for the Week:	11,906.64
Weekly Budget Giving	6,915.60
Weekly Freedom Giving	3,631.86
Weekly Missions Giving	469.18

This Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
"Get to Know Jesus"

Next Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
Continues

Announcements

Celebrating Five

Sunday, 3.4.18, will mark five years that Pastor Andy and his family have been part of our Church Family. Stay tuned as we make plans to celebrate this special milestone and express our love for him and his family.

Joyful Praise

Our Joyful Praise Singers have been rehearsing on Mondays in preparation for community ministry! Their first outing will be Monday, 2.26, at NHC Rossville. This group of "seniors" are committed to outreach and encouragement in the community. They are a beautiful picture of the "going" pillar of our calling to Gather, Grow, Go!

Sunday Nights

There is something new on Sunday evenings. Our Evening Service now meets in the Fellowship Circle with classic hymns, a time in the Word, along with prayer, coffee & refreshments. Folks are enjoying this new look and personal worship experience at 6 pm.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Sunday, Feb 25th - Winter Jam at the UTC Arena. Cost will be \$15 at the door. We will take a church bus after the worship service. Lunch & purchases at the concert will require money. (Food at the arena can be expensive.) We will return to the church campus around 11 pm.

March 2-4 is DNOW - We are looking for volunteers to host some of our students for two nights. If you are

willing to make a difference this way, call me (423.902.9017). This requires breakfast on Saturday and snacks Friday and Saturday nights. You can also sit in on the group Bible studies.

Interested in an International Mission trip to Ecuador? Our next Missions Meeting will be Sunday, 3.4.18, in the Library right after the Camp Fundraising Lunch.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Lord, you provide the flame for my lamp. You, God, turn the darkness around me into light." Psalm 18:28

The Point: Kids Worship will be this Sunday, 2.25 in the FLC Gym. Kids are encouraged to bring friends and family to enjoy our new Worship Set! We will be in Matthew 21 talking about the Triumphal Entry!

First Family: The new edition of First Family is out! Please feel free to stop by the Children's Welcome Desk to

pick up a copy. This is a great resource for all members and visitors to see what's happening with our Kids and Youth!

Background Checks: There are still many of you that need to update your background checks. Please pick up a copy of the release form and get it back to us ASAP! I will be contacting you individually about these soon! Thanks!

Women's Ministry

Women Of Joy: Deposits are due for the April WOJ Conference. The balance is due by the end of February. The total due is 2 per room: \$234; 3 per room: \$204; or 4 per room: \$184. This covers the conference, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, gas, and a T-shirt. If you plan to attend, contact Laura Jones at jonesl@nexband.com.

First Family

The second edition of our **First Family Magazine** is hot off the press and available at our Kids' Welcome Center. In this latest edition, you will find a calendar of upcoming Kids' & Youth Events between February and June, as

well as articles and information written with parents and grandparents in mind. Get your copy of **First Family** this Sunday and find out what God is doing in our Kids' & Youth Ministries!

Here to Equip & Serve

Our staff takes to heart Ephesians 4:12 to be leaders who equip the saints for the work of ministry. A big part of that means being available to teach, encourage, pray for, and assist as needed. Though ministry is not limited to particular hours, you can count on

our Church Office Hours of Monday - Thursday from 8 to 4 pm. You can also set appointments by contacting us at 706.866.0232 or at churchoffice@fbco.org. For after-hour emergencies, use our Pastoral Hotline at 423.708.5303.