

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, February 18

- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 11:15 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
- 12:15 pm Youth Teachers' Meeting
- 6 pm Evening Worship Service

## Monday, February 19

- 10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers Rehearsal

## Wednesday, February 21

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Beef Stew Corn Bread Salad Desserts**
- 5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
- 6 pm Kids' Clubhouse Friends  
Group Bible Studies
- 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Family Business Meeting
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 18-24    | Feb. 25-Mar. 3  |
| Jean Stone    | Bruce Underwood |
| Jeff Fletcher | Hank Humphrey   |
| Mark Paulson  | Mary A. Paulson |

### Wednesday Meal

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Feb. 21         | Feb. 28       |
| Charles Tant    | Wayne Rasbury |
| Dolores Tant    | Elaine Steele |
| Frankie Trotter | Pat Medearis  |
| Hal Jones       | Sue Hughes    |

### Security

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| Feb. 18-24   | Feb. 25-Mar. 3  |
| Bob Rogers   | Phillip Everett |
| Paul Overlin | Ken Lee         |

### Greeters

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| Feb. 18         | Feb. 25       |
| Lois Carlton    | Scott O'Steen |
| Jim Carlton     | Dana O'Steen  |
| Preble McDaniel | G. McDowell   |
| Gene McDaniel   |               |

### Sunday, Feb. 18 LaunchPad

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| Babies      | Melissa Pittman  |
|             | Madeline Pittman |
| 1&2 yr olds | Melissa Collison |
|             | Amber White      |
| 3 yr olds   | Sandra Mullins   |
|             | Ron Mullins      |
| Welcome     | Tiffani Brady    |

### Next Sunday, Feb. 25

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Babies      | Julie Wright    |
|             | Madison Stookey |
| 1&2 yr olds | Charles Tant    |
|             | Nancy Smith     |
| 3 yr olds   | Heather Craig   |
|             | Jane Hogsed     |
| Welcome     | Preble McDaniel |

## Prayer Concerns

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

## Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rick Grammer (18th)   | Anna Bradford (22nd)  |
| Hunter Griffin (19th) | Grayson Brooks (22nd) |
| Jason Zearfaus (19th) | Stephen Harp (23rd)   |
| Mike Howard (20th)    | Alana Long (23rd)     |
| Kristi Mullins (21st) |                       |
| Lora Ogden (21st)     |                       |

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
 Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
 Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
 Youth Minister - Kevin Stone  
 Children Minister - Nichole Stookey  
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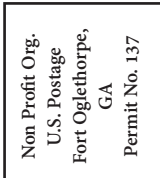
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**423-708-5303**

**Christ Chapel**  
**Items of the Month:**  
**Crackers & Pasta**



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## Upcoming

### The Kay Dodd Comedy Hour

There is great power in laughter, and as a Church Family, sometimes it is good to enjoy 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, 2.18, 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.

### The Starting Line

All new members and guests are encouraged to be part of the Starting Line, continuing this Sunday, 2.18, at 9:30 am. This is a four-session "get to know us" class led by Pastor Jason. To attend, simply stop by our Coffee Cafe at 9:20 am this Sunday, and we will have greeters there to show you the way.

### Going International in 2018

What a great start! Over 30 people gathered this past Sunday for our Missions Interest Meeting. 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 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. 14 - Feb. 21**



## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

### Is there a false division?

Perhaps it began with the medieval church when the Pope enacted a new order that divided people between those set apart for the priesthood and everyone else. This was the first big division between the spiritual and the secular. Though church leadership positions had previously existed, there had never before been a headline distinction between the spiritual and the secular.

As we take this next step in our newsletter series on Calling, we consider whether that medieval division still has ripple effects in our world today. The Reformation leaders, including Martin Luther and

John Calvin, worked hard to soften this division by reminding folks that God has set apart **every believer** to be a holy nation and part of His royal priesthood (see 1 Peter 2:9). Yet, even today, we find that many believers are still living in ways that keep the old division alive. We see it expressed this way: "Outreach and ministry should be the work of the pastoral staff; 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 or career has no part in building the kingdom of God."

If any of those expressions sound familiar to you, consider how they may be creating a false division and holding you back from a greater understanding of your purpose in life. What would it mean if you saw yourself and every believer as God's royal priesthood? We will explore this more next week! -Jason

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

The flesh, the world and the pride of life will cause us to be self-centered, shifting our hearts from God to self. **Our default mode is self-centeredness.** The Spirit guides us away from such slavery. The essence of salvation is an about-face from self-centeredness to God-centeredness. The Christian must spend a lifetime denying self and turning self towards the other and God. Our great temptation will be to affirm ourselves while we follow Jesus. James and John did this when they chose to follow Jesus but asked for the two most prominent positions in Jesus' kingdom (Mark 10:35-37). James and John wanted a discipleship that would not impede their selfish desires and aspirations. Like them, we say, "Lord, I want to be pleasing to you, but I am not open to change and rethink my life."



**Self-centered people try to keep their lives undisturbed, safe and secure.** Our temptation is to give our time and effort to the goals of this world. Then, when we are successful in the world's eyes, we seek to bring God, I want to give God the glory for it!" God is not interested in receiving secondhand glory from our activity. God receives glory from **His activity** through our lives.

The world will entice you to adopt its values, goals and to invest in temporal things. Resist the temptation to pursue your own goals, asking God to bless them. Rather, deny yourself and join the activity of God as He reveals it to you. **Invest in people. Sacrifice yourself.** Live life acknowledging that we will one day return to the dust we can from.

## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

An interesting conversation took place between God and Isaiah in Isaiah chapter 6. Isaiah, after seeing the vision of God high and exalted, began to downplay himself, pointing out his own flaws, his own culture, and his own inabilities. But God put a call out to Isaiah in verse 8: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

Isaiah responded in the next verse, "Here am I. Send me!" Even though Isaiah saw himself as limited, unable, and unworthy, he still heard God's call, raised his hand and said, "Use me!"

In God's kingdom, **Calling overrides credentials... Every time!** We must realize that we are not simply sinners saved by grace, but we are called, chosen, anointed, and empowered. And God is calling all of us to something bigger than ourselves.

What is God calling you to do, and to be? Ask Him! *Who do you want me to minister to? Who do you want me to pour into and invest in? Who do you want me to disciple?*

These are great questions to ask God. And then if you will listen, you will hear God's voice (through His Word, and in your heart) calling you to something greater than you, and greater than you think you can do.

Here I am Lord, send me! **Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: **Bigcloud.tv**)

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 214  
11 am Worship Attendance 235

Annual Budget 598,953.33  
YTD Budget Needs 69,109.96  
YTD Budget Giving 61,221.18

Total Receipts for the Week: 11,958.97  
Weekly Budget Giving 8,095.72  
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,861.25  
Weekly Missions Giving 77.00

### This Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:  
"More than A Feeling"

### Next Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:  
Continues

## Announcements

### Celebrating 5

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 nights. 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

**"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." 1 Corinthians 13:4-5:**

**The Point:** Kids Worship will be this Sunday, 2.18 in the FLC Gym. Kids are encouraged to bring friends and family to enjoy our new Worship Set! We will be in Matthew 17 talking about the Transfiguration!

**SL4K:** Camp will be here before we know it, and we already have an incredible group of kids going! We are still able to add a few more kids. If you

know of any of your friends or family that would like to go with us, let me know ASAP. Student Life for Kids Camp this summer will be great!!

**Background Checks:** If you are helping with any of our Kid or Youth Ministries, we need a background check on you. A majority of our background checks will expire this year. If you have not signed a new background check request form, there are blank forms at the Kids' Welcome Desk. Please turn those in to me or the church office ASAP.

**EggFest:** Save the Date!! EggFest will be on March 31 from 12-2! Look forward to more information coming soon!

## 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](mailto:jonesl@nexband.com).

## FCA Banquet

Our Church Family will be sponsoring a table of 8 for the FCA Fundraiser Banquet, scheduled for Tuesday, 3.27, at 6 pm. The banquet will be at the Catoosa County Colonnade with a silent auction, dinner, and special guest

speaker, Dennis Swanberg. You are invited to sit at our table, but it will be first come, first serve. Email the Church Office at [churchoffice@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) if you would like to reserve a seat.

## 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@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org). For after-hour emergencies, use our Pastoral Hotline at 423.708.5303.