


This Week @ FBC



Sunday, February 11
8 am Deacons' Meeting
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
12:15 pm Missions Interest Meeting
2-4 pm Baby Shower - Pennington's
6 pm Evening Worship Service
Paulson LifeGroup

Monday, February 12
10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 13
10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

Wednesday, February 14
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 Pastor's Prayer Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 16
5:30 pm Koinonia Class Fellowship

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

<u>Feb. 11-17</u> Nolan Richardson Luke Daniels Marlin Paulson	<u>Feb. 18-24</u> Jean Stone Jeff Fletcher Mark Paulson
---	--

Security

<u>Feb. 11-17</u> Jeff Wright Kris Kubler	<u>Feb. 18-24</u> Bob Rogers Paul Overlin
---	---

Wednesday Meal

<u>Feb. 14</u> Scott O'Steen Dana O'Steen Tracy Clark Kathy Clark	<u>Feb. 21</u> Charles Tant Dolores Tant Frankie Trotter Hal Jones
---	--

Greeters

<u>Feb. 11</u> Harold Parrish Betty Parrish W. Honeycutt Rena Honeycutt	<u>Feb. 18</u> Lois Carlton Jim Carlton Preble McDaniel Gene McDaniel
---	---

<u>Sunday, Feb. 11</u>	<u>LaunchPad</u>	<u>Next Sunday, Feb. 18</u>
Babies	Joyce Rogers Betty Parrish	Babies Melissa Pittman Madeline Pittman
1&2 yr olds	Holly Trotter Morgan Trotter	1&2 yr olds Melissa Collison Amber White
3 yr olds	Blanca Zearfaus Jason Zearfaus	3 yr olds Sandra Mullins Ron Mullins
Welcome	Jane Hogsed	Welcome Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

Jeff Ingram (11th) Brenda Lynch (11th) Jeremy Brooks (13th) Nichole Stookey (13th) Laurie Fasulo (14th)	Tom Acker (15th) Hayden Mullins (15th) Nolan Richardson (16th) Carol Welcher (17th)
---	--

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Youth Minister - Kevin Stone
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram
Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins
Treasurer - Darlene Lane

jasont@fbcfo.org
bradl@fbcfo.org
andya@fbcfo.org
kevins@fbcfo.org
nicholes@fbcfo.org
miki@fbcfo.org
sandram@fbcfo.org
finance@fbcfo.org

2645 Lafayette Road - P.O. Box 2125
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
Office: 706.866.0232
www.fbcfo.org



find us on social media

Pastoral Emergency Line
423-708-5303

Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
Crackers & Pasta



First Baptist Church

Where Truth and Love come together

www.fbcfo.org

Upcoming

The Kay Dodd Comedy Hour

There is great power in laughter, and as a Church Family, sometimes it is good to simply enjoy being together and even laughing together. We invite you to join us for a fun 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, 2.11, in the Welcome Center. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. **All** proceeds will 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, 2.11, 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

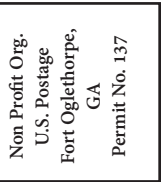
Join us this Sunday, 2.11, right after the Morning Worship Celebration for a brief preview of three possible international trips in 2018. These will be short-term mission trips happening later this year. The meeting will be no longer than 30 minutes and will take place right next to our Main Welcome Center. Everyone is invited!

Keenagers' Lunch Meeting

Join us next Tuesday, 2.13, for our monthly Keenagers' Lunch Meeting, hosted by our Senior Adult Ministry. The meeting begins at 10:30 am in our Fellowship Circle and will include a devotional, special updates, entertainment, and a tasty lunch. This month, our entertainment will be gospel recording artist, Ryan Stinson.

Feb. 7 - Feb. 14

First Baptist Church
2645 Lafayette Road
P.O. Box 2125
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Do you have a calling? By now, as we enter into the second month of 2018, many of you are back into a routine which is no different than 2017. Any thoughts of change or resolution in the near year have begun to fade away. But what if God could spark something in you to keep the hope of the new year alive? It most likely won't require a change of residency or occupation, but will be more about a change of perspective and focus.

Consider the question that I asked in the beginning... Do you have a calling? If you are a believer in Christ, then you already know that God has called you to be His



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	231	This Sunday's Message: The Confident Faith Series: "More than Tradition"
11 am Worship Attendance	325	
Annual Budget	598,953.33	Next Sunday's Message: The Confident Faith Series: Continues
YTD Budget Needs	46,073.31	
YTD Budget Giving	38,655.34	
Total Receipts for the Week:	22,612.12	
Weekly Budget Giving	14,470.12	
Weekly Freedom Giving	3,580.00	
Weekly Missions Giving	2,929.00	

Announcements

Special Thanks
First Things First would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the Secret Keeper Girls ministry this past Saturday. You were an amazing blessing to many of the moms & daughters from our community!

Special Thanks
With grateful hearts, we appreciate you allowing us to stay in your mission house this past fall. We loved being a part of your Church Family. May the Lord continue to richly bless your great church. He has brought together a wonderful staff to lead you. We hope to visit with you again in the days to come.
Mr. David & Julie Brown

Baby Shower
You are invited to a Baby Shower for Kerry, Becky and Baby Rhett Pennington this Sunday, 2.11, from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Circle. The family is registered at Babies-R-Us and Target.

Discipleship

God is love (1 John 4:16). His very nature is perfect love. Perhaps you were hurt by someone you loved, and your heart became hardened as a defense against further pain. You may love others but not know how to express your love in words or actions. You may feel frustrated because you have been called by God to love, yet you do not understand how to love others. **Growing in Christ is growing in our capability to love others as if they were Christ Himself.** Love is primary to everything we do. Love takes priority over everything.

Paul wrote to disciples in Thessalonica to encourage them not to become disheartened as they learned to love each other (1 Thess. 3:7). **Love is the better way even after our fractured world imposes bitterness, anger and fear.** God's love through the Holy Spirit guides us and enlightens our hearts to navigate our



Student Spotlight

Youth House Renovations - are going great. The painting is complete and the new carpet is getting very close. It looks like a different place! Thank you to all who have helped. A few happenings to let you know about:

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 get expensive.) We will return at around 11 pm.

Children's Headlines

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."
Hebrews 12:14

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.

Andy Atkinson

relationships and actions. Often we find someone who was difficult to love, God would enable us to love them through His Holy Spirit. A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.

God in His grace has made provision for our human weakness, and He is prepared to teach us how to love one another. There are no exceptions. This is a process of letting go of our ego and assumptions. Sometimes it is simple but difficult process of just not taking ourselves so seriously. Are you struggling to love someone? God will help you. He will enable you to love your parents, your spouse, your children, your friends, or your enemy in a deeper way than you could ever love them on your own. It is not about will power, but humility. If you do not know how to express your love in a meaningful way, God will teach you how to do this. God is the authority on love. Let pray and ask Him to make His love overflow to others through your life.

Kevin Stone

March 2-4 is DNOW - We are looking for volunteers to house some of our students for two nights. If you are willing to make a difference in someone's life, call me (423.902.9017). This requires breakfast on Saturday and snacks Friday and Saturday nights. You will also be sitting in on bible study.

Interested in an International Mission trip to Ecuador? Be at the Mission Trip meeting this Sunday, 2.11 following Morning Worship. Mission Trip plans need to be made early...

Nichole Stookey

The Point: Kids Worship will be 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!!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

I have been thinking about these words lately: *Singing songs will not change us. Only an encounter with God's Presence will change us.* All throughout scripture, people's lives were changed not because they were singing a particular song, but because they encountered God. And all we need to do is look around us today and we will see that changed lives are a result of an encounter with God.

So why do we sing songs in gathered worship? Because we want to encounter God! Our purpose in choosing the songs that we sing on Sundays is to point our hearts toward God and His greatness, to help us see our need for God and His provision, and put us on the path toward God and His life. Simply put, our *passion* is to encounter God's Presence in worship.

When we model intimate and passionate worship, others will see this, they too will be drawn into intimate and passionate worship. It's not the songs, it's the Presence of God!

When we encounter God's Presence in worship, our lives change. And when our lives change, those around us will see the change and seek to encounter God's Presence with us... **Worship Well!**
(Follow my Blog at: **Bigcloud.tv**)

-Brad



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.

Dinner & Movie Night:
We will be showing God's Not Dead 2 as a free event in our Fellowship Circle this Saturday, 2.10 @ 5 pm. Chili, Soup and snacks will be provided. Bring desserts and drinks.

First Focus

Thanks to Pastor Andy, the latest edition of our First Focus was released this past Sunday morning. This is a Group Ministry Resource Guide filled with a variety of articles and tips to help you in your Sunday School Classes and Groups. Pick up your new copy

today in the Church Office, your Sunday School Classroom, or any of our Welcome Areas. We encourage you to get in the Word, get into a Group, and get into First Focus!

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.