

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, March 4

- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 12:15 pm Summer Camps Fundraiser Lunch
- 1 pm Missions Interest Meeting
- 5 pm Celebrating "5" with the Atkinsons

Monday, March 5

- 10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers @ Pruitt Nursing Facilities

Tuesday, March 6

- 10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, March 7

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Spaghetti Green Beans Salad 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

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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| Mar. 4-10 | Mar. 11-17 |
| Tim Banister | Ronnie Born |
| Hank Humphrey | Donnie Lindsay |
| Becky Pennington | Kerry Pennington |

Wednesday Meal

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| March 7 | March 14 |
| Marlin Paulson | Jamie Lee |
| Mary A. Paulson | Alisha Lee |
| Fred Colwell | Cindy Daniels |
| Dian Colwell | Betty Dunwoody |

Security

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| Mar. 4-Mar. 10 | Mar. 11-17 |
| Jeff Ingram | Michael Ingram |
| Tom Archer | Ron Bethune |

Greeters

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| March 4 | March 11 |
| Louise Stinnett | Donnie Lindsay |
| Barbara Poole | Donna Lindsay |
| Mary Jo Case | Dolores Tant |

Sunday, Mar. 4 LaunchPad

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| Babies | Sarah Kubler |
| | Joyce Tindall |
| 1&2 yr olds | LeAnn Alexander |
| | Ela Alexander |
| 3 yr olds | Joyce Rogers |
| | Linda Daniels |
| Welcome | Tiffani Brady |

Next Sunday, Mar. 11

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| Babies | Sue Everett |
| | Phillip Everett |
| 1&2 yr olds | Miki Atkinson |
| | Levanda Swafford |
| 3 yr olds | Jane Hogsed |
| | Lynn Tyree |
| Welcome | Kathy Clark |

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

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| Joan Hicks (4th) | Louise Pendley (6th) |
| Eva Williams (4th) | Noah Wolfe (7th) |
| Pam Bethune (5th) | Jake Brown (8th) |
| Bryan Dupree (5th) | Aline Hannah (8th) |
| Dale Kinnison (5th) | Donna Pack (9th) |
| Melissa Pittman (5th) | Donna Leath (10th) |
| Mark Paulson (6th) | |

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

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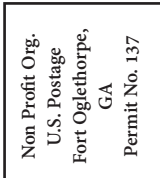


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Pastoral Emergency Line
423-708-5303

Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
Crackers & Pasta

Welcome to our Church Family
Ms. Carol Croft
730 Cedar Creek
Rossville, GA 30741



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



First Baptist Church

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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 an evening like that this Saturday, 3.3, as Christian comedian Kay Dodd will be our special guest in the Worship Center at 6 pm. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. All proceeds go to our Free to BE building loan.

Celebrate 5 Years with the Atkinsons

Join us this Sunday evening, 3.4, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Circle to celebrate a special five-year milestone with Pastor Andy and his family. We will have cake, coffee, punch, and other goodies to enjoy together, along with words of appreciation and the occasional roast! Cards and love offerings are welcome.

Live the Vision

As the FBC Church Family, we strive to BE disciples of Jesus who help BUILD other disciples of Jesus. Our vision for 2018 is for every family member to become a faith multiplier by being a SPARK in our North Georgia Community. God has a place for YOU in His mission, especially as we gear up for Easter 2018. How will you commit to this effort with your talents, time, and gifts? Together, we will BE the SPARK that God has called us to BE!

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. 28 - Mar. 7

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

What is a vocation? You may recall from last week that it was God who gave the first job to the first human being. **"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).** Perhaps it was a surprise to see that the first job was farming instead of ministry.

But keep in mind that God's calling on Adam's life went well beyond a particular job. Adam was called to be a child of God who, together with Eve, would be fruitful and productive with his life. Farming was just one of many ways that Adam would be productive.

As we take this next step in our newsletter

series on Calling, we consider what it means to have a vocation. Though we often think of vocation as a specific job, the true meaning of vocation is much broader in scope. The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word, "vocatio," which means "calling." And as we have already seen, a calling is not something that is limited to a particular job.

Should you consider a job as a calling? Sure, that is a good place to start, but many of us end the discussion there. Yet, what about your calling when it comes to your family or when it comes to your church family and your community? If you have become a child of God through the blood of Christ, then you need to consider the calling that God has for you in each of those areas of your life. Don't put all of your time and energy into one "calling basket." God has much more for you than just a job! We will consider this more next week. -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

The world will tell us that the dominating influence in our life is our past. If we came from a difficult home, that will determine the direction of our life. If our culture was treated unfairly, that will dictate the condition of our life today. If we were hurt or abused or if our youth was spent in rebellion, the remainder of our life will be spent struggling with our past.

The way of Jesus, on the other hand, promises a life in freedom because Christ has overcome our past. This is our exodus. This is our deliverance. The "old things" have been done away with and "new things" have come. God has so totally forgiven and absorbed sin that He chooses not to remember it. We do not forget the past, but we are not controlled or motivated by it. The Christian looks to the future with hope and breathes in the now. Be thankful for God's forgiveness but

know it was for the reality of the now!

The people of the world focus on what they are overcoming. Christians focus on what they are becoming. Christians know that the Holy Spirit is conforming them into the image of Christ. Even if our now and future is understood by the world as shame and failure, we have the faith of resurrection and the trust in God's love. We know that eventually every injustice will be addressed and every hurt comforted. We know that evil, and death itself, will finally be brought to an end. Our future is so full and rich and exciting that it supersedes whatever has happened in the past and now is the time that we can join God and make the Kingdom of God a reality. If

we are preoccupied with our past, let's ask God to open our eyes to the incredible future that awaits us and begin to see the now as a great privilege to embrace!



Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

I recently asked this question of my friends: When is a good time to praise God? Some responses: *When things are going good. On Sundays during gathered worship. When my "team" wins.* I believe that there is a much simpler answer. The best time to praise God is **always**.

Psalms 92:1-2 says it well: *It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.* How should we begin our day? Praising God! How should we spend the time while we are eating our meals? Praising God! What should we do when something good happens to us? Praise God! What should we do when something bad happens to us? Praise God! (1 Thessalonians 5:13 *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*)

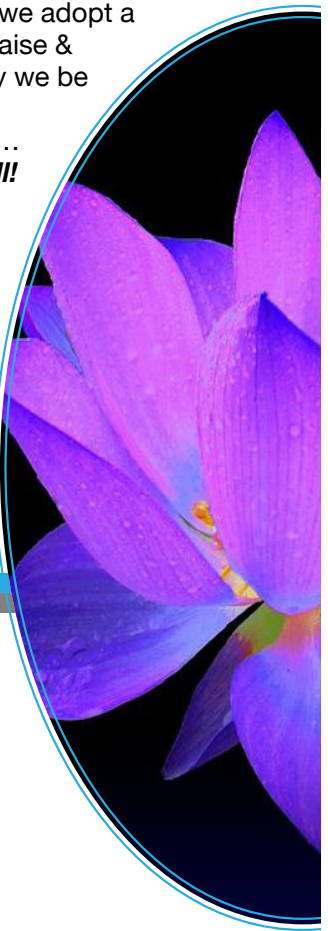
I think we get the picture. Praising God should be happening

always. Which leads us to the idea of activity vs. lifestyle. An activity is something we do either periodically or regularly, with definite starting and stopping points. (Shopping, football game, TV show, social media engagement...) A lifestyle is something that we practice always. It is a part of us. I defines us.

May we adopt a lifestyle of praise & worship. May we be known as worshippers... **Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 209
11 am Worship Attendance 256

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 92,146.62
YTD Budget Giving 76,509.54

This Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
"Confidence in God"

Next Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: 12,764.76
Weekly Budget Giving 8,372.76
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,437.00
Weekly Missions Giving 349.00

Announcements

Catching UP

You may have noticed that our financial giving for the first six weeks has been below our 2018 Budget. Our goal for this first Sunday in March is to get caught up so that we will be ready for Egg Fest and other Easter Ministries. Thank you for helping us catch up this Sunday.

Security Lunch

Our FBC Security Team will be hosting a training lunch in the Fellowship Circle on Sunday, 3.11. The meeting will be immediately after the Morning Worship Celebration. All current team members are needed, and we invite anyone who would like to help us keep our campus safe and secure for the work of the ministry.

Annie Armstrong

Anytime we pray for God to bring revival to our nation, we are praying the same heartbeat of Annie Armstrong. The special Easter Offering that bears her name is all about revival and spiritual awakening in America. Our 2018 goal is \$6,500, and every penny will go to this special cause.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Camp Fundraiser Lunch: This Sunday, students will need to be in the FC at 9 am, with dessert, to help set-up. Stay through 1:45 pm for clean-up. The menu is **Spaghetti, Tossed Green Salad, and Garlic Rolls.**

DiscipleNow: This Friday, 3.2 at 6 pm. Meet at the church having already eaten dinner. Make sure you bring sleeping bags and pillows with all your toiletries for Friday and

Saturday nights. Middle School girls will be staying with John and Melissa Collison. High School girls will be staying with Jeff and Miki Ingram. All the guys will be in the Youth House with Kevin Stone. Make sure you bring your Bible and a notepad.

International Mission Trip

Meeting: Meet after the Camp Fundraiser Lunch at 1:00pm in the Lydia Classroom.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

EggFest: We will have our annual EggFest Celebration on 3.31 from 12-2pm. We will need donations of pre-filled eggs for the Egg Hunts. If everyone would donate a minimum of 1 Dozen pre-filled eggs we should have a plenty of eggs for the kids to hunt! Thank you for your help with this!

First Family: The new edition of First Family is out! Please take a moment to read over this great resource to stay up-to-date on what's going on in our Kids and Youth Ministries!!

Camp Lunch: We will have our March Camp Fundraiser Lunch this Sunday, 3.4. Anyone planning to go to Camp should arrive in the Fellowship Circle by 9am to set up. Plan to stay after worship until 1:00. All money raised goes towards funding for Camp!

Women's Ministry

Women Of Joy: Deposits are due for the April WOJ Conference. The balance is due **NOW!** 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!

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 this **Sunday, 3.4**, at 1 pm in the Media

Center, next to the Fellowship Circle. We will begin team commitments, planning, and preparations this Sunday.