

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, March 18

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, March 19

10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers
@ Morning Point Hixson

Wednesday, March 21

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Pork Tenderloin Lima Beans
Mashed Potatoes 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 Family Business Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 24

8 am Love Our Campus Work Day

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Mar.18-24	Mar.25-31
Cathy Cox	Ray Cox
Gene McDaniel	Scott O'Steen
Don Pittman	Wayne Rasbury

Wednesday Meal

March 21	March 28
Charles Helton	James Swafford
Nancy Smith	Sandra Mullins
Betty Parrish	Ray Cox
Harold Parrish	Cathy Cox

Security

Mar. 18-24	Mar. 25-31
Kris Kubler	Ken Lee

Greeters

March 18	March 25
Shelly Brooks	Cindy Shipp
Pam Bethune	Joyce Rogers
Louise Stinnett	Marlin Paulson

Sunday, Mar. 18 LaunchPad

Babies	Morgan Trotter
	Holly Trotter
1&2 yr olds	Stacy Thomas
	Cheryl McCurdy
3 yr olds	Dana O'Steen
	Scott O'Steen
Welcome	Tiffani Brady

Next Sunday, Mar. 25

Babies	Paul Overlin
	Sue Overlin
1&2 yr olds	Jenny Pitts
	Madison Stookey
3 yr olds	Cathy Cox
	Ray Cox
Welcome	Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

Storm Maslanik (18th)	Ray Leath (22nd)
Mary A. Paulson (18th)	Spencer Emous (23rd)
Jacob Trotter (20th)	David Brown (24th)
Brandon Hill (21st)	Ken Goodner (24th)
Rob Randall (21st)	Maddie Stier (24th)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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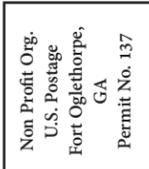


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423-708-5303

Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
Crackers & Pasta

Welcome New Members
Jeff & Carrie Wells
604 S. Crest RD
Chattanooga, TN 37404



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Upcoming

Easter 2018 "I Belong"

Easter will be **Sunday, 4.1**, just two weeks from now! Our 2018 Easter theme is "I Belong." "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). You and I belong to the family of God through the blood of Christ. Think of someone you can invite to our Easter Worship Celebration who also can be brought near to experience the same grace you are experiencing.

Love Our Church Campus

This month is 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.

BE the SPARK

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!

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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. So far the amount we have received is **\$1,100.00**.

Mar. 14 - Mar. 21

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

More than Sunday. Last week we learned how God's calling extends beyond a particular job and into the family home. We see this greater calling in **Genesis 1:28, "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."** Because God's calling is bigger than a job, we need to understand that our lives don't get put on cruise control the moment we get home from work.

As we take this next step in our newsletter series on Calling, we consider how faith in Christ helps us embrace this greater calling from God. **"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;**

the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17)! This means that through faith, God gives you a new identity. It is the language of being **"born again,"** that Jesus spoke of in John 3. Just as being born into your physical family gave you meaning and identity, so too being reborn into your spiritual family gives you meaning and identity. It is an identity that goes with you in every area of your life because it is now who you are.

Many of us, even after salvation, try to break up our lives into tiny compartments, with our family here, our work there, our hobbies over there, and the occasional church visit sometime elsewhere. But notice how your new identity transcends those attempted compartments. Church is not what you occasionally do, it is who you are no matter where you are, whether at work, home, on campus, or out in the community. We will explore how this impacts your calling next week. -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Understanding responsibility is key to continually developing our relationship with Christ. Adam and Eve did everything they could to avoid taking responsibility for their sin. Adam blamed his wife: "She gave me the fruit of the tree." He even pointed an accusing finger at God, saying it was "the woman, whom You gave me." Eve blamed the serpent saying: "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Spinning every piece of information to paint yourself in a positive light is not a sign of spiritual maturity. God ignored Adam and Eve's excuses and announced the consequences they would face. They were not the only ones, the scriptures are filled with examples.

One of the dirges of mankind is that **we refuse to take responsibility for our actions.** We want to blame others for our problems: our parents did not raise us well; our friends let us down; our children are rebellious; our employer is not sensitive enough; our spouse is not

understanding; there is not enough time in the day. The excuses are plentiful! On some level we are trying to place our faith in ourselves and not the grace of the gospel. Laying these down are the first step to doing business with God. Forgiveness and restoration cannot happen until we accept responsibility for our actions. Repentance is turning from our way, which includes our opinions, spin, excuses, blame and whatever we use to make us feel comfortable and relying on and following the way of Jesus for only source of peace.

An obvious indication that we have not genuinely repented is that we make excuses for our heart and attitudes. If we make a habit of blaming others for our failures, we will not reach a point of honest repentance. Strive always to understand and take responsibility for our own heart and actions. It will free us to receive God's work and to press on to spiritual maturity.



Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Last week in this space I mentioned a conversation between God and Jeremiah recorded in Jeremiah 1:4-5. *Bottom line: God has a specific will for each of us, and He wants us to know what that will is, and get in on it.*

Well there's more! In verse 8 God says, *"...I am with you..."* and in verse 9 it says, *"...Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth."* That's the beauty of knowing and doing God's will: When we're walking in God's will, we're walking with Him (He's with us), and when we're walking in God's will He empowers us (He puts His words in our mouth).

When we walk in God's will, the pressure and responsibility are off of us. *He will protect us, He meets our needs, and He is... there!* And, when we walk in God's

will, what we need to accomplish what He has called us to do is provided... by Him!

God does not expect us to float through life, being driven here and there by popular culture, consensus, and status quo. Rather, God desires for us live out His will for us. When we do, we are assured that He walks with us, and He empowers us!

Worship Well!

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 182
11 am Worship Attendance 228

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 115,183.27
YTD Budget Giving 105,360.53

Total Receipts for the Week: 19,562.38
Weekly Budget Giving 12,081.65
Weekly Freedom Giving 3,283.51
Weekly Missions Giving 630.63

This Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
"Confidence in the Rock"

Next Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
Continues

Announcements

Catching UP

We took another big step this past Sunday to catch up with our 2018 Budget. Our deficit is now \$9,822.74. The goal is to be ready for Egg Fest and other upcoming Easter Ministries later this month. Thank you for helping us catch up.

New Arrival

We are excited to announce the birth of baby Robert Samuel Elsea (8.5 lb; 21 inches) born 3.7. The proud parents are Blake & Blake Elsea and the grandparents are Jeff & Miki Ingram.

Egg Fest 2018

We are gearing up for our big Egg Fest 2018. All the fun & festivities will happen on our church campus, Saturday, 3.31, from 12 to 2 pm. You can help us now by bringing colorful, plastic easter eggs filled with non-perishable candy. Bring your egg donations to our main Welcome Center.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

We are moving the Camp Fundraiser lunch from 4.1 (Easter Sunday) to 4.15.

There are several camp deposits of \$60 that have not been received. These must be turned in by 4.15 unless you have discussed with me other arrangements. Messages will be sent to all parents who still owe deposits this week. There will be a Parent Meeting to discuss Youth Camp after Worship on 4.22. This is a MANDATORY MEETING for parents

and students attending Camp. Lunch will be provided.

A youth/college Mission Team is now forming that will be responsible for planning and organizing local mission activities. This will include 6 youth, 2 college students and 2 adults. Current team members are Morgan Trotter, Sarah McClure, Jake Lee, Ally Grace Thomas (youth). Joy Clark and Sidney Lecker (College). Contacts to fill the remaining spots are underway. Please prayerfully consider serving on this special team.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:17

EggFest: We will have our annual EggFest Celebration on 3.31, from 12-2 pm. We 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 plenty of eggs for the kids to

hunt! There are volunteer sheets in the Welcome Center with a few key spots that need to be filled. Please take a moment to sign up. Thank you for your help with this!

First Family: The new edition of our First Family publication 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 & Youth Ministries!!

Women's Ministry

Sew Much More: Join us on Thursdays at 1 pm in the upstairs "Sewing Room" to be part of our Sewing Ministry. We will be working on surgical caps for local medical facilities as well as pillowcase dresses and shorts to send with our mission teams. Enter through our main Welcome

Center and we will guide you to the "Sewing Room."

Men and Women Ministry Event

A combined retreat is being planned for 9.28 & 29 at Camp Lookout from Friday at 6 pm to Saturday after dinner. The cost will vary based on choice of room occupancy and other variables of choices made on the form.. All couples, singles, divorced,

widowed are invited. We will have good food, fellowship, speakers, and even fun events. If you are interested, please fill out the form located at the Welcome Desk, or see Laura Jones or Donnie Lindsay. Deposit is \$20 to hold your spot.

Deepest Sympathy

On behalf of our church family, we share our deepest sympathies with the McKay family on the recent passing of Jeanette's son, Joseph, and with the Paulson

family on the recent passing of Marlin's sister, Jo Ann. We are praying God's richest comfort and grace upon you during this time.