

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, March 25

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

Monday, March 19

10:30 am Joyful Praise Singers
@ NHC Battlefield
11:15 am @ Rosewood

Wednesday, March 28

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
7:00 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 29

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner
Ham Hashbrown Casserole
Green Beans Broccoli Salad
Bread Dessert
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30

12:00 pm Joyful Praise Singers @ Kiwanis

Saturday, March 31

12:00 - 2:00 pm Egg Fest 2018

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Mar. 25-31
Ray Cox
Scott O'Steen
Wayne Rasbury

Apr. 1-7
Linda Daniels
Paul Overlin
Nolan Richardson

Wednesday Meal

March 28
James Swafford
Sandra Mullins
Ray Cox
Cathy Cox

April 4
James lee
Alisha Lee
Jean Stone
Brenda Jones

Security

Mar. 25-31
Ken Lee

Apr. 1-7
Bob Rogers
Paul Overlin

Greeters

March 25
Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rogers
Marlin Paulson

April 1
Rena Honeycutt
W. Honeycutt
Elaine Steele

Sunday, Mar. 25

LaunchPad

Babies
1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds
Welcome

Paul Overlin
Sue Overlin
Jenny Pitts
Madison Stookey
Cathy Cox
Ray Cox
Jane Hogsed

Next Sunday, Apr. 1

Babies
1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds
Welcome

Erie Stookey
Nancy Smith
Rena Caradine
Heather Parente
Paul Overlin
Sue Overlin
Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

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| Hospital | Jo Hill Lila Mears Karen Pierce Margaret Box Litchford Sharon Mullins Opal Hyde Ray Cox Russell Harp Linda Sikes Darlene Lane Mike Ulman Ruth Wagoner | McKay John Stewart George & Faye Smith Wanda McArthur Beth Daugherty Nell Smith Ken & Betty Goodner Helen Epperson Sam & Mary Lou Brown | Nursing Home | Lila Archer JoAnn Davis Sharon Mullins Dale Kinnison Eva Williams Norma Carpenter Eunice Mosman Bertha Pennington |
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Birthdays

Chris Parente (25th)
Jeanette Dupree (26th)
Lynn Tyree (26th)
Beth Daugherty (29th)

Mike Parker (31st)
Hugh Colis (31st)
Madison Stookey (31st)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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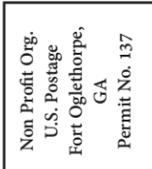
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Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
Crackers & Pasta



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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.

Campus Work Day

Join us for a special **Campus Work Day** this Saturday, 3.24, from 9 am to noon. We will meet in the main Welcome Center to "divide & conquer" with clean-up projects inside and around the campus. Help us beautify our campus to be ready for family and guests this Easter and upcoming Spring. Bring your cleaning supplies.

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 \$2,026.00.

Mar. 21 - Mar. 28

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Can I make a difference! Last week we were reminded of the new identity that God gives to us when we put our faith in Christ. **"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17)!** Your new identity means that you are part of God's family (the Church) no matter who you are or where you are. And this realization will have a big impact on your life.

As we take this next step in our newsletter series on Calling, we consider this impact. The sad truth is that many people go through life never thinking about anything more than having a career and

raising a family. While those are wonderful callings to have, God may have other plans or even greater plans for you. Remember that Jesus took twelve ordinary men, who probably had been rejected by the Jewish Rabbis, and He raised them up with a commission to do greater things than He had done. Yes, only Jesus was and is the Savior of the world, but with His power and His model, these closest disciples would go on to serve, share, teach, and see the gospel change lives all over the Roman Empire.

Jesus promised all of this with these words, **"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father"** (John 14:12). Think about that phrase "anyone who has faith in me." Does that mean you? Will that mean you? There is much more to come next week! -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Only God knows the potential of each person. However, we tend to make first impressions of people and struggle to release those assumptions. We can project what we think God might do in someone's life, but we have no way of knowing. We see only outward appearances and behavior, whereas God looks at the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). God knows that the most important work involves change in the heart, so that is where He does His work.

The apostles were skeptical of some who professed to be followers of Christ. No one seemed more unlikely to become a dedicated follower of Jesus than the Zealot, Saul of Tarsus. He had been one of Christianity's greatest enemies, even overseeing the murder of Stephen (Acts 7:58-60). When Paul suddenly expressed an interest in knowing the leaders of the Christian movement, it was natural for the apostles to suspect devious motives and to doubt his conversion. Nevertheless, despite the apostles' reluctance,

Barnabas assumed the best in Paul, imagined the possibilities of what God could do, and thus risked his own life to be Paul's advocate.

You may identify with Paul or Matthew or even Peter. All of them had human flaws of not being the ideal follower. Perhaps you were an improbable candidate to be a committed follower of Christ. But think how thankful we are that God has chosen us. It may be that God placed a friend beside you to help you develop your faith. Thank God for those He sent to you who believed in what God could do in you, even when others doubted. What if you were that helpful person to another?

There may be some in your life in whom you have little confidence, though they claim to be followers of Christ. Be assured that God works on the proud and the confused. He is completely capable of redeeming those around us. God will use us to encourage people to take the next step. -Andy



Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

To sing or not to sing... Every worship leader experiences this when leading a congregation. Though the desire of our Worship Team is to help the entire congregation be engaged in worship, there are times when people choose not to sing. Let me encourage us that singing is a voluntary expression of worship and never something to be forced. There are, however, benefits that I would like to share to help us be one big choir on Sunday mornings:

Singing is a way to glorify God. Even if it's not our favorite song, it's right to sing God's praises (Psalm 96), and it keeps our focus on Him and not ourselves. He delights in the singing of His people.

Singing is contagious. Though God is our primary audience, we also provide encouragement to each other (and new guests) when we sing. The opposite is also true. What message do we send, even unintentionally, when we don't sing? We can all be worship leaders and help others worship well when we engage in the singing.

Singing is a way to be in the Word. Most of us choose songs we like based on the style and the melody, not on the words. Yet, many of our worship hymns and songs contain words straight from the Bible. Let's focus more on the message than the melody.

Singing is a great way to learn a song. There are songs I now love that I didn't like when I first heard them. I'm glad I tried to sing them. The same can happen for you.

Singing promotes unity. When we come together as one big choir, it is a powerful feeling of unity and it demonstrates that we all are pursuing the same faith and the same Lord (John 13:34-35).

Above all, our heartbeat is for each worship gathering to engage **all** members and guests in an experience based on the Presence of God and personal participation. I can't wait to sing with you and experience God with you this Sunday!

Worship Well!

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 221
11 am Worship Attendance 252

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 126,701.60
YTD Budget Giving 115,090.00

Total Receipts for the Week: 13,022.47
Weekly Budget Giving 9,729.47
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,679.00
Weekly Missions Giving 1,449.00

This Sunday's Message:

The Confident Faith Series:
"Confidence in My Story"

Next Sunday's Message:

Easter 2018 "I Belong"
Ephesians 2:11-22

Announcements

Catching UP

We continue moving forward in hopes of catching up to our 2018 Budget. To date, we are about one Sunday behind, with a deficit of \$11,611. Thank you for helping us catch up and have the resources needed for upcoming ministries.

Evening Speaker

We are excited to announce that Mr. Hank Humphrey will be our special guest speaker during the Evening Service this Sunday at 6 pm. Join us in the Fellowship Circle for coffee, refreshments, classic hymns, and a special time in God's Word.

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 and made 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 the Morning Worship Celebration 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

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" John 12:13

EggFest: Will be next Saturday, 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. 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!!

Camp Lunch: Plan ahead--the next camp lunch will be on 4.15 instead of Easter Sunday! I need all deposits made for kids that are planning to go to Camp and a confirmed head count ASAP!

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.

Thank You

Thank you, our church family, for celebrating our first 5 years of service here at FBCFO. The tremendous outpouring of love, support, and gifts was so

touching. We appreciate all of you and are honored to serve the Lord alongside you. ~ With love, Andy, Micki, Alice, and Asher Atkinson