

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, April 1 RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

- 7 am Easter Sunrise Service
- 8 am Sunrise Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10:45 am Morning Worship Celebration

## Tuesday, April 3

- 10:30 am Women on Mission

## Wednesday, April 4

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
- Spaghetti Salad Bread Dessert**
- 5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
- 6 pm Group Bible Studies
- No Club House Friends (spring break)
- 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal



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# Prayer Concerns

<b>Hospital</b>	Larry Shipp	Beth	Sharon
Sarah Kubler	Dawn Emous	Daugherty	Mullins
	Jean Wilson	Nell Smith	Dale Kinnison
<b>Home</b>	Betty Phillips	Ken & Betty	Eva Williams
Sharon	Tom Brewster	Goodner	Norma
Mullins	Bill George	Helen	Carpenter
Opal Hyde	Wanda	Epperson	Eunice
Linda Sikes	Kitchen	Sam & Mary	Mosman
Darlene Lane	Jeanette	Lou Brown	Bertha
Ruth	McKay		Pennington
Wagoner	John Stewart		
Karen Pierce	George &	<b>Nursing</b>	
Tommie	Faye Smith	<b>Home</b>	
Brock	Wanda	Lila Archer	
Helen Fisher	McArthur	JoAnn Davis	

## Birthdays

Jennifer Smith (1)	Sue Hughes (4)
Spenser Maslanik (3)	Justin Brown (5)
Melissa Collison (4)	David White (7)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
 Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
 Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
 Youth Minister - Kevin Stone  
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**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

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

**Deepest Sympathies**  
 To Barry Odom and Elaine Lewis in the passing of their Uncle Max. A memorial service will be conducted on Friday at 1:00 pm in Ider, Alabama.

# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

<u>Apr. 1-7</u>	<u>Apr. 8-14</u>
Linda Daniels	Luke Daniels
Paul Overlin	Marlin Paulson
Nolan Richardson	Nolan Richardson

## Wednesday Meal

<u>April 4</u>	<u>April 11</u>
James lee	Charles Helton
Alisha Lee	Nancy Smith
Jean Stone	Betty Parrish
Brenda Jones	Harold Parrish

## Security

<u>Apr. 1-7</u>	<u>Apr. 8-14</u>
Bob Rogers	Jeff Ingram
Paul Overlin	Tom Acker

## Greeters

<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 8</u>
Rena Honeycutt	Alisha Lee
W. Honeycutt	Jan Rosser
Elaine Steele	Brenda Jones

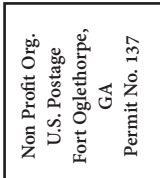
## Sunday, Apr. 1

## LaunchPad

Babies	Erie Stookey
	Nancy Smith
1&2 yr olds	Rena Caradine
	Heather Parente
3 yr olds	Paul Overlin
	Sue Overlin
Welcome	Tiffani Brady

## Next Sunday, Apr. 8

Babies	Amber White
	Jenny Pitts
1&2 yr olds	Diane Colwell
	Lindsay Brooks
3 yr olds	Lisa Banister
	Heather Craig
Welcome	Jane Hogsed



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## Upcoming

### Easter 2018 "I Belong"

Easter is this Sunday, 4.1. 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 belong here this Easter! Join us with a guest this Sunday for two unique worship experiences at 7 & 10:45 am. We will also enjoy breakfast and Bible study in between.

### Confident Faith Wrap Up

You don't want to miss the moment on Sunday, 4.22, as we wrap up our Sunday morning Confident Faith Sermon Series. The morning Worship Celebration at 10:55 am will feature a panel of our pastors addressing the questions of faith that many of you have been submitting on our Pastoral Hotline 423.708.5303. There is still time to submit your questions as we look forward to Sunday, 4.22.

### 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 look forward to this Sunday. 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 \$2,546.00.

Mar.28- April 4



## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**Life without Easter?** Many have wondered what life would be like without the resurrection of Jesus. Perhaps a church planter named Paul described this wondering best when he wrote, **“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17).**

He further wrote that without the resurrection, our hope in Christ is only for this present life on earth.

And if that is so, then **“we are to be pitied more than all men” (1 Cor. 15:19)!**

So that we may truly appreciate what God has done for us, let's think for a moment about that terrible alternative. What if you believed in

something only to find out later that it is untrue? What if the hope you thought you had turned out to be false? Paul points out that not only would you have wasted your time, but you would still be separated from God and trapped in your sins.

As you read this, my hope is that God has convinced you of the truth of the resurrection from the inspired hands of the eyewitness writers all the way to your hands in 2018. Yet, this is not only for you to know the resurrection. This is for you to live the resurrection. Don't be like so many who believe, but live as though they are still in their sins. Instead, consider the hope of a changed life empowered by the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. As a believer, that same power is now alive in you! Trust it to make a difference for you and to help you share that same hope with others! I can't wait to celebrate this hope with you on Easter Sunday! -Jason

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Often our struggle as followers of Jesus is not in deciding whether we should obey Christ but in following Him immediately. We may acknowledge our need to follow Christ and commit ourselves to do what He has told us. Yet when God reveals His will to us, that is the time to obey! No hesitation. God's revelation of His will is His invitation to respond immediately. In life, there is no song to walk down the aisle to and one more verse of *“Just as I am.”*

Some would-be disciples pledged their willingness to follow Jesus, but they told Him they were not ready yet. In Jesus' day, a Jewish man was expected to care for his elderly parents until they died. One man wanted to wait until his father died before going with Jesus. This would be an honorable delay. The man had to choose between this responsibility and heeding a call from the Lord. Yet God knew this man, and He knew the man's father. God would have taken care of

the man's father, if he only would have followed Jesus. Every second is an opportunity for faith. This was an opportunity to walk with the Son of God, yet the concerns of this life were competing for priority with ultimate eternal values.

Timing our obedience is crucial. Invitations from God come with a limited opportunity to respond. Some opportunities to serve Him, if not accepted immediately, will be lost. Occasions to minister to others may pass us by. When God invites us to intercede for someone, it may be critical that we stop what we are doing and immediately adjust our lives to what God is doing. The key is constant listening to the Spirit and molding your heart into his heart for the world. God desires to bring heaven to earth. The Lord's

Prayer is a prayer for today! Missing opportunities to serve the Lord can be tragic. The time for following Christ is now.



## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Resurrection Sunday! We sing, we praise, we rejoice, we celebrate: Christ is Risen! This is the event that gives Christians all over the world their identity... Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, conquering sin and death! He's Alive!

I am grateful that Christ was raised from the dead, because it validates my faith in Him to forgive my sins and to give me eternal life. I am also grateful that Christ was raised from the dead because God's Word tells me that the same power that raised Christ from the dead lives within me... and within you!

Romans 8:11 says: *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

That same Spirit lives in us, and that same power lives within us! We have life, and we have forgiveness. And, we also have

power for our daily lives: relationship problems, financial problems, family problems, health problems... We have the power to deal with all of these because of His resurrection power within us! If His power can raise Christ from the grave, then it can help us also.

Celebrate that He is risen! And celebrate that the same power who raised Christ from the dead lives within you!

**Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: [Bigcloud.tv](http://Bigcloud.tv))

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 236  
11 am Worship Attendance 278

Annual Budget 598,953.33  
YTD Budget Needs 138,219.92  
YTD Budget Giving 122,976.88

### This Sunday's Message:

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

### Next Sunday's Message:

Special Message:  
You Won't Know  
If You Aren't Here

Total Receipts for the Week: 10,291.32  
Weekly Budget Giving 7,886.88  
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,521.96  
Weekly Missions Giving 603.48

## Announcements

### Lord's Supper

We will launch into a new spring season with a special Lord's Supper Service during the Morning Worship Celebration on Sunday, 4.15. Thank you for praying ahead and being ready to experience God in a personal way as we take the Lord's Supper together.

### Why We Give

"All the believers were on one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had" (Acts 4:32). The love and the mission of God is why we give. Thank you for sharing in His love and mission.

### Egg Fest 2018

Egg Fest happens this Saturday, 3.31, from 12 to 2 pm. All the fun & festivities will happen on our Church Campus. There will be egg hunts, inflatables, the FBC Train, hot dogs, face painting, a petting zoo, and much more. The weather will be great, so come out and be part of all the fun this Saturday!

## 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. 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.

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**“Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” Mark 16:6**

**EggFest:** We will be hosting our third annual EggFest THIS Saturday, 3.31 from 12-2. We will have a petting zoo, inflatable, hotdogs and drinks, the Easter Bunny, and a HUGE Egg Hunt! Invite everyone you know!! We still need some volunteers to help make this year a success!

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.

**Camp Lunch:** Our next Camp Fundraising Lunch will be on April 15.

**The Point:** We will be having Children's Worship on 4.15, during the Sunday Morning Worship Celebration. We will be in John 13: The Last Supper.

## Women's Ministry

**Women's Luncheon** - Join us for the 2018 Women's Luncheon on 6.2! If you would like to host a table, please contact Laura Jones at 423-605-1816 as soon as possible.

**Pigeon Forge, TN, WOJ** - If you have signed up for WOJ, April 28-30, please plan to attend a brief 15 minute meeting following the Morning Worship Service on 4.15 in

the Lydia classroom by the Welcome Center. We will discuss details of the trip. If you cannot attend, please make sure you get the information from Laura Jones, or have someone pick it up for you.

## Men and Women Ministry Event

A combined Men's & Women's 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 choice, and other variables (see the registration form). All couples, singles,

divorced, widowed folks are invited. We will have good food, fellowship, speakers, and fun events! If you are interested, fill out the form located in the Welcome Center, or see Laura Jones or Donnie Lindsay. A \$20 deposit will hold your spot.

## The BIG Yard Sale

Get ready for the biggest Church Yard Sale yet, happening the first weekend of May, Friday, 5.4 and Saturday, 5.5. Donations are still welcome, and there are sign-up

sheets in our main Welcome Center if you would like to volunteer. All proceeds will go to our Free to BE Building Loan.