

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 8

8 am Deacons' Meeting
 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 10:45 am Morning Worship Celebration
 5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup
 6 pm Evening Worship



Tuesday, April 10

10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Chicken Veg. Macaroni
Green Beans Bread Dessert
 5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Bible Study
 6 pm Group Bible Studies
 Club House Friends
 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 12

5 pm Worship Arts Ministry Trip to Lee University

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Apr. 8-14 Luke Daniels
 Marlin Paulson
 Nolan Richardson
 Apr. 15-21 Jeff Fletcher
 Mark Paulson
 Bruce Underwood

Wednesday Meal

April 11 Charles Helton
 Nancy Smith
 Betty Parrish
 Harold Parrish
 April 18 Tracy Clark
 Kathy Clark
 Fred Colwell
 Diane Colwell

Security

Apr. 8-14 Jeff Ingram
 Tom Acker
 Apr. 15-21 Michael Ingram

Greeters

April 8 Alisha Lee
 Jan Rosser
 Brenda Jones
 April 15 Rena Caradine
 Mickey Caradine
 W. Honeycutt
 Rena Honeycutt

Sunday, Apr. 8

LaunchPad

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

Next Sunday, Apr. 15

Babies Joyce Tindall
 Carrie Payne
 1&2 yr olds Jackie Bell
 Angie Smith
 3 yr olds Tiffani Brady
 Pam Bethune
 Welcome Shelly Brooks

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Home

Pat Medearis
 Sharon Mullins
 Sarah Kubler
 Opal Hyde
 Linda Sikes
 Darlene Lane
 Ruth Wagoner
 Karen Pierce
 Tommie Brock

Helen Fisher
 Larry Shipp
 Dawn Emous
 Jean Wilson
 Betty Phillips
 Tom Brewster
 Bill George
 Wanda Kitchen
 Jeanette 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
 Dale Kinnison
 Eva Williams
 Norma Carpenter
 Eunice Mosman
 Bertha Pennington

Birthdays

Herschelene Cook (9)
 Traci Hicks (13)
 Doug Trew (14)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
 Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
 Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
 Youth Minister - Kevin Stone
 Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
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Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
 Crackers & Pasta

Welcome New Members

Jeff & Amanda Polieglo
 580 Pinewood CR
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Upcoming

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 next 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!

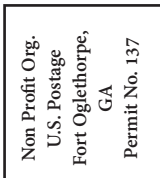
The Big Church Yard Sale

Get ready for the biggest Church Yard Sale yet, happening the first weekend of May, Friday, 5.4 and Saturday, 5.5. The sale will begin at 8 am on both days, but don't forget the early preparations at 6 am on Friday, 5.4. 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.

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 \$4,440.00. The final Sunday to give will be in two weeks, 4.15.

April 4 - April 11



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Serving with Sacrifice! In the last edition of our newsletter series on Calling, I asked if you were living up to your potential. The question comes from **John 14:12**, where Jesus promised, **“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.”**



As we take this next step in our Calling Series, let’s consider what we are meant to replicate and take to the next level. There were certainly signs and miracles that Jesus performed on earth that were meant for Him alone, demonstrating His divine identity. Yet,

even in the midst of the miraculous, Jesus gave us the true heartbeat of His mission, **“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).** Jesus said those words while teaching His disciples about leadership. They had been thinking that real value and meaning come from the prestige of the position. It is similar to how we often see calling as being limited to certain careers.

Jesus turned that line of thinking upside down through His own example of letting go of His heavenly status to become the suffering servant for mankind. He became a servant, and He calls us to serve. He paid the ultimate sacrifice, and He calls us to be sacrificial. The value comes from being a faithful child of God. The meaning comes from being part of His ongoing mission. This is our call as followers of Jesus. More next week! -Jason

Discipleship

What if when life concludes, the question God asks us is not whether we abstained from sin. What if the question is “Did you enter into the joy that was available to you?” If there is anything that ought to characterize the life of a Christian, **it is joy!** Jesus spoke many times to His disciples about His joy being complete and full in them. His disciples were filled with joy as they realized who they were: children of God and joint heirs with Christ. They had been dead in their sins but were now made alive in Christ. They had once been helpless victims of death, but now death had no hold over them. How could the disciples be anything less than joyful?

But don’t be simply thankful for the past but thankful for the now! Don’t deny yourself that which is your birthright as a child of God. Don’t be satisfied with a



Andy Atkinson

joyless life. There ought to be in every Christian a deep, settled fullness of the joy of Christ that no circumstance of life can dispel. This comes as you allow the Holy Spirit to express Himself in your life. One of the fruits of the Spirit is joy. Being open to him is a intentional work! You can not just hope this happens but work for it! This joy is unlike any happiness that is produced by the world. It permeates everything you do.

Jesus did not pray that you would escape grief. He prayed that you would have the same joy that the Father had given Him: a divine joy, a joy that comes from a deep and unwavering relationship with the Father. It is a joy that is grounded so firmly in a relationship with God that no change in circumstances could ever shake it. This is true confidence. It is a confident faith!

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

The next Camp Fundraiser Lunch will be on Sunday, 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.

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

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:14

Camp Lunch: Our next Camp Fundraising Lunch will be on Sunday, 4.15.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Easter Sunday is over... Now What? The the music has been stored, the dress is put in the closet, the decorations have been boxed up, and the eggs have become egg salad. Now what? This question was pondered by some of the disciples after that first Resurrection Sunday.

The bible tells us in John 21 that after the resurrection, several of the disciples were together. Verse 3 says: *“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.”* What did the disciples do after the resurrection? They went back to what they had been doing before they met Jesus. They went fishing.

But the story doesn’t end there... (Read the entire chapter to see Jesus’ encounter with those disciples.) Jesus doesn’t want us to go back to *business as usual*. Rather, He wants us to demonstrate the fact that we have encountered the Risen Christ, and we are not the same.

Matthew 28:19 gives us the best plan on what we should do after Easter Sunday: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Let’s all go and make disciples, who make disciples. Let’s demonstrate that Jesus truly is risen! **Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 254
11 am Worship Attendance 307

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 149,738.25
YTD Budget Giving 136,597.97

Total Receipts for the Week: 19,454.87
Weekly Budget Giving 13,621.09
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,806.35
Weekly Missions Giving 2,473.43

This Sunday’s Message:

The Faith That Follows
John 12:20-27

Next Sunday’s Message:

At the Lord’s Table
Luke 22:7-22

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.

Keenager’s Meeting

The speaker for the April Meeting on 4.10, 10:30 am will be Damon Raines, Superintendent of Schools, Walker County. He will review with us actions that are being taken by the Board to ensure the safety of the students, faculty, and staff in our schools. This promises to be a very informative meeting. Everyone is urged to attend.

Children’s Home

We are collecting items for the Georgia Baptist Children’s Home. Items are: Paper Towels, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Toilet Tissue, Individually Wrapped Snacks and Liquids Hand Soap Refills. Walmart Gift Cards are always appreciated! Collection boxes are in the Main Welcome Center and Children’s Center. Deadline is Wednesday, April 25.