

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 15

- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration - Lord's Supper
- 11:15 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
- 12:15 pm Summer Camp Fund Raising Lunch
WOJ Conference Meeting
- 1 pm Missions Team Meeting
- 6 pm Evening Worship



Wednesday, April 18

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Meat Loaf Pinto Beans
Mashed Potatoes Cole Slaw
Bread Dessert
- 5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Worship Night
- 6 pm Group Bible Studies
Club House Friends
- 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Family Business Meeting
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 19

- 9 am Keenagers' Trip to Gibbs Gardens

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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| Apr.15-21 | Apr.22-28 |
| Jeff Fletcher | Hank Humphrey |
| Mark Paulson | Mary A. Paulson |
| Bruce Underwood | Tim Banister |

Wednesday Meal

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| April 18 | April 25 |
| Tracy Clark | Wayne Rasbury |
| Kathy Clark | Charlie Rasbury |
| Fred Colwell | Pat Medearis |
| Diane Colwell | Sue Hughes |

Security

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| Apr.15-21 | Apr.22-28 |
| Michael Ingram | Jeff Ingram |
| Shannon Born | Kris Kubler |

Greeters

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| April 15 | April 22 |
| Rena Caradine | Pat Medearis |
| Mickey Caradine | Mackie Yatooma |
| W. Honeycutt | Preble McDaniel |
| Rena Honeycutt | Gene McDaniel |

Sunday, Apr. 15 LaunchPad

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

Next Sunday, Apr. 22

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| Babies | Erie Stookey |
| | Carrie Payne |
| 1&2 yr olds | Betty Parrish |
| | Brittany Stone |
| 3 yr olds | Holly Randall |
| | Rob Randall |
| Welcome | Jane Hogsed |

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

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| Carol McDowell (15th) | Pierce Pennington (20th) |
| Ally Thomas (15th) | Erie Stookey (20th) |
| Norma Carpenter (16th) | Bobbie Allison (21st) |
| Kelly Paulson (17th) | Jeff Scott (21st) |
| Joyce Smith (18th) | |

Staff

- Pastor - Jason Thomas
- Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
- Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
- Youth Minister - Kevin Stone
- Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
- Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram
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- Treasurer - Darlene Lane

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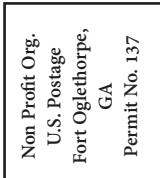
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Items of the Month:
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Upcoming

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 \$4,500.00. The final Sunday to give is this Sunday, 4.15.

April 11 - - April 18

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Do it all for His Glory! This week we wrap up our newsletter series on Calling. From the start, we've seen how God has placed a calling on every person, including you. This calling extends across our lives with our families, our jobs, our church family, and our community. It is a call to

sacrifice and serve, as Jesus also sacrificed and served, with the ultimate goal of glorifying God.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Col. 3:17).

Yet, perhaps you still wonder what it is you can do that would glorify God. What would it look like to glorify God in

your home, at your job, with your church family, and in your community?

The key is to be faithful with what God has given you. In Matthew 25, Jesus speaks of talents given by the master that were to be used for the master's glory. As a servant of the Master, you have been given special talents. These include raw talents given to you from birth and giftedness when the Holy Spirit is working in your life (see 1 Cor. 12:7).

Though many studies have been written on how to identify your talents and gifts, let me encourage you to consider 4 P's: Prayer, Passion, Potential and Persistence. Ask God to help you identify your passions. Then find ways to utilize them in all areas of your life. Outward confirmation will come as others see your passions and potential in action. Time and hard work will be necessary, but remain patient and persistent, trusting that God has called you for His glory. You have been called! -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

We (the Church) have failed to communicate to believers that they themselves are expected to make disciples who will be able to make disciples. People are disciplined by people, not an institution, program, gathering or by accident. **And there is no mistaking a life transformed by God!** The disciples had been vain and fearful when Jesus enlisted them. James and John sought to outmaneuver their fellow disciples in order to gain the places of greatest honor next to Jesus (Mark 10:37). Over and over the disciples' actions showed that they did not truly understand who Jesus was (John 6:7-9; Mark 6:49). Even after three years with Jesus, Peter was afraid to confess Christ before a young servant girl (Matt. 26:69-75). Anyone who knew these men would realize they were not the kind of people on which you build a worldwide kingdom. Yet something happened to them as they were with Jesus.

The Holy Spirit transformed them, giving them new

boldness and wisdom. Now they could perform miracles and preach fearlessly and persuasively to multitudes. Even their enemies noticed in their changed lives the same power they had witnessed in Jesus.

Sometimes we desperately want others to believe that we have changed, that we are more godly, more devoted, more Spirit-controlled. It is not necessary, however, for those who have been truly transformed by Christ to convince others of the difference; the change will be obvious. Don't become too introspective, always focusing on yourself and the small changes you see happening over time. If you have to prove to someone that God has really changed you, He has not. Those around you will surely notice when your life has been transformed by your relationship with Jesus. Remember

that genuine discipleship is less about a classroom and more like a living room; it's less teacher/student and more parent/child.



Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Did you know that God has a “storage unit” with your name on it, where He stores blessings and favor to share with you? He saves up blessings for all of His children!

Psalm 31:19 says: *How abundant are the good things that You have stored up for those who fear You, that You bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in You.*

God is storing **good things** for us! What is our responsibility? To *fear* (hold in reverence) Him, and to *take refuge* in Him. How do we hold Him in reverence? To worship Him with all of our hearts, all of our minds, and all of our strength. And how do we take refuge in Him? Trust in Him, and in Him alone for our needs.

Here's something else that is powerful in this verse: When He

blesses us, it is in *the sight of all!* God wants others to see how He blesses His children, and He wants to use our blessings as opportunities to point others to Jesus and to bless them.

May He abundantly bless us, and may we in turn point others to Him, and bless them!

Worship Well!

(Follow my Blog at: Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 203
11 am Worship Attendance 221

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 161,256.58
YTD Budget Giving 145,035.60

Total Receipts for the Week: 11,579.63
Weekly Budget Giving 8,437.63
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,195.00
Weekly Missions Giving 374.00

This Sunday's Message:

“At the Lord's Table”
Luke 22:7-22

Next Sunday's Message:

Confident Faith:
Series Finale

Announcements

Lord's Supper

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

Compassion Sunday

We will take time to highlight the Compassion International Children's Ministry on Sunday morning, 4.29. This is a time to thank our current sponsors and to raise up new sponsors. If you are a sponsor and would like to share your experience or help at the information table, contact Carla Wyatt (707.965.4823 or wyattpaino.com).

5 Sundays in April

Our goal for the 5th Sunday in April is to be caught up with our 2018 Operations Budget. Currently, we are behind \$16,221. It will take all of us being sacrificial together to make up this shortfall. Thank you for praying about how you can help us rally this month.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

The next Camp Fundraiser Lunch will be this Sunday, 4.15. All youth: Arrive at 9 am and stay until 1:30 pm. Bring a dessert. **Menu:** Barbecue, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread and Dessert.

Camp deposits of \$60 must be turned in by 4.15 unless you have discussed with Kevin and made other arrangements. There will be a Parent Meeting to discuss Youth Camp after the Morning Worship Celebration on Sunday, 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. Current team members are Morgan Trotter, Sarah McClure, Jake Lee, Ally Grace Thomas (youth). Joy Clark and Sydnee Lecker (College). Contacts to fill the remaining spots are underway. Prayerfully consider serving on this special team.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”
Proverbs 3:6

Family Partnership Meetings:

As spring is here, I would like to begin our new Family Partnership Meetings. Throughout the next two months, I am offering specific times that you can meet with me personally to talk about your child's spiritual progress. The dates I would currently like to fill are Wednesday evenings 4.18, 4.25, and 5.2 during the 6 pm Clubhouse Friends hour. Please check your email for more information about these meetings!

Camp Lunch: Our April Camp Lunch Fundraiser is set for this Sunday, 4.15. All kids going to Camp should meet in the Fellowship Circle at 9 am and be prepared to stay until 1:30 pm. Please bring a dessert!

The Point: We will be having Kids' Worship at The Point this Sunday, 4.15, during the Sunday Morning Worship Celebration. We will be in John 13: The Last Supper. Invite all your friends and join us in this dynamic worship experience aimed just for Kids!!

Women's Ministry

WOJ attendees please come to a BRIEF meeting Sunday, 4.15, immediately following the Morning Worship Celebration in the Lydia classroom. We will only meet for 5 minutes to give handouts with conference notes. Then we'll dismiss for the the Camp Fundraiser Lunch.

Women's Luncheon will be Saturday 6.2 this year. If you would like to host a table, contact Laura Jones (423.605.1816) as soon as possible.

Women & Men's Ministry

combo event 9.28-29 at Camp Lookout. If you are interested, come to the event table in the Welcome Center on 4.22 and complete the form and pay the \$20 **deposit**.

Georgia Baptist Children's Home

Can you imagine feeding and taking care of over 200 children every day? That is the ministry of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. Together, we can support this ministry with much needed food items such as: Paper Towels, Liquid Laundry Detergent,

Toilet Tissue, Individually Wrapped Snacks, and Liquids Hand Soap Refills. Walmart Gift Cards are always appreciated also! Collection boxes are in the Main Welcome Center and Children's Center. The donation deadline is Wednesday, 4.25.

BE a Mentor

Our local elementary school partner, Battlefield Elementary, is in great need of mentors for kids in grades 3rd through 5th. Mentoring means being an encourager and friend to a student at the school campus once a

week for 30 minutes. You can even partner with another mentor to further lighten the load. Email churchoffice@fbco.org to sign up or contact Ms. Kelly Wolf at BES at 706.866.9183.