

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, April 22

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study  
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration  
5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup  
6 pm Evening Worship

## Wednesday, April 25

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes**  
**Field Peas 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 Pastor's Prayer Service  
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29

Women of Joy Conference  
Pigeon Forge, TN

Find more info online at [www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

Apr.22-28 Hank Humphrey  
Mary A. Paulson  
Tim Banister  
Apr.29-May 5 Bob Johnson  
Becky Pennington  
Ronnie Born

### Security

Apr.22-28 Jeff Ingram  
Kris Kubler  
Apr.29-May 5 Bob Rogers  
Paul Overlin

### Greeters

April 22 Pat Medearis  
Mackie Yatooma  
Preble McDaniel  
Gene McDaniel  
April 29 R. Nicholson  
Luther Nicholson  
G. McDowell

### LaunchPad

Sunday, Apr. 22  
Babies Erie Stookey  
Carrie Payne  
1&2 yr olds Betty Parrish  
Brittany Stone  
3 yr olds Holly Randall  
Rob Randall  
Welcome Jane Hogsed

### Next Sunday, Apr. 29

Babies Amber White  
Madison Stookey  
1&2 yr olds Lila Ferrell  
Zoe Ferrell  
3 yr olds Lois Carlton  
Jim Carlton  
Welcome Tiffani Brady

## Prayer Concerns

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

## Birthdays

Barbara Miller (22nd)  
Ollie Rogers (22nd)  
Cheryl Arnold (23rd)  
Fred Colwell (24th)  
Alexis Greene (25th)  
Steve Imler (25th)  
Kay Buff (26th)  
Carrie Payne (26th)  
Sarah Delzell (28th)

## Staff

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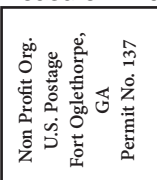
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**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

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



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## Upcoming

### Confident Faith Wrap Up

We are excited about the **Confident Faith Series Finale** this **Sunday, 4.22**. 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.

### 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

Help us contribute to God's ongoing missions and church planting work in the United States by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our 2018 goal is \$6,500, and every penny will go to this special cause. So far the amount we have received is \$4,895.00. We've extended the final Sunday to give to this Sunday, 4.22.

**April 18 - April 25**



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**Do we have growing pains?** God created us to grow and be fruitful with our lives. We read about this in **Genesis 2:15** and where Jesus tells us to stay connected to the “vine” in **John 15:5-8**. God’s plan includes our growth with the hope that we also will reach out to help others grow. Yet, along the way, whether with physical growth or spiritual growth, there will be occasional growing pains. That is the subject of this new series for our weekly newsletter. Webster’s defines “**growing pains**” as those occasional and mysterious pains that young people experience when their bodies are in a season of physical growth. The definition also includes the stresses and



The Sunday Report		
Bible Study Attendance	246	
11 am Worship Attendance	287	

Annual Budget	598,953.33	<b>This Sunday’s Message:</b> The Confident Faith Series Series Finale
YTD Budget Needs	172,774.90	
YTD Budget Giving	156,502.63	

Total Receipts for the Week:	16,203.28	<b>Next Sunday’s Message:</b> New Series Begins... “Deception: Trusting God for the Good”
Weekly Budget Giving	11,470.03	
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,320.23	
Weekly Missions Giving	1,120.00	

## Announcements

**Children’s Home**  
Wednesday,4.25 is the last date to bring your items for the Georgia Baptist Children’s Home. Items needed are Paper Towels, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Toilet Tissue, **Individually** Wrapped Snacks, and Walmart Gift Cards.

**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](mailto: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 \$16,272. 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.

## Discipleship

Prayer is not difficult to understand. **It is difficult to do.** When was the last time your heart so grieved for those you were interceding for that your entire body agonized along with your mind and heart? (Heb. 5:7).

We are a culture that avoids pain at all costs. This is one reason why there are so few prayer intercessors. Most of us operate on the shallowest levels of prayer, but God wants to take us into the deep levels of intercessory prayer that only a few ever experience. Deep, prolonged intercession is painful and difficult. It involves staying before God when everyone else has gone away or sleeps (Luke 22:45). It involves experiencing brokenness with God over those who continually rebel against Him. How many of us will experience this kind of fervent prayer?

We long for Pentecost in our lives and in our churches, but there is no

Andy Atkinson

Pentecost without Gethsemane and a cross. It takes much work to produce great fruit. How do we become mature in our prayer life? By praying. **When we do not feel like praying is precisely the time we ought to pray.** This takes control, discipline and faith. Faith that we don’t have to present our best self to God when we pray. **There are no shortcuts to prayer.** There are no books to read, conferences to attend, or inspirational sayings to memorize that will transform us into prayer intercessors. This comes only by committing ourselves to pray and then doing so.

Why not accept God’s invitation to become an intercessor? Stay strong in prayer. Don’t allow yourself to become satisfied with shallow, self-centered praying. Stay with God in prayer until He leads you to pray at the level He wants.

-Andy

## Student Spotlight

The Parent Meeting to discuss Youth Camp after the Morning Worship Celebration is this 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

Kevin Stone

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

**“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” Jeremiah 17:7**

**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!

Nichole Stookey

**VBS:** Can you believe that summer is almost here and VBS is just right around the corner?! Our theme this year is “Game On!” and we have a ton of exciting things in store. I am incorporating online registration for both participants and for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please go to [fbco.org](http://fbco.org) and click on the link to sign up! We need all hands on deck for this awesome outreach ministry!

**The Point:** Children's Worship will be Sunday, 4.29, during the morning Worship Celebration. Please make plans to be with us!

## Worship & More...

*Every Spiritual Blessing!* You and I as Believers have been given spiritual blessings as a result of our relationship with Christ. It says in Ephesians 1:3 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

Notice that Paul says we are blessed with every spiritual blessing. Not some, not a few, not based on merit, but every spiritual blessing. And those blessings are found in our relationship with Christ.

What was Paul’s response to being blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ? Praise to God. He didn’t gloat. He didn’t talk about unworthiness. Rather, he praised God! And that should always be our response to every blessing that we receive. Everything that comes our way

Brad Lewis

passes through God’s fingers. Even the things that we don’t like. And our response should always be praise and thanks to God. (Read I Thessalonians 5:18. I also encourage you to read through Ephesians 1:4-14 for a more detailed listing of *every spiritual blessing in Christ*.)

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

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

-Brad

## Women's Ministry

**WOJ attendees-** The bus will leave from the church on 4.27 at 10 am. Please arrive by 9:45 am latest so we can load up the luggage. We will all be meeting at the Apple Barn at 1 pm for lunch. **\*\*NOTE\*\*** If you are NOT going but think you may want to attend next year 2019, please give me your \$25 deposit this Sunday 4.22 after church in the welcome center area. This event sells out every year within a couple of days of open registration, which is 4.28.

**The Women’s Luncheon** will be on Saturday 6.2. Tickets will be on sale

beginning 4.22 in the Welcome Center before Sunday School and after the Morning Worship Celebration. Contact Laura Jones (423.605.1816) if you have any questions.

**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.

## Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out!

That is the title of a new book study we will be doing in the Pastor’s Prayer Study beginning next Wednesday, 4.25, at 6:30 pm. This book study will give you confidence to be yourself and

have gospel-centered conversations in your daily relationships. The cost of the book is only \$10. Get your copy on Wednesday night.

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