

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

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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

Wednesday Meal

April 25	May 2
Wayne Rasbury	Marlin Paulson
Charlie Rasbury	Mary A. Paulson
Pat Medearis	Frankie Trotter
Sue Hughes	Hal Jones

Security

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

Greeters

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

Sunday, Apr. 22 LaunchPad

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

Hospital	Karen Pierce	George &	Nursing
	Tommie	Faye Smith	Home
Home	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)	Steve Imler (25th)
Ollie Rogers (22nd)	Kay Buff (26th)
Cheryl Arnold (23rd)	Carrie Payne (26th)
Fred Colwell (24th)	Sarah Delzell (28th)
Alexis Greene (25th)	

Staff

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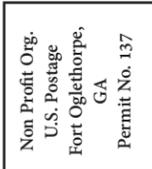
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Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
Crackers & Pasta



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Upcoming

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

barriers that groups may face while in a season of development. As the church is a living, breathing body of believers, could it be that we will also experience growing pains? I believe so, as I will share in the weeks to follow.

God's plan has always been to make disciples of all nations through His Spirit, Word and His people. And it has always been His plan to do this through the local church. There has never been a plan B. So then, we have to wonder why many local churches have stopped growing? Is it because God has changed His plan? I believe it is because many local churches have changed their plans by shifting away from God's plan. Often this is a slow drift, but the result is the same. The growth of the church is impeded.

Take this thought with you into the week ahead: Are there any barriers or pains involved with your personal, spiritual growth, and what about with our church family? There's more to come next week! -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

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

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

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

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

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)

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 246
11 am Worship Attendance 287

This Sunday's Message:
The Confident Faith Series
Series Finale

Next Sunday's Message:
New Series Begins...
"Deception: Trusting God for the Good"

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 172,774.90
YTD Budget Giving 156,502.63

Total Receipts for the Week: 16,203.28
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).

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.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

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

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

"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!

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 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!

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

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

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

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.

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 to sign up or contact Ms. Kelly Wolf at BES at 706.866.9183.