

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, April 29

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration - Compassion Sunday
11:05 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
6 pm Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, May 1

10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, May 2

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Pork Tenderloin Baked Potato
Green Beans Salad
Bread Dessert
5:45 pm Youth Pizza & Worship Night
6 pm Group Bible Studies
Kids' Club House Friends
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 4

8 am The BIG Yard Sale

Saturday, May 5

8 am The BIG Yard Sale

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Apr.29-May 5 May 6-12
Bob Johnson Donnie Lindsay
Becky Pennington Kerry Pennington
Ronnie Born Cathy Cox

Security

Apr.29-May 5 May 6-12
Bob Rogers Shannon Born
Paul Overlin Ken Lee

Wednesday Meal

May 2 May 9
Marlin Paulson James Lee
Mary A. Paulson Alisha Lee
Frankie Trotter Cindy Daniels
Hal Jones Betty Dunwoody

Greeters

April 29 May 6
R. Nicholson Aurelia Little
Luther Nicholson Margaret Box
G. McDowell Mary Jo Case

Sunday, Apr. 29 LaunchPad

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

Next Sunday, May 6

Babies Sarah Kubler
1&2 yr olds Jenny Pitts
Melissa Pittman
3 yr olds Madeline Pittman
Brenda Jones
Rena Honeycutt
Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital	Ruth Wagoner	John Stewart	Nursing Home
Home	Brian Wagoner	George & Faye Smith	Lila Archer
Rena Honeycutt	Karen Pierce	Wanda McArthur	JoAnn Davis
Amanda Pobiegllo	Tommie Brock	Beth Daugherty	Dale Kinnison
Ray Cox	Helen Fisher	Nell Smith	Eva Williams
Jeanette Dupree	Larry Shipp	Ken & Betty Goodner	Norma Carpenter
Pat Medearis	Betty Phillips	Helen Epperson	Eunice Mosman
Sharon Mullins	Bill George	Sam & Mary	Bertha Pennington
Opal Hyde	Wanda Kitchen	Lou Brown	Jean Wilson
Linda Sikes	Jeanette McKay		

Birthdays

Lauren Parrish (30th) Eila Smith (2nd) Lieda Klein (5th)
Morgan Trotter (30th) Aurelia Little (2nd) Louise Stinnett (5th)
Brian Born (1st) Miriam Pittman (3rd)
Al Hutchison (1st) Matthew Clark (5th)
James Lee (1st) Brynna Humphrey (5th)
Eddy Trotter (1st) Corley Humphrey (5th)

Staff

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

Deepest Sympathy
To Donnie & Donna Lindsay & family with the passing of his sister, Dorothy in Gastonia, NC.



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Upcoming

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.

New Sermon Series

The devil is a master at leading people astray with things that might otherwise appear to be good. He is what his name says that he is: A deceiver! He deceptively led the first people away from God in the garden, and he even tried to lead Jesus astray while Jesus was fasting in the wilderness. How can we be ready and find strength when the devil's nasty deceptions come our way? Come find answers as we begin our new Sermon Series this Sunday morning!

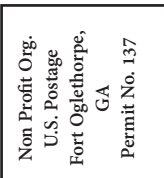
VBS "Game On" 2018

These are dates that you will want to remember! Our VBS 2018 will be Sunday, 6.24, through Thursday, 6.28. The BIG theme this year is "Game On!" using the platform of sports to help kids learn about Jesus. Every child in our community matters and we're praying for our VBS to reach as many children as possible this year. Get ready to join us in June. You can sign up online at fbcfo.org.

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!

April 25 - May 2



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Ask the Right Question. Last week we began thinking about growing pains when it comes to being God's church. Because God has commissioned His church to build the Body of Christ in partnership with the Holy Spirit, the growth of the church should be an ongoing process. It should be happening, even though we see that many local churches have stopped growing.

In part two of our newsletter series on **Growing Pains**, we seek to ask the right question. Many would ask what it is that they can do to get the church to grow. The problem with that question, however, is the underlying assumption. It assumes that we

are the ones who produce church growth. Church growth is ultimately not about what we can do in our own power or strength. Remember, it was Jesus who said **“on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matt. 16:18).**

In light of this promise and the understanding that Jesus is the one to build His church, we should instead be asking this question: What is it that is keeping this church from growing? If we sense that stagnation or decline is setting in, we need to be honest about it and remember Jesus' promise. Something must be in the way that is inhibiting our growth. Before we begin to look at these possible barriers and “growing pains,” consider with me these two questions: (1) Do you believe that God wants this church to grow? (2) Do you really want to see this church grow? How you and I answer those questions will determine where we go from here. Stay tuned for more to come next week! -Jason

Discipleship

Jesus asked His disciples to do something that clearly was impossible. There were five thousand men, along with their families, and they were famished. There were only five loaves of bread and two small fish—obviously not enough to feed a multitude. The cost of food for even a portion of the crowd would have far exceeded the disciples' budget. It may have seemed absurd to the disciples that Jesus should ask them to distribute that amount of food to the massive crowd. Yet that is exactly what Jesus asked them to do. Because Jesus had given the command, the disciples moved forward and experienced an incredible miracle. Moving forward without the complete picture requires an expansive trust in Jesus.

Christ will lead you into many situations that will seem impossible, but don't try to avoid them. Be aware of your heart. Experience them for what they are and this is where you will experience God. The key difference between what

Andy Atkinson

appears to be impossible to us and what is actually possible is simply the word from our Master! Do we mistake his words? That is completely possible. But faith accepts His divine presence and steps out in a direction that only God can complete. Through faith relationship with Christ, we sense God's desires for this world. What heaven coming down to earth actually looks like. If you attempt only things that you know are possible with the visible resources you possess, those around you will not see God at work. You maybe the one who receives the credit for a job well done, but God will have no part in it.

Take inventory of your life and the decisions you are presently facing. Have you received a word from Christ that awaits your next step of faith? If you will proceed with what He has told you, no matter how incredible it might seem, you will experience the joy of seeing our Lord perform a miracle, and so will those around you.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Worship! It is why we were created... Did you know that we often follow rules for worship? Look at Isaiah 29:13. The Lord says: *“These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”*

The “rules” of worship that we have been taught are sometimes based on tradition or social acceptance, rather than on biblical principles. (Be quiet in “church”, songs should prepare us for the sermon, dress-up to worship God, etc.). Many times we worship without looking into God's Word for guidance and understanding on how to worship.

Our understanding and practice of worship should constantly be evolving and growing, and be based on God's Word. Just

as we “grow” in our work skills, parenting skills, “retirement” skills, and musical skills, our worship “skills” ought to be constantly growing. We should always be looking into God's Word for the next level of praise to God, and the next level of experiencing His Presence.

May we consistently be growing in our biblical worshipping skills. May we passionately and intimately worship our Lord... **Worship Well!**

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

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 220
11 am Worship Attendance 253

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 184,293.23
YTD Budget Giving 163,366.46

This Sunday's Message:
Deception Part One:
Matthew 4:1-11

Total Receipts for the Week: 9,976.83
Weekly Budget Giving 6,863.88
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,245.00
Weekly Missions Giving 238.00

Next Sunday's Message:
The “Deception” Series
Continues

Announcements

Mother's Day
Mother's Day is Sunday, 5.13, and we will be dedicating our newest little ones in the 10:55 am Worship Celebration. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org if you'd like your little one to participate.

Compassion Sunday
We will take time to highlight the Compassion International Children's Ministry this 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 (706.965.4823 or wyattpiano@aol.com).

5 Sundays in April
We are rallying this 5th Sunday of April to get caught up with our 2018 Budget. It will take all of us being sacrificial together to make up this shortfall. Thank you for being part of this rally as we look ahead to the ministry of VBS this summer.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Wednesday Evenings: We are experimenting with something new on Wednesday Evenings. We will be meeting in the gym. We will include fresh worship, games, and interesting discussions. We are excited about what we believe that God is going to do in the lives of our students. Pray for them as they face difficulties that are hard to imagine.

Parents, we encourage your involvement in this effort. This includes encouraging your students to attend and invite their non-churched friends to join us!

Mission Team: We are forming a team that will be responsible for planning and organizing local mission activities. Prayerfully consider serving on this special team.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

“For we live by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7

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 where we can meet one-on-one to talk about your child's spiritual progress. The dates I would currently like to fill are Wednesday evenings, 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 fbcfo.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 at The Point will be this Sunday, 4.29 during the Morning Worship Celebration. We will be in Luke 24: The Road to Emmaus. Make plans to be with us!!

Women's Ministry

WOJ Conference: The bus will leave from the church campus this Friday at 10 am. Arrive by 9:45 am so we can load up the luggage. We will 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 Laura Jones your \$25 deposit or text her immediately at 423.605.1816. This event sells out every year within a couple of days of open registration, which is 4.28. We need your name and deposit to hold your spot for next year.

Women's Luncheon: Is scheduled for Saturday 6.2. Tickets are now on sale. We will have a sign-up table in the main

Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out!

That is the title of a new book study we will be doing in the Pastor's Prayer Study continuing next Wednesday, 5.2, 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

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