

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, May 6

- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 11:05 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
- 12:15 pm Summer Camp Fundraiser Lunch
- 5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup
- 6 pm Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, May 8

- 10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
- Breakfast Casserole Bacon Sausage Biscuits Gravy Grits 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

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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| May 6-12 | May 13-19 |
| Donnie Lindsay | Gene McDaniel |
| Kerry Pennington | Don Pittman |
| Cathy Cox | Ray Cox |

Wednesday Meal

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| May 9 | May 16 |
| James Lee | Charles Helton |
| Alisha Lee | Nancy Smith |
| Cindy Daniels | Betty Parrish |
| Betty Dunwoody | Harold Parrish |

Security

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| May 6-12 | May 13-19 |
| Shannon Born | Jeff Ingram |
| Ken Lee | Tom Acker |

Greeters

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| May 6 | May 13 |
| Aurelia Little | Harold Parrish |
| Margaret Box | Betty Parrish |
| Mary Jo Case | Dolores Tant |

Sunday, May 6

LaunchPad

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

Next Sunday, May 13

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| Babies | Callie Stookey |
| | Brenda Lynch |
| 1&2 yr olds | Dedee McMahan |
| | David White |
| 3 yr olds | Charles Tant |
| | Don Pittman |
| Welcome | Tiffani Brady |

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

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| Brian Dodson (6th) | Shannon McDaniel (8th) |
| Zoe Ferrell (7th) | Sarah Humphrey (9th) |
| Greg Smith (7th) | Angie Davis (11th) |
| Tim Banister (8th) | |

Staff

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

Well Done!

Our WMU and Georgia Baptist Children's Home appreciate all of you who contributed over 212 items and \$140 in Walmart Gift Cards for the recent Children's Home Project.



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Upcoming

The BIG Church Yard Sale

Get ready for the biggest Church Yard Sale yet, happening this 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 continue our Sermon Series this Sunday morning!

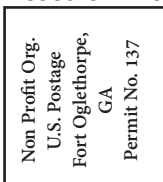
VBS "Game On" 2018

These are dates that you will want to remember: Our Vacation Bible School 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. Register 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!

May 2 - May 9



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Thus began the movement, in Acts 2:47, of Jesus building His church with believers who would gather, grow, and go in the power of the Holy Spirit. What if we experienced God continue to move that way in 2018?

Last week, in our newsletter series on Growing Pains, I asked if you believed that God wants our church to grow, and if so, are you ok with that? My hope is that we would all love to see God continue to move. After all, it is the reason He planted us here in this community over 66 years ago. And though the power for this movement does not come directly from us, there are

things we can do, or not do, that have a big impact. We need to understand that being part of God's disciple-making movement is not a natural thing. In fact, it is contrary to our sin nature. And so, there will always be barriers. We might call such things "growing pains" because they can be very painful and hard on our growth.

One common growing pain relates to the church campus. For many church families, the pain comes from not having enough space, almost like a flower that has outgrown the pot. New people stop coming because access is limited and they don't feel welcome. But notice that such a feeling is not limited to physical space. Consider our campus, for example. We are blessed to have a wonderful gathering place. But we still have to ask if new people have access and if they feel welcome. Let's all imagine being a first-time guest when we gather this Sunday. Together we can ensure that all guests feel welcome and draw closer to God through us! -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

God's way is often counter-intuitive. Wisdom is not what you know about the world but how well you know God and how He works. Human reasoning will not make you wise. It may even lead you to reject the ways of God (1 Cor. 1:18-25). God's purpose in creating a nation for Himself was to demonstrate His wisdom to the world through the obedience and love of His people (Zech. 8:23). As the Israelites followed God, He would bless them, and the wisdom of obeying God would be evident to all.

God gives you the same opportunity to base your life on His wisdom. When people who have yet find Christ make important decisions, they must rely on their own knowledge and understanding. You, as a Christian, have access to God's wisdom. God's Spirit is within you to guide you (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit will open your eyes to the truth so that you can see things

from God's perspective. Only God sees the future, so only He can accurately lead you to make correct decisions of today. But we must be aware of how different others are from us and God then graciously love them as the Spirit works.

As you allow God to direct your life, those around you will see true wisdom, wisdom not of the world but of God. We have to bring the praise to God and not us. Others will be confused about what to do in our complicated world, but God will guide you safely to the correct choices for you. Remember to value what Jesus himself valued and not simply what we perceive that the church values. Your family will be blessed. Your friends will have a wise counselor to come to for help. Your obedient life will demonstrate the wisdom of allowing the Holy Spirit to be your Guide. Your life will have a eternal impact.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

There is a great encouragement in Psalm 34:1-3: *I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His Name together.*

There are four clear exhortations for us as we worship: 1) Extol (acclaim, applaud, exalt, glorify) the Lord all of the time; 2) Our worship encourages others who need a touch from God; 3) We lead others as we worship; 3) Group worship is for everyone to participate in.

In worship, you and I have a responsibility to God: to worship Him *at all times*. Also, we have a responsibility to those who need a touch from God: *the afflicted will hear our worship and rejoice*. And finally, we have a responsibility to each other: we are to *join in with*

others and passionately and intimately worship.

I encourage all of us to look beyond style and preference in our worship gatherings. Instead, remember that our passionate participation in worship warms God's heart, ministers to those around us, and encourages others to worship alongside of us.

May we worship with passion, and bring those around us to worship at the throne with us... **Worship Well!**

(Follow my Blog at Bigcloud.tv)

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 239
11 am Worship Attendance 283

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 195,811.56
YTD Budget Giving 174,550.23

This Sunday's Message:

Deception Part Two:
Deuteronomy 8:1-9

Next Sunday's Message:

The "Deception" Series
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: 15,104.77
Weekly Budget Giving 11,183.77
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,191.00
Weekly Missions Giving 150.00

Announcements

Keenagers

You are invited to our Keenagers' Lunch Meeting next Tuesday, 5.8 at 10:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Circle. The guest speaker will be Ellen Phillips, a reporter on Consumer Watch for the Chattanooga Times Free Press. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

Compassion

A special thank you to everyone who signed up to sponsor a child through Compassion International this past Sunday. Also, thank you to all of our current and continuing sponsors. Stop by our Compassion Table in the main Welcome Center for more information and to become a new sponsor.

Giving in May

Your tithes and gifts to our General Budget have a special purpose during the month of May as we get ready for VBS 2018 and special Youth ministry moments throughout the summer. Thank you for helping us make ministry possible for the glory of God and the good of our community.

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone

Camp Fundraiser Lunch: This, Sunday, 5.6, students will need to be in the FC at 9 am, with dessert, to help set-up. Stay through 1:45 pm for clean-up. The menu is Baked Ham, Pinto Beans, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Fancy Cole Slaw, Rolls, Jalepeno Cheddar Cornbread.

Wednesday Evenings: We are experimenting with something new on Wednesday Evenings. Meeting in the gym, we will have fresh worship, games, and interesting discussions. We are excited

about what we believe God is going to do in the lives of our students. Pray for them as they face difficulties that are hard for us to imagine.

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

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:13-14

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. Please sign up online to volunteer! 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, 5.6 during the Morning Worship Celebration. We will be in Luke 24: Ascension of the Lord. Make plans to be with us!!

Baby Dedication: 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.

Camp Lunch: We will be having a Camp Fundraiser Lunch following our Morning Worship Celebration on 5.6. If you are attending Summer Camp in June, please make plans to work at this lunch. Arrive at 9am for set-up and plan to stay until 1:30 for clean-up. Please bring a dessert!

Women's Ministry

WOJ 2018 - WHAT AN AWESOME CONFERENCE! We had 47 ladies go with us and enjoy great speakers, worship, and a wonderful fellowship with God. We have 59 signed up already for 2019, which is already sold out.

Women's Luncheon will be Saturday 6.2. Tickets will be on sale in the main Welcome Center before Sunday School and following the Morning Worship Celebration every

Sunday until the event. Contact Laura Jones (423.605.1816) if you have any questions.

Women & Men' Camp Lookout Retreat is

scheduled for the weekend of September 28-29. If you are interested, come to the event table in the main Welcome Center to complete the form and pay the \$20 deposit.

Mother's DAY!

We will be praising God and thanking Him for our Moms & Mom figures next Sunday, 5.13! There will be a moment to dedicate our newest little ones in the 10:55 am

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

Worship Celebration. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org if you would like your little one to participate.

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.

Join Us For Bible Study

Do you hunger and thirst to know God and His word in a deeper way? join us on Wednesdays 6-7:15 pm in the Agape Classroom. We are studying Book of James (brother of Jesus.)