

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, May 13 Happy Mothers' Day!

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
 6 pm No Evening Worship Service



Wednesday, May 16

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Baked Chicken Potato Salad
Baked Beans Broccoli 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 Family Business Meeting
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 18

10 am Women's Ministry Craft Day

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

May 13-19
 Gene McDaniel
 Don Pittman
 Ray Cox

May 20-26
 Scott O'Steen
 Wayne Rasbury
 Linda Daniels

Wednesday Meal

May 16
 Charles Helton
 Nancy Smith
 Betty Parrish
 Harold Parrish

May 23
 James Swafford
 Sandra Mullins
 Elaine Steele
 Cathy Cox

Security

May 13-19
 Jeff Ingram
 Tom Acker

May 20-26
 Michael Ingram
 Shannon Born

Greeters

May 13
 Harold Parrish
 Betty Parrish
 Dolores Tant

May 20
 Scott O'Steen
 Dana O'Steen
 James Lee
 Alisha Lee

Sunday, May 13 LaunchPad Next Sunday, May 20

Babies	Callie Stookey	Babies	Becky Pennington
	Brenda Lynch		Callie Stookey
1&2 yr olds	Dedee McMahan	1&2 yr olds	Melissa Collison
	David White		Amber White
3 yr olds	Charles Tant	3 yr olds	Sandra Mullins
	Don Pittman		Ron Mullins
Welcome	Tiffani Brady	Welcome	Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital	Sharon	McKay	Lou Brown
Wayne	Mullins	John Stewart	Sandra Little
Honeycutt	Ruth	George &	
Wanda	Wagoner	Faye Smith	Nursing
Kitchens	Brian	JoAnn Davis	Home
Libby Page	Wagoner	Wanda	Lila Archer
	Barbara	McArthur	Dale Kinnison
Home	Poole	Beth	Eva Williams
Louise	Sarah Delzell	Daugherty	Norma
Stinnett	Tommie	Nell Smith	Carpenter
Amanda	Brock	Ken & Betty	Eunice
Pobieglo	Helen Fisher	Goodner	Mosman
Ray Cox	Larry Shipp	Helen	Bertha
Pat Medearis	Betty Phillips	Epperson	Pennington
Linda Sikes	Jeanette	Sam & Mary	Jean Wilson

Birthdays

Regeania Nicholson (14th)
 Susan Key (17th)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
 Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
 Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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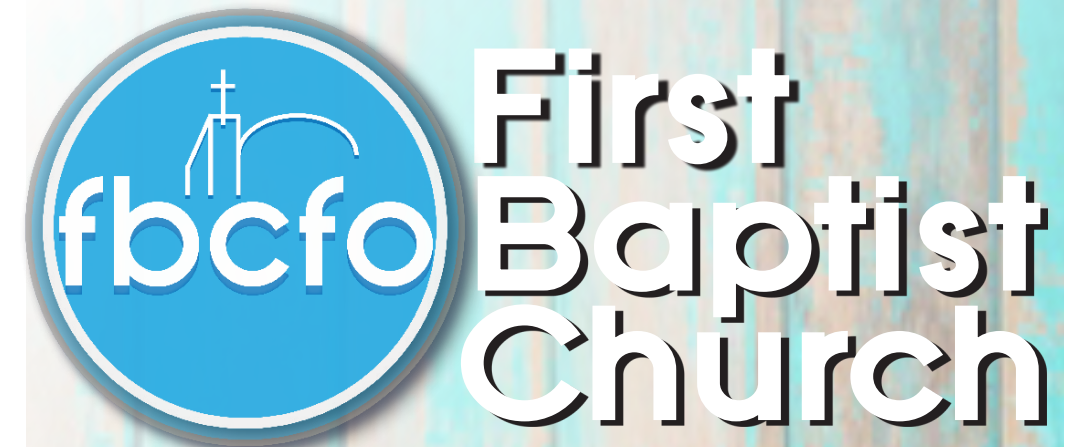


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Pastoral Emergency Line
423-708-5303

Christ Chapel
Items of the Month:
 Crackers & Pasta

Christian Sympathy
 We share our deepest
 condolences with Jeff & Julie
 Wright & family on the passing
 of Jeff's Father, Roy Wright.



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Upcoming

Happy Mother's Day!

This Sunday is Mother's Day, and we wish a special Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms and Mother figures who help our church family grow strong! There will be a moment to dedicate our newest little ones in the 10:55 am Worship Celebration. Join us for this special time of worship on Sunday morning. Encourage family and other guests to come with you!

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 next Sunday morning!

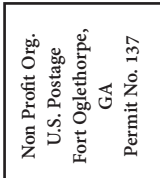
VBS "Game On" 2018

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 a 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 9 - May 16



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

The importance of being teachable. Every believer is on a journey of faith to become more like the master Teacher. **“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40).** This is a challenge given to you and me by Jesus Himself as He takes us by the hand from the moment of faith until the moment He calls us home.

This week in our newsletter series on **Growing Pains**, we see how our journey of growth will hit a major barrier if we stop being teachable. Simply put, growing churches are led by growing

people. And none of us are excluded from this dynamic. **“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you are a part of it” (1 Cor. 12:27).** The more you and I grow in our spiritual maturity, the more our church family will grow. Sermons will be more engaging, ministries will be more focused and dynamic, and the impact will be felt way beyond our church campus.

Think of our church family as a sail for the winds of God’s Spirit. God is moving, and the greater the width of our sail, the greater we will be moved by Him. Consider how to expand your spiritual sail. Are you connected and consistent with a small group or class? Are you dedicated to personal reading and prayer? Do you have someone who has permission to speak truth and accountability into your life? These are all important ways to continue your spiritual growth as you seek to be more like Jesus. -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

God keeps every promise He makes. When we walk in intimate fellowship with Christ, we can experience every promise God has made available to us. This truth should motivate us to search the Scriptures and to meditate upon its potential for our life. Then seek to experience God through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised that when you ask for something in His will, He will give you what you ask. This promise is available to every follower of Christ. If you ask God if this promise applies to your life, His answer is yes. If you are not now experiencing this promise, it does not change the fact that God has said it. You may need to seek God’s answer for why His promise has not yet reached maturity in you. This is difficult and complex reflection **where when we read scripture, scripture reads us.**



Paul claimed he had tested each of these promises in his own life and found them all to be abundantly true in all types of difficult places. That’s why he could speak of the “exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” and the “unsearchable riches of Christ”. Paul had found a wealth of God’s promises and enjoyed the experience of them all in abundance.

Don’t become discouraged or impatient if you are not experiencing to the fullest all of God’s promises in your life. Be patient but go forward in looking for God’s shaping in your heart. God may want to prepare you to receive some of the great truths He has made available to you.

Walk closely with your Lord and, in time, you will see Him bring His promises to fruition in your life.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

As you read this article, I will be on my way to India with my oldest son Eric. This will be my 16th trip, and Eric’s first. We are believing that God is going to do great things while we are there!

We will be flying through Istanbul, Turkey (my first time on Turkish Air) and will arrive on Indian soil at about 4:35 am on Friday India time. We’ll have some waiting, then in-country travel to where we will begin our first ministry leg in Jammu-Kashmir, where we will spend a few days ministering with a friend of FBCFO (and my good friend), Ashish Mattoo in city churches and remote villages.

As you pray, pray this specific word that God gave me as I have been praying daily: **Open doors!** I believe that as

God opens doors, His Spirit will go before us, His fire will fall, lives will be changed, and the Kingdom of God will expand in India! Revelation 3:7 says: *These are the words of Him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open.*

As my wife likes to say, “When Brad goes to India to minister, God shows-off and Brad gets to be a part of it!” **Worship Well!**

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 237
11 am Worship Attendance 294

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 207,329.88
YTD Budget Giving 188,162.23

Total Receipts for the Week: 31,607.73
Weekly Budget Giving 13,688.00
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,390.00
Weekly Missions Giving 446.00

This Sunday’s Message:

“For the Next Generation”
Mother’s Day Special
Psalm 78:1-8

Next Sunday’s Message:

The “Deception” Series
Continues

Announcements

Bible Study

Do you hunger and thirst to know God and His Word in a deeper way? Join us on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 pm in the Agape Classroom for an all-ages Bible study through the Book of James.

Compassion

A special thank you to everyone who has signed up to sponsor a child through Compassion International. 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

Wednesday Evenings: We are experimenting with something new on Wednesday Evenings. Meeting in the gym, we will have authentic worship, games, prayer, and interesting discussions. We are excited about what God is going to do in the lives of our students. Pray for them as they face new opportunities and challenges.

Parents: We need your involvement in this effort. This includes volunteering, encouraging your students to attend, and inviting their un-churched friends to join us!

Children’s Headlines

Nichole Stookey

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31:28-29

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! There are also sign up sheets in both welcome center areas. We need all hands on deck for this awesome outreach ministry!

Baby Dedication: Mother’s Day is this Sunday, 5.13, and we will be dedicating our newest little ones in the 10:55 am Worship Celebration. Please join us for this special celebration time.

Kids Camp: Our kids will be headed to SL4K Camp June 19-22. You should be receiving up-to-date statements of your balances. We have 1 more fundraiser lunch on June 3 and remaining balances will need to be paid no later than June 10.

Women’s Ministry

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.

Mens’ Breakfast & Bike Ride

Calling men of all ages to a special Prayer Breakfast and Bike Ride this Saturday, 5.12. The day begins with breakfast in our Fellowship Circle at 8 am, and the Son’s of Thunder will be

leading a bike ride immediately after at 11 am. Stay tuned because we will have another similar breakfast & bike ride on Saturday, 6.16, as well.

Graduation Celebrations

We are getting closer to that special time of year to recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates! Sunday, 5.20.18, will be our special graduate recognition day in the

10:55 am Worship Celebration. We are excited for our new upcoming graduates! Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org if you would like to participate.