

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, May 20

8 am Deacons' Breakfast Meeting

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
Graduate Recognition

11:05 am Kid's Worship @ The Point

2 pm Heritage High Bacc. Service

5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup

6 pm Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, May 23

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Baked Pork Chops w/Rice

Green Beans Salad

Bread Dessert

5:45 pm **ONEIGHTY**

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 No Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 24

9 am FB Preschool End of Year Program

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

May 20-26

Scott O'Steen

Wayne Rasbury

Linda Daniels

May 27-June 2

Paul Overlin

Nolan Richardson

Luke Daniels

Wednesday Meal

May 23

James Swafford

Sandra Mullins

Elaine Steele

Cathy Cox

May 30

Donnie Lindsay

Donna Lindsay

Jean Stone

Brenda Jones

Greeters

Security

May 20-26

Michael Ingram

Shannon Born

May 27-June 2

Ken Lee

Kris Kubler

May 20

Scott O'Steen

Dana O'Steen

James Lee

Alisha Lee

May 27

R. Nicholson

Luther Nicholson

Louise Stinnett

Sunday, May 20

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, May 27

Babies

Becky Pennington

Callie Stookey

1&2 yr olds

Melissa Collison

Amber White

3 yr olds

Sandra Mullins

Ron Mullins

Welcome

Jane Hogsed

Babies

Phillip Everett

Sue Everett

1&2 yr olds

Jenny Pitts

Madison Stookey

3 yr olds

Cathy Cox

Ray Cox

Welcome

Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Patrick

McCullough

Wanda

Kitchens

Home

Wayne

Honeycutt

Libby page

Louise

Stinnett

Amanda

Pobieglo

Ray Cox

Pat Medearis

Linda Sikes

Sharon

Mullins

Ruth

Wagoner

Brian

Wagoner

Barbara

Poole

Sarah Delzell

Tommie

Brock

Helen Fisher

Larry Shipp

Betty Phillips

Jeanette

McKay

John Stewart

George &

Faye Smith

JoAnn Davis

Wanda

McArthur

Beth

Daugherty

Nell Smith

Ken & Betty

Goodner

Helen

Epperson

Sam & Mary

Lou Brown

Sandra Little

Nursing

Home

Lila Archer

Dale Kinnison

Eva Williams

Norma

Carpenter

Eunice

Mosman

Bertha

Pennington

Jean Wilson

Birthdays

Dave Bolling (21st)

Wanda Kitchen (21st)

Dana O'Steen (21st)

Jerry Cantrell (25th)

Truddy Hutchinson (27th)

Jason Thomas (27th)

Linda Sikes (28th)

Michael long (29th)

Doris Neese (30th)

James Swafford (30th)

Michele Leath (31st)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas

Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis

Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson

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Christ Chapel

Items of the Month:

Crackers & Pasta



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Upcoming

Happy Graduation!

We will recognize and pray over our 2018 high school & college graduates during the 10:55 am Worship Celebration this Sunday, 5.20. From high school: Cayla Coleman (Ridgeland); Spencer Emous (Ringgold); Parker Ingram (Ridgeland); and Dakota Kelly (Homeschool). From college: Joe Montgomery (Masters, Columbus State Univ.); and Brittany Stone (Masters, Piedmont College).

VBS "Game On" 2018

Our super colossal VBS 2018 is just around the corner, happening Sunday, 6.24, through Thursday, 6.28. The BIG theme this year is "Game On!" using the fun of sports to help kids learn about Jesus. Every kid in our community matters and we're praying for our VBS to reach as many kids as possible. Get ready to join us in June. Register online at fbcfo.org or in our main Welcome Center.

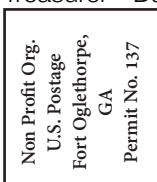
The Butterflies are Back

Our Freedom Butterflies are making a "return flight" this summer and will be available at our main Welcome Center beginning Sunday, 5.27. This season, we encourage you to purchase your very own colorful, metal butterfly to place in your flower garden or sun porch. Each butterfly is only \$10, and all proceeds go to our Free to BE building loan.

BE the SPARK

As a church family, we are beginning to ask this question: How can we connect well with people who are not in church? Our vision for 2018 is for each one of us to BE a SPARK for Jesus in our North Georgia Community. God has a place for YOU in His mission, especially as we look forward to this Sunday. Together, we will BE the SPARK that God has called us to BE!

May 16 - May 23



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.” That is a description of the early church given to us by an eyewitness named Luke in Acts 9:31.

As we take this next step in our newsletter series on **Growing Pains**, let’s consider how fear and comfort lead to church growth. Walking in fear means that the church took seriously the importance of having lifestyles off campus that glorified God. They were living in tune with the Holy Spirit, and the result was

not just occasional addition, but multiplication. Though Luke does not tell us directly, we can be sure that Jesus meant so much to these people that they could not help but follow the Spirit in sharing their faith and inviting new people to come along with them.

Multiplication is still very possible in our day, but it will take all of us working together. **We have to be willing to love God and His mission more than we love ourselves and our programs.** And that kind of love is the difference between a growth barrier and a growth opportunity. Research suggests that a church our size (280 core) should have 18 first-time guests per week. Our average of weekly first-time guests is around 8. Simply put, we are not sharing, serving or inviting the way we should. How can you be part of helping us improve? I will share a few tips with you next week. -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	209
11 am Worship Attendance	290

Annual Budget	598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs	218,848.21
YTD Budget Giving	195,905.89

Total Receipts for the Week:	11,388.66
Weekly Budget Giving	7,743.66
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,125.00
Weekly Missions Giving	68.00

This Sunday’s Message:

The Deception Series:
“Testing the Grace of God”
Romans 6:1-14

Next Sunday’s Message:

Heritage Sunday
Special Message

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.

Thank You

We had another very successful Rummage Sale! Thanks to everyone who had a part, whether making a donation, helping to organize/price, doing pick ups, working the sale, or buying treasures. We couldn’t have done it without you! To date, we have raised approximately \$13,300.

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.

Discipleship

After Mother’s Day, we should sense the blessings of God working through the nurturing works of every mother in our life. Our church is a spiritual family together! **God has adopted us into His family.** This should remind us of the promises of God and how he loves us and how He wants us to love others. **Remember, God never becomes preoccupied or neglectful toward one of His children.** God said it would be more likely for a nursing mother to forget the infant than for Him to forget one of His children! The nursing mother has a keen sensitivity to her baby. Even if the infant is in another room the mother’s senses are in tune with her child. The mother knows when it is time to feed and care for the child. The mother never becomes so preoccupied with other things that she neglects the needs of her child. What an amazing metaphor for God’s love!



Andy Atkinson

It is fitting that God chose this imagery to describe how He looks after His people, for He is more sensitive to the needs of His children than even the most loving mother. He anticipates every cry for help. Even before we can call out in need, God is responding with His answer. This is one of the most comforting promises God has given to us: that He will never forget us.

Don’t let the circumstances you are facing convince you that God has forgotten you. Don’t ever assume that God is more concerned with the needs of other, more significant, more spiritual people than He is with yours. Scripture teaches that God looks upon you with the same love, interest, and concern as a nursing mother would look upon her infant. It should reassure us to know that our Father loves us like that!

Student Spotlight

Kevin Stone



Wednesday Evenings: Our Wednesday Night experiment now has a name: **Oneighty** (180). We desire for Wednesday nights to be a movement in the lives of our students and schools that turns them toward a relationship with Jesus.

Parents: Ask your student to show you the **Student Summer 2018**

Packet that was handed out at **Oneighty** on 5.16. Get excited about the wave of fun and encouragement happening in the lives of our students this summer.

Summer Interns: We are excited about our 3 interns joining us: Joy Clark, Sydnee Locker, and Donny Lewis. They will be leading ministry in meaningful ways throughout the summer! Please thank them for their service!

Children’s Headlines

Nichole Stookey

Please make sure at least one parent is present for each kid going to camp. **VBS:** I have put volunteer sign up sheets in both Welcome areas, or you can sign up online at fbcfo.org. We need all hands on deck to make this ministry opportunity a success!!

The Point: We will have Kids Worship this Sunday, 5.20, during the morning Worship Celebration. We will be in John 7, "I am the Living Water". Join us THIS Sunday!!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Let me begin by saying “thank-you” for allowing me the time to travel to India and minister. I highly value the heart for missions that the people of FBCFO carry, and how they express it through their pastors.

We are well into our second leg of ministry in India. I am currently ministering with Daniel Kalyanapu, whom many of you have met when he was with us a couple of years ago. We are ministering in the states of Jammu-Kashmir, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh (where there are only .003% Christians.). We have been conducting crusades, village church meetings, and medical camps where we provide free medical care for poor village people.

Continue to pray for **Open doors!** Unless God goes

before us and opens doors, our ministry in India (or anywhere for that matter) is an exercise in futility. Use this verse as you pray: Revelation 3:7 *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.*** May there be revival in Northern India!

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



Women’s Ministry

Women’s Luncheon is Saturday, 6.2, 11:30-1:30. Tickets are on sale and must be purchased by Sunday, 5.27, for food purposes. Get your tickets in the main Welcome Center on Sunday, 5.20 and 5.27, or Monday-Thursday in the Church Office. It is urgent that we know you are coming so that we can ensure we have enough food and table hostesses. Childcare is available upon request by emailing churchoffice@fbcfo.org.

Also: We have an urgent need for youth girls to help serve during the lunch and men to help set up and tear down on the Friday before the lunch and at 1:30 pm after the lunch. If you can help, tell someone at the ticket table.

Men’s Ministry

Calling men of all ages to our upcoming special events during the month of June. There will be a Prayer Breakfast in our Fellowship Circle on Saturday,

6.16, at 8:30 am, followed by a motorcycle ride at 11 am. Stay tuned also for a Lookouts Baseball game happening this summer.

Heritage Sunday Senior Lunch

We invite all of our senior adults to a special lunch on Sunday, 5.27, following the morning Worship Celebration. Call the Church Office at (706) 866-0232

by Tuesday, 5.22, to RSVP. Each Bible Study Class may wish to make their reservation list and forward it to the Church Office.