

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, June 17

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration - Father's Day!
 6 pm No Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, June 19

8:45 am Kids' Leave for Student Life Camp
 Shocco Springs, Talledega, AL

Wednesday, June 20

9 am Mom's Day Out
 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Taco Salad Dessert
 6 pm Group Bible Studies
 VBS Church Family Rally Night
 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Family Business Meeting
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

June 17-23
 Mary A. Paulson
 Tim Banister
 Bob Johnson

June 24-30
 Becky Pennington
 Ronnie Born
 Donnie Lindsay

Wednesday Meal

June 20
 Wayne Rasbury
 Charlie Rasbury
 Pat Medearis
 Sue Hughes

June 27
 Marlin Paulson
 Mary A. Paulson
 Frankie Trotter
 Hal Jones

Security

June 17-23
 Shannon Born
 Ken Lee

June 24-30
 Bob Rogers
 Paul Overlin

Greeters

June 17
 Shelly Brooks
 Pam Bethune
 Brenda Jones

June 24
 Cindy Shipp
 Joyce Rogers
 W. Honeycutt
 Rena Honeycutt

Sunday, June 17

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, June 24

Babies
 1&2 yr olds
 3 yr olds
 Welcome

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 3 yr olds
 Welcome

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 2645 Lafayette Road
 P.O. Box 2125
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Prayer Concerns

Hospital
 Ken
 Goodner
 Bimol Poole
 Bettye
 Dunwoody

Home
 Laura Jones
 Beth
 Daughtery
 Dawn Emous
 Wanda
 Kitchens
 Wayne
 Honeycutt
 Ray Cox

Louise
 Stinnett
 Pat Medearis
 Linda Sikes
 Jerry &
 Angela Gann
 Sharon
 Mullins
 Ruth
 Wagoner
 Brian
 Wagoner
 Sarah Delzell
 Tommie
 Brock
 Larry Shipp
 Betty Phillips

Margaret Box
 Jeanette
 McKay
 John Stewart
 Nell Smith
 Maeriol
 Minter
 George &
 Faye Smith
 JoAnn Davis
 Wanda
 McArthur
 Ken & Betty
 Goodner
 Helen
 Epperson
 Sandra Litle

Sam & Mary
 Lou Brown

Nursing Home
 Lila Archer
 Dale Kinnison
 Eva Williams
 Norma
 Carpenter
 Eunice
 Mosman
 Bertha
 Pennington

Birthdays

June Grammer (23rd)
 Allyson Carlton (24th)
 Dean Moore (25th)
 Brad Robinson (25th)
 Angela Gann (28th)
 Mark Payne (29th)

Staff

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

Christian Sympathy
 We share our deepest sympathies and prayers for the Williams family on the recent passing of Ms. Eva Williams



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Upcoming

Happy Father's Day!

Stop by the Coffee Cafe in our main upstairs Welcome Center this Sunday to enjoy a glazed or chocolate covered donut with your coffee. We will be having donuts for everyone before our 9:30 am Bible Studies and before our 10:55 am Worship Celebration in honor of our fathers and father figures. Happy Father's Day to all!

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 have made a "return flight" and are still available at our main Welcome Center this Sunday, 6.17. This season, we encourage you to purchase your very own colorful, butterfly to place in your flower garden or sun porch. Each butterfly is only \$5, and all proceeds go to our Free to BE building loan.

Freedom Movie Night

You are invited to a special movie event happening on Sunday night, 7.22, for our entire community. It all takes place in our FLC Gym beginning at 6 pm with a one-time showing of the new release movie, **I Can Only Imagine**. Mark your calendars now for this movie moment. All proceeds will go to our Free to BE building loan.

June 13 - June 20

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

You can make a difference! Last week in our newsletter series on Growing Pains, I asked you to begin thinking about the people who come to a worship service here for the first time. As I mentioned last week, though we might forget, coming to our church campus for the first time can be a very intimidating experience. So what can we do to connect well with new people and remove any barriers that stand between them and a saving relationship with Jesus?

Consider this goal for our Sunday morning Worship Celebration: **For every disciple and guest to be engaged in a regular worship experience that**

promotes personal, authentic worship and is empowered by the Spirit and Word of God. Engaging new people makes the difference, and begins now with prayer. Let's pray now for God to show Himself strong in our Worship Celebration this Sunday and for our hearts to be ready for Him.

And as we are prayed up, we're ready to invite in. People like to be invited. The invite might be to someone you know or someone you just met. It might come when people see us serving in the community and become interested in our mission. Let's be disciples who introduce new people to Jesus through a personal invite. And when they come, let's be ready to greet them at our Coffee Cafe and help them navigate to the Starting Line during the 9:30 am hour or the Worship Center during the 10:55 am hour. Join me in praying now for this Sunday, and together we will BE the ones who engage well! -Jason

Discipleship

At first glance, it appears a faithful thing that Jesus' disciples kept such careful guard over the orthodoxy of Jesus' ministry. Then they found someone casting out demons in Jesus' name who was not a part of **their** group and not under **their** control, and they demanded that he stop. Hear them say **"they don't know Jesus like we know Jesus!"** Yet Jesus saw through His disciples' hypocrisy and exposed their heart. The disciples themselves had been given the power to drive out demons as well (Matt. 10:8), yet they had failed miserably (Mark 9:28). God is always bigger than what we assume.

How it must have embarrassed the disciples to have publicly failed to cast out a demon from a young boy. Yet, here was someone successfully exorcising demons who was not even regularly with Jesus as they were. They should have been concerned with their own lack of spiritual power and vitality. Can you feel them comparing themselves? They should have felt

Andy Atkinson

convicted by their Lord's stinging rebuke at their lack of faith (Matt. 17:20). Instead, they focused on others. Rather than repenting of their sin and grieving over their spiritual impotence, the disciples attempted to hinder someone who was enjoying spiritual success.

At times, it is easier to diminish others' spiritual victories than to honestly confront our own failures. All great spirituality comes correctly dealing with our failures. Jesus' response to His disciples must have surprised them as He said, "Do not forbid him" (Mark 9:39). He assured them that "he who is not against us is on our side" (Mark 9:40). Have you learned this vital lesson? That comparisons are vanity? Are you able to genuinely rejoice in the spiritual victories of others? In the age of social media, it is consistently in front of us. But abundant life and joyful victories should be celebrated for all good things come from our Father in heaven.

Brad Lewis

Worship & More...

Once again the Lord joined us as we worshipped this past Sunday morning... And God's Presence was strong!

Your passionate engagement during the worship music goes a long way toward inviting God's Presence. Three things happen when we are focused on Him, and we express ourselves freely as we worship.

First, God's Presence multiplies because He loves to be around His people when they are passionately praising Him. Just as a parent or grandparent loves to be loved on by their kids and grand-kids, God loves to be *loved on* by His children.

Secondly, when those whom we are seeking to reach see your passionate and intimate worship of the Lord, it draws them into passionate and intimate worship. People think, "If that's what a relationship with God looks like, I want it too!"

Finally, our lives change as we are focused on worshipping the Lord. When we take our attention off of our preferences and off of what others think of us, God has the freedom to reach into our hearts and cause great transformation.

I encourage you to continue giving your all during our times of worship. He is worthy of your total engagement during worship. Others are worth being encouraged as they see you passionately worship. And your life will be transformed as you fully engage in God's Presence. **Worship Well!**

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 196
11 am Worship Attendance 260

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 264,921.52
YTD Budget Giving 238,80.02

Total Receipts for the Week: 20,372.99
Weekly Budget Giving 12,035.23
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,254.50
Weekly Missions Giving 273.00

This Sunday's Message:

Father's Day Message:
"The Perfection of a Heavenly Father" Rev. 21:1-5

Next Sunday's Message:

New Sermon Series:
"God's Word Prevails"

New Bible Study

You are invited to a new Wednesday night study going through Kay Arthur's book, **Our Covenant God**. The study meets in our upstairs Agape Room from 6 - 7:15 pm every Wednesday night.

New Deacons

We encourage you to pray and help us discern who God is raising up to be new deacon care leaders from within our church family. The nomination season is underway and you can email churchoffice@fbcfo.org with any nominations you feel led to make. The deadline for nominations is **this Sunday, 6.17.**

Giving in June

Don't forget this summer that our generosity helps to make ministry happen. Our tithes and gifts this month will help us with the upcoming Youth Ministry events and our VBS "Game On." Thank you for helping us make ministry happen for the glory of God and the good of our community.

Student Spotlight



Wednesday Evenings: We desire for **Oneighty** (180) on Wednesday evenings to be a movement in the lives of our students and schools that turns them toward a relationship with Jesus.

MissionFUGE: We are having a wonderful time in Nashville! We took 20 girls and 16 boys and 10 Adult volunteers with us!

"When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought me JOY."
Psalm 94:19

Kids Camp: We are getting excited as we prepare to head to SL4K Camp next week, June 19-22! Pray for all our kids and volunteers!

VBS: Wow! V starts in 1.5 weeks!!! We could still use some additional volunteers! If you are able to help, contact me ASAP! I will be sending out short training-video emails about your specific jobs soon! We will be having a

Kevin Stone

Please pray for each student to experience the presence of God in powerful and new ways. Pray that they would experience God in their **WORK** and in their track time, and pray they would experience God in their **WORSHIP** time. May they work together, and may God synchronize the hearts of our students, creating a passion to experience God daily when they return!

Nichole Stookey

church-wide VBS Decorating Party on 6.20 in lieu of our normal Wednesday evening activities. Please make plans to attend. Childcare will be available. Thank you for your time and effort to make VBS a SUCCESS!

Clubhouse Friends: Our Wednesday evening kids program, Clubhouse Friends, will take a break throughout the summer. Calendars have been distributed outlining all our special Wednesday night activities.

Women's Ministry

Women & Men's 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.

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 this Saturday,

Sew Much More

Join us every Tuesday in the upstairs Sewing Room at 10:30 am to be a part of our Sewing Ministry.

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!

Summer Sunday Nights

Our 2018 Summer Sunday Nights schedule looks great! Here's the line-up: **June 24:** VBS; **July 1:** No Activity (Independence Day weekend); **July 8:** Prayer Service; **July 15:** India Mission Trio Report; **July 22:** Freedom Movie

Night; **July 29:** Outdoor Baptism; **August 5:** Portugal Missionary; **August 12:** Dave Bolling Concert; **August 19:** Ecuador Mission Trip Report; **August 26:** Worship Choir & Orchestra Concert.