

# This Week @ FBC

**Sunday, July 1**  
**9:30 am** Sunday Morning Bible Study  
**10:55 am** Morning Worship Celebration  
**6 pm** No Evening Service

**Tuesday, July 3**  
**10:30 am** Women on Mission

**Wednesday, July 4**  
Happy Independence Day  
Church Office Closed  
No Evening Activities

**Friday, July 6**  
**7 pm** Baby Shower for  
Libby Grammer Underwood

**Saturday, July 7**  
12-4 pm Audrey Brown's Birthday  
Celebration Party

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

July 1-7  
Kerry Pennington  
Cathy Cox  
Gene McDaniel

July 8-14  
Don Pittman  
Ray Cox  
Scott O'Steen

### Security

July 1-7  
Michael Ingram  
Kris Kubler

July 8-14  
Jeff Ingram  
Tom Acker

### Wednesday Meal

July 4  
No Evening Meal

July 11  
James Lee  
Alisha Lee  
Cindy Daniels  
Cathy Cox

### Greeters

July 1  
Jeff Wells  
Carrie Wells  
Preble McDaniel  
Gene McDaniel

July 8  
Rena Caradine  
Mickey Caradine  
G. McDowell

### Sunday, July 1 LaunchPad Next Sunday, July 8

Babies	Sarah Kubler	Babies	Erie Stookey
	Carrie Payne		Joy Clark
1&2 yr olds	Brenda Lynch	1&2 yr olds	Micki Atkinson
	Brittany Stone		Levanda Swafford
3 yr olds	Pamela Bethune	3 yr olds	Holly Randall
	Deborah Gray		Rob Randall
Welcome	Jane Hogsed	Welcome	Tiffani Brady

# Prayer Concerns

<b>Hospital</b> Myrtle Thomas Louise Stinnett	Beth Daughtery Dawn Emous Wanda Kitchen Wayne Honeycutt Pat Medearis Linda Sikes Jerry & Angela Gann Sharon Mullins Ruth & Brian Wagoner Harold Parrish	Tommie Brock Larry Shipp Betty Phillips John Stewart Nell Smith Maeriol Minter George & Faye Smith JoAnn Davis Wanda McArthur Ken & Betty Goodner Helen Epperson	Sandra Little Mary Lou Brown
<b>Home</b> Bimol Poole Regeania Nicholson Mike Long Amanda Pobieglo Bettye Dunwoody Laura Jones			<b>Nursing Home</b> Lila Archer Dale Kinnison Eva Williams Norma Carpenter Eunice Mosman Bertha Pennington

## Birthdays

Dian Colwell (1st)  
Tyler Key (1st)  
Marlin Paulson (1st)  
Carrie Wells (1st)  
Casey Collins (6th)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Youth Minister - Kevin Stone  
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**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

**Christ Chapel**  
**Items of the Month:**  
Crackers & Pasta

**Christian Sympathy**  
We share our deepest sympathies  
and prayers for Laurie Brown  
Fasulo and family on the recent  
passing of Sam Brown.



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## Upcoming

### Operation Ecuador

We are very excited about our Mission Trip to Ecuador beginning this Friday and happening all next week! Fourteen from our church family will be working with a missionary family to share Jesus and serve outside the capital of Quito. Let's be praying for our team while they are away and looking forward to a special missions report later in July.

### Sunday @ the Table

On Sunday, 7.8, we will be remembering and celebrating the gospel of our salvation with the Lord's Supper in the 10:55 am Worship Celebration and with a special prayer service in the 6 pm Evening Gathering. We encourage you to pray ahead for these upcoming moments and be ready to experience the presence of God together.

### Freedom Movie Night

You are invited to a special movie event happening on Sunday evening, 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.

### 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 Trip 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.

## June 27 - July 4



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**So glad they are coming!** When Jesus told His closest followers to let the children come to Him, to which kids, do you think, He was referring? **“One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, ‘Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children’” (Mark 10:13-14 NLT).**

It is easy for me to agree with Jesus in this

story when I picture sweet and innocent children wanting to get closer to Jesus. It becomes, much harder, however, when those children are not so sweet and innocent! Yet, that is what I am loving the most about our VBS this year... Of the 100 plus kids who have been coming, over half of them do not have a church family to call home, and many of them are not so “sweet and innocent.” Does it present challenges when we reach out and engage with unchurched kids? Absolutely and in many ways! I am confident, however, that is was the most unreached and often undisciplined kids, whom Jesus was referring to, when He corrected His followers for being a barrier between Him and the kids. I want to extend a special thank you to our VBS volunteers who are loving all our kids this week and helping them come to Jesus. You are making a kingdom difference, and I am so glad they are coming! -Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	202
11 am Worship Attendance	245
Annual Budget	598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs	287,958.17
YTD Budget Giving	252,790.34
Total Receipts for the Week:	8,949.30
Weekly Budget Giving	6,735.71
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,438.00
Weekly Missions Giving	36.00

## Announcements

**Thank You**  
Thank you to my FBC family for your prayers, checking on my family while I was in surgery, visits, food, cards, and texts. I truly appreciate each and every one of you and your kindness. God bless you.  
Laura Jones and family.

**Baby Shower**  
The Challenge Class invites you to a baby shower for Chaz & Jennifer (Stone) Smith on Sunday, 7.8 from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Circle. They are registered at Walmart, Target and Amazon. Everyone is invited!

**Baby Shower**  
You are invited to a baby shower for Libby (Grammer) & Will Underwood (daughter of Rick & Brenda Grammer) on Friday, 7.6 from 7 to 9 pm in the Fellowship Circle. Libby & Will are registered at Target and Amazon.com, but gifts are not required to stop by and visit. Join us as we wish them well!

# Discipleship

How quick we are to question the motives of others, yet we are so slow to question our own! When others harm us, we may assume the worst of intentions. When we are guilty, we often excuse our offenses, concluding that others are far too sensitive! Regardless of how we monitor our motives, God weighs them in His scales of righteousness. The love of Christ for others brings us to see people in terms of **His adopted children**, His **workmanship** and His **broken heart** for their best. It is futile to try to deceive God with our pious justifications, for He sees our hearts. Is it possible to do the right thing for the wrong reason? Of course! We can attend worship services with a heart that is far from worshipful. Could we show concern for the poor and yet have a heart that is opposed to God? Absolutely! Could we make bold statements of love for Christ and



Andy Atkinson

actually be aiding the work of the enemy? Peter did (Matt. 16:21-23). Could we offer sacrifices to God and be in total disobedience to Him? Look at King Saul. Could we pray with the wrong motives? James said you can (James 4:3). Jesus brings it altogether and shows us how our hearts will be revealed. Many things cause us to do what we do. We are often motivated by good things, such as love for God, compassion, generosity, and faith. Or our actions can come from unhealthy motives such as pride, insecurity, ambition, lust, greed, guilt, anger, fear, and hurt. When Jesus measures our motives He looks for one thing: love. All that we do should proceed from our love for God and for others (1 Cor. 13). **Take time to look past our actions to what lies behind them.** Ask God to show us what He sees when He examines our motives.

## Student Spotlight

# ONEIGHTY

Kevin Stone

**Day Trip to Dollywood** - Tuesday, 7.10. The cost is \$20 plus meals and any extras you may want. The deadline is next Thursday, 7.5 to contact Pastor Andy for payment at andya@fbcfo.org.

**Karaoke Night in the Gym** - Wednesday, 7.11. Get ready to sing and laugh to all your favorite upbeat songs! Sign up in the Youth House with your song!

## Children's Headlines

**"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3**

**VBS is going GREAT!!!** Thank you to all who have volunteered to make this year's GameON a success! I will update you on average attendance when we wrap up on Thursday! Continue Praying for Salvation Moments and seeds to be planted in the lives of these young ones!

**Camp Update:** We had a total of 12 kids go with us to Shocco Springs this year!

Nichole Stookey

We had a wonderful time and one of our very own took a commitment of Faith and is preparing for Baptism. Thanks to all that came to our camp lunches and donated so graciously allowing us to take so many with us. We are hoping to add to this number for next year!

**The Point:** The next Kids Worship will be on July 8 during the Sunday Morning Worship Celebration!

**Clubhouse Friends:** There will be no Wednesday Night activities on 7.4. Game Night/Crazy Hair Day will be 7.5!

# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

As I write this, we are in the middle of our exciting VBS! The most exciting thing to me is so many of the children and Middle School students who are participating are not part of our regular ministry. We are reaching **new** people! And this heartbeat is becoming prevalent in all of our ministries. I am greatly encouraged to see so many of our people with an “outsider” focus! Instead of focusing on our own people, and our own church, we are looking outside of us to connect with those who are not **us**. I see people stopping their conversations to speak to and engage with our Sunday morning guests as they arrive. I see people giving up their “seats” in the Worship Center so new families can sit together. I see people parking far from the buildings so the “prime” parking spots are

available to our guests. What I am seeing is an outsider focus, and this is what reaches people for God’s Kingdom. May we continue to look outside of ourselves for people who need to be drawn into God’s Kingdom, and may we invite them and engage them! *We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.* (1 John 1:3). **Worship Well!**

-Brad



## 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.

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

## Men's Ministry

We are looking forward to more events in the near future. Stay tuned for a Men’s outing with the Chattanooga Lookouts in July

and the upcoming Women & Men’s combined retreat in September.

## Birthday Celebration

You are invited to a Special Celebration Party in honor of Ms. Audrey Brown’s 90th Birthday on Saturday, 7.7, in the Fellowship Circle from 12 to 4 pm. There will be lots of FUN and FOOD! Come

enjoy BBQ and conversation with Audrey and her family. Bring only memories and cards!