

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, July 15

- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 4:30 pm New Deacon Examination
- 6 pm Evening Prayer Service - India Report



## Wednesday, July 18

- 9 am Mom's Day Out
- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Taco Salad Dessert**
- 5:30 pm Youth Gaga Ball Tournament
- 6 pm Group Bible Studies  
Kids' Summer Activities
- 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Monthly Business Meeting
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, July 21

- 8 am Men's Breakfast

Find more info online at [www.fbcfo.org](http://www.fbcfo.org)

## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

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| <u>July 15-21</u> | <u>July 22-28</u> |
| Wayne Rasbury     | Nolan Richardson  |
| Linda Daniels     | Luke Daniels      |
| Paul Overlin      | Marlin Paulson    |

### Wednesday Meal

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| <u>July 18</u> | <u>July 25</u> |
| Charles Helton | James Swafford |
| Nancy Smith    | Fred Colwell   |
| Scott O'Steen  | Dian Colwell   |
| Dana O'Steen   | Sandra Mullins |

### Security

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| <u>July 15-21</u> | <u>July 22-28</u> |
| Shannon Born      | Bob Rogers        |
| Ken Lee           | Paul Overlin      |

### Greeters

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| <u>July 15</u> | <u>July 22</u> |
| Sue Overin     | Pat Madearis   |
| Jan Rosser     | Mackie Yatooma |
| Mary Jo Case   | Dolores Tant   |

### Sunday, July 15      LaunchPad      Next Sunday, July 22

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|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Babies      | LeAnn Alexander | Babies      | Rob Randall     |
|             | Ela Alexander   |             | Holly Randall   |
| 1&2 yr olds | Jane Hogsed     | 1&2 yr olds | Morgan Trotter  |
|             | Debbie harp     |             | Holly Trotter   |
| 3 yr olds   | Paul Overlin    | 3 yr olds   | Blanca Zearfaus |
|             | Sue Overlin     |             | Jason Zearfaus  |
| Welcome     | Kathy Clark     | Welcome     | Tiffani Brady   |

# Prayer Concerns

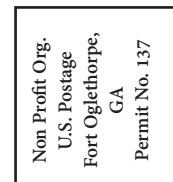
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| <b>Hospital</b> | Beth         | Betty Phillips |                     |
| Myrtle          | Daughtery    | John Stewart   |                     |
| Thomas          | Dawn Emous   | Nell Smith     | <b>Nursing Home</b> |
| Louise          | Wanda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

## Birthdays

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Jake Lee (15th)    | Pam Robinson (18th)   |
| Don Pittman (15th) | Debra Stone (18th)    |
| Daryl Lane (16th)  | Jennifer Brown (19th) |
| Hal Jones (17th)   | Martha Cope (21st)    |
| Wanda Slack (17th) |                       |
| Jane Hogsed (18th) |                       |

## Staff

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**423-708-5303**

**Christ Chapel**  
**Crackers & Pasta**

**Christian Sympathy**  
 We share our deepest sympathies and prayers for Cheryl Arnold & Don Van Pernis on the passing of her uncle, Warren Barger.



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## Upcoming

### On Mission in India

We are a church family who not only Gather for worship and Grow in small groups, but we also Go into our community & beyond to share the gospel. Pastor Brad is one of our own who goes each year to minister in northern India. We will celebrate and hear more about his latest trip this Sunday night during our 6 pm Evening Service.

### Family Conference Next Wednesday

As we reach the middle of our church ministry year, we are calling everyone to a mid-year discussion of our 2018 Church Ministry Budget. Join us next Wednesday, 7.18, at 6:30 pm for this special discussion. This will be part of our monthly Business Meeting. We will meet at 6:30 pm in our downstairs Fellowship Circle.

### 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.

### Outdoor Baptism Night

Join us creek-side in Chickamauga at the Lee & Gordon Mill (behind Choo Choo BBQ) for our annual outdoor baptism celebration. It happens on Sunday night, 7.29, at 6 pm. God provides the water. Our worship team will provide the music, and we are asking you to provide a pot-luck dish for a meal to share after the service. If you would like to be a candidate for baptism, email [churchoffice@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) to schedule time with one of our pastors.

July 11 - July 18



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**A Big Turn-Around!** Last week we began wrapping up our newsletter series on "Growing Pains" with a reminder that the mission of God is an ongoing movement of people reaching & discipling people. Jesus selected twelve ordinary men who would be trained and empowered by His Spirit to reach others who would reach others and beyond. The big question now is this: How can you and I become part of this movement?

In areas where people are unreached or hard to reach, the movement happens primarily through new church planting. In our area of the "Bible-belt," however, where churches have

been around for many years, the movement must also include church renewal. Renewal happens when a local church family gets serious again about loving God & loving people.

For church families who have done this well, there are five common elements of renewal (according to author Thom Rainer). **First**, the people become intentional about starting new small groups. They see God do His best work of connecting new people and building relationships through new groups. **Second**, the people are intentional about inviting new people. Each member commits to inviting at least one new person each week for a year. **Third**, invites become more personal because the people get involved in consistent community ministries. **Fourth**, they start praying for the lost & unchurched by name. And **finally**, the people remain focused on God's power & possibilities rather than the negative. Together we can! -Jason



# Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

I love the phrase. **You do not "organize" the kingdom of God; you "agonize" the kingdom of God.** You cannot be close to God without being affected by His love. Think about how your are affected in your heart by the Kingdom of God. The heavenly Father loved His Son with an eternal love. Everything in the heart and life of the Father was released to His Son. As the Father expressed His love for a broken and sinful world, this passion was manifested through the life of His Son. The Father initiated His plan to save mankind, and out of a heart of devotion, the Son accepted the assignment that took Him to the cross. **Jesus perfectly reveals the heart of God and shows how our human nature is to destroy what is beautiful.**

As Jesus walked among people, the Father's love filled His Son. Jesus recognized that no ordinary love could motivate Him to go to the cross.

No human love could keep Him perfectly obedient to His Father throughout His life. Only His Father's love was powerful enough to compel Him to commit His life to the saving purpose of His Father.

Jesus prayed that God would place this same love in His disciples. He knew that no other motivation would be sufficient for the assignments God had for them. God's answer was to place His Son in them. It is impossible for a Christian to be filled with this measure of love and not to be on mission for the Kingdom of God.

You will be incapable of ministering to everyone God sends you unless you have His love. You cannot forgive others or go the extra mile with others or sacrifice for others unless you have first been filled with the boundless reckless love of God. Seek to know the Father and His immeasurable love; then allow His Son to love others through you in the same way he did by going to the cross.



# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Once again the Lord showed Himself strong as we gathered to worship this past Sunday. On Saturday, as I was preparing for Sunday's Worship, God impressed me with this thought: **Wow! God is letting me gather with other Believers so I can worship Him with them today... What a privilege!**

Worshipping God is something I do not take lightly. Worshipping God with other Believers is even more serious for me. I appreciate that you not only allow me to worship alongside of you, but that you allow me to lead you to God's Throne.

This Sunday evening at 6:00 I will be sharing about my recent India Mission Trip. I am not one for self-promotion, but I do want to share the great things

that God is doing on the other side of the world in South Asia.

I promise that it won't be a typical "slide show and stories" presentation, but rather I desire to share God's heart for the world, specifically what He is doing in Kashmir.

Join with me this Sunday: To gather together and worship our Lord, and to hear what God is doing among the people of India...

**Worship Well!**

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 209  
11 am Worship Attendance 265

Annual Budget 598,953.33  
YTD Budget Needs 310,994.83  
YTD Budget Giving 280,542.54

Total Receipts for the Week: 15,897.20  
Weekly Budget Giving 12,311.40  
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,933.53  
Weekly Missions Giving 497.27

## This Sunday's Message:

The Overcome Series:  
"The One & Only Word"  
1 Kings 18:20-29

## Next Sunday's Message:

M-Fuge Camp  
Celebration & Testimonies

## Announcements

### Thank You

Once again our wonderful church family has showered our family with love and support through food, flowers, visitation and prayer. We have felt such an outpouring of love and generosity at such a difficult time. We are profoundly grateful. Family of Linda Sikes

### M-Fuge 2018

Join us next Sunday morning, 7.22, as we celebrate the 2018 M-Fuge camp and hear testimonies during our 11 am morning Worship Celebration. God is doing a great work in our Student Ministry. Everyone is invited to this special celebration!

### Bridal Shower

The Challenge Class invites you to a bridal shower for Alexis Wolff and Russell Wright on Sunday, July 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Fellowship Circle. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

## Student Spotlight



**Wednesday Evenings:** Stay tuned for more news this summer as we hope to resume 180 in August. We will be looking for adult/parental involvement with set up, technical arts, and break down.

### Next Wednesday, 7.18: Gaga Ball Tournament

All middle school & high school students are invited to watch & play in our backyard GAGA Ball tournament. It begins with pizza at 5:45 pm and runs to 7:15 pm.

### M-FUGE Camp Celebration:

Join us next Sunday morning, 7.22, as we celebrate the 2018 M-Fuge camp and hear testimonies during the 11 am Morning Worship Service.

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty."  
**Psalm 91:1**

**VBS:** WOW!! What a week VBS was... Definitely a Game On experience!! Even with all of the rain and storms, we had 143 kids registered and a high attendance of 113! There were 62 volunteers

that helped throughout the week and we could not have been so successful without your dedication and support! Thank you to each and every one of you!

**Clubhouse Friends:** Game Night/Crazy Hair Day will be this Wednesday, 7.11. Next Wednesday is Outdoor Fun. It is going to be lots of fun! Bring a friend!

## Women's Ministry

**The 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. There are

options to attend only one of the two days. We need commitments as soon as possible for planning purposes.

## Men's Ministry

Mark your calendar for the Men's Breakfast on 7.21 at 8 am in the Fellowship Circle, Game Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts on 7.26 (meet at the

church at 6 pm to ride the bus), and the upcoming Women & Men's combined retreat in September.

## Summer Sunday Nights

Check out our 2018 Summer Sunday Nights schedule: **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.