

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, July 22

- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 2-4 pm Wright/Wolff Bridal Shower
- 6 pm Freedom Movie Night
"I Can Only imagine"



Wednesday, July 18

- 9 am Mom's Day Out
- 5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Chicken Salad Croissants Chips
Broccoli Salad Dessert
- 5:30 pm Youth Game Night
- 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

Thursday, July 26

- 6 pm Men's Ministry to the Lookout's Game

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital
Ray Cox
Norma
Carpenter

Home
Wayne
Rasbury
Brenda Jones
Jane Hogsed
Harold
Parrish
Louise
Stinnett
Regeania
Nicholson

Betty
Dunwoody
Laura Jones
Beth
Daughtery
Dawn Emous
Wanda
Kitchen
Wayne
Honeycutt
Pat Medearis
Jerry &
Angela Gann
Sharon
Mullins
Ruth & Brian
Wagoner

Tommie
Brock
Larry Shipp
Betty Phillips
John Stewart
Nell Smith
Maeriol
Minter
JoAnn Davis
Wanda
McArthur
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Helen
Epperson
Sandra Little

Mary Lou
Brown
Nursing Home
Lila Archer
Dale Kinnison
Eunice
Mosman
Bertha
Pennington
Myrtle
Thomas

Birthdays

- Pauline Kelly (22nd)
- Rufus Fuller (23rd)
- Edna Morgan (24th)
- Shirley Bryan (27th)
- Jim Carlton (27th)
- Michael Fulmer (27th)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Christian Sympathy

We share our deepest sympathies and prayers for Susan and Allen Key & family on the passing of her father, James Ingram and the Born family on the death of Shannon's grandfather, Red Lyles.

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

July 22-28	July 29-Aug. 4
Nolan Richardson	Jean Stone
Luke Daniels	Jeff Fletcher
Marlin Paulson	Mark Paulson

Wednesday Meal

July 25	August 1
James Swafford	Wayne Rasbury
Fred Colwell	Charlie Rasbury
Dian Colwell	Sue Hughes
Sandra Mullins	Elaine Steele

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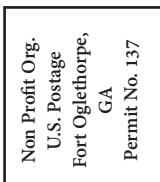
July 22-28	July 29-Aug. 4
Bob Rogers	Michael Ingram
Paul Overlin	Kris Kubler

Greeters

July 22	July 29
Pat Madearis	R. Nicholson
Mackie Yatooma	Luther Nicholson
Dolores Tant	James Lee
	Alisha Lee

Sunday, July 22 LaunchPad Next Sunday, July 29

Babies	Rob Randall	Babies	Cathy Cox
	Holly Randall		Ray Cox
1&2 yr olds	Morgan Trotter	1&2 yr olds	Jane Hogsed
	Holly Trotter		Deborah Gray
3 yr olds	Blanca Zearfaus	3 yr olds	Laura Jones
	Jason Zearfaus		Cheryl McCurdy
Welcome	Tiffani Brady	Welcome	Shelly Brooks



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Upcoming

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**. Bring your camping chairs and join us for this movie moment. All proceeds will go to our Free to BE.

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 next 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 to schedule time with one of our pastors.

The Gibson Family from Portugal

Adam Gibson and family will be with us on Sunday evening, 8.5, during our 6 pm Service to share about how God is working through them as missionaries in Portugal. They have been on mission in Portugal for several years and have an amazing story! Everyone is invited.

End of Summer Pool Party

We will end the summer with a special Friday night pool party at the Gilbert-Stephenson Pool in Fort O. It all happens from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, 8.3. Lifeguards will be on duty so that all ages can enjoy the fun in the pool. We will have hot dogs, chips & drinks for everyone. Come enjoy the evening with us and bring a friend!

July 18 - July 25

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Where greater ministry happens! You may have quickly read past something I wrote here last week, but as I begin a new article series with you, it is worth repeating. The number one factor for seeing revitalization and disciple-making happen within a church family is how well that church develops healthy small groups.

The simple fact is this: Greater ministry happens when church families do small groups well.

Within our three major platforms of Gather, Grow, Go, we are talking about our Grow ministries. Traditionally, this has to do with our Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. But now, in addition to Sunday

School, we are seeing the need and opportunity to have weekly Bible studies off campus and at other times of the week. We call these "LifeGroups."

The idea for LifeGroups is really nothing new. Though Jesus sometimes preached to large crowds, He did most of His teaching in small groups, whether outside or in people's homes. The early church followed His model by continuing to meet in their homes as well as the temple courts (see Acts 2:46). There were practical reasons, of course. They did not have "campus" space for every group and believer. Yet, there were many other reasons as well. In this new series, let's consider some of those reasons and how we might become a church family who does small groups well for the glory of God. Greater ministry happens when we get "small" together in classes and groups. We will explore why in the weeks to follow!
-Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 199
11 am Worship Attendance 241

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 322,513.15
YTD Budget Giving 289,426.79

Total Receipts for the Week: 13,029.70
Weekly Budget Giving 8,884.25
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,375.75
Weekly Missions Giving 778.00

Announcements

New Addition!

We are excited to announce the birth of baby Jasper Smith (7 lb.; 19 inches long) born 7.18.18. The proud parents are Chaz & Jennifer Smith and the grandparents are Kevin & Debra Stone.

M-Fuge 2018

Join us this 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 this Sunday, July 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Fellowship Circle. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

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.



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, 7.25: Game night:

All middle school & high school students are invited. We begin with pizza at 5:45 pm and runs to 7:15 pm.

M-FUGE Camp Celebration:

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

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 of VBS... 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: This Wednesday 7.25 is Movies & Popcorn and also Silly Sock Day. It is going to be lots of fun from 6 to 7:15 pm. Bring a friend!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Why do we occasionally repeat words and phrases in our songs? This question is sometimes asked by worshippers. It is a great question! Allow me to begin to answer it here...

We are encouraged in the scriptures to repeat. Psalm 136 has 26 verses. Every single verse, after proclaiming something God has done, repeats the line "His love endures forever." Psalm 47:6 says: "Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!" Verse 7 adds: "For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!"

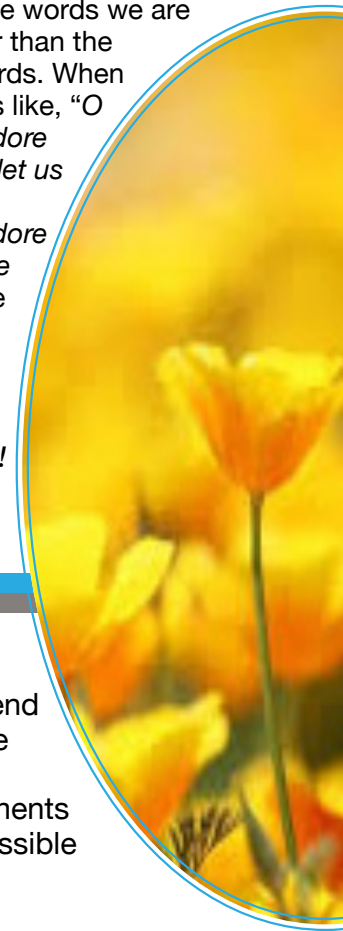
Even as Jesus prayed to His Father in Gethsemane, we're told that after He found His disciples sleeping again in Matthew 26:44, He "went away and prayed for the **third time**, saying the **same words again**" (emphasis mine).

Many of the great classic hymn writers understood this

principle. Songs like *I Surrender All*, *There Is A Fountain*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, *How Great Thou Art*, and *Holy, Holy, Holy* are just a few of our favorite hymns that demonstrate the biblical principle of repetition in worship.

May I encourage us to focus on and embrace the message of the words we are singing, rather than the number of words. When we sing words like, "O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord," may we lift our eyes to heaven and truly adore Him!
Worship Well!

-Brad



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 this Saturday, 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 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.