

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, July 29

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
 6 pm Outdoor Baptism @
 Lee & Gordon Mill - Chickamauga

Wednesday, August 1

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Potato Bar w/Barbecue & Desserts
 5:30 pm Youth Oneighty
 6 pm Group Bible Studies
 Kids' Summer Activities
 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 3

6-8 pm End of Summer Pool Party
 Gilbert-Stephenson Park

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

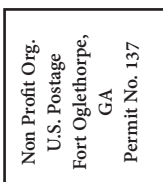
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Birthdays

Laura Jones (30th) Laura Montgomery (30th) Brenda Jones (31st) Joe Montgomery (31st) Jean Beavers (1st)	Barbara Holland (2nd) Hank Humphrey (2nd) Christian Stookey (2nd) Dawn Emous (4th)
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Welcome to the Family!

We are excited that Chris & Joy McDowell have become official members of our church family! You can reach them with cards to say "Welcome" @
 1048 Hurst Street
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Upcoming

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 this 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. We have several candidates who will be participating. We hope you will come out and celebrate with us.

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, and drinks for everyone. Come enjoy the evening with us and bring a friend!

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.

Dave Bolling in Concert

Our very own Dave Bolling will be leading us in worship on Sunday evening, 8.12, at 6 pm with a special concert. Dave has written new music that he will be sharing along with many familiar favorites. We hope you will come out and enjoy a special evening of worship with Brother Dave.

July 25 - Aug. 3

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

July 29-Aug. 4
 Jean Stone
 Jeff Fletcher
 Mark Paulson

Wednesday Meal

August 1 Wayne Rasbury Charlie Rasbury Sue Hughes Elaine Steele	August 8 Donnie Lindsay Donna Lindsay Brenda Jones Jean Stone
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Security

July 29-Aug. 4
 Michael Ingram
 Kris Kubler

Greeters

July 29 R. Nicholson Luther Nicholson James Lee Alisha Lee	August 5 Aurelia Little Margaret Box Louise Stinnett
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Sunday, July 29

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, Aug. 3

Babies Cathy Cox Ray Cox	1&2 yr olds Jane Hogsed Deborah Gray	3 yr olds Laura Jones Cheryl McCurdy	Welcome Shelly Brooks
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Babies Betty Parrish Brenda Jones	1&2 yr olds Melissa Collison Brittany Stone	3 yr olds Donna Lindsay Donnie Lindsay	Welcome Tiffani Brady
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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

There is power in community!

Last week I began a new article series with you on doing small groups and classes well. The small-group model does not belong to me or to any of us. The model actually belongs to Jesus in how He did the greater work of His ministry in and through His 12 closest followers. Jesus had His 12, and within that, His closest 3, whom He taught and raised up to eventually change the world!

As we take this next step in our small-group series, let's consider one of the advantages of doing small groups well. I've heard it said that you cannot have a strong musical band without a strong rhythm section. As one who plays drums,

I appreciate the importance of connecting with the bass guitar and piano to become the backbone and driving force behind the band.

The same can be said for small groups & classes within a church family. With some of the largest church families, most of the attention is given to the size of the crowds on Sunday mornings. And while there is great value in having dynamic, weekly worship gatherings, more should be said about the ministry that takes place throughout the week within the small groups. Sunday is more of a celebration of what God has done all week long through the small gospel communities that happen within the larger church family. Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church shares this view in noting that the health and strength of their church family comes from the people who do community well during the week. What is the value of having a strong gospel community? We will discuss more next week. -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 198
11 am Worship Attendance 233

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 334,031.48
YTD Budget Giving 297,579.66

Total Receipts for the Week: 9,152.37
Weekly Budget Giving 8,152.87
Weekly Freedom Giving 606.50
Weekly Missions Giving 74.00

This Sunday's Message:

The Overcome Series:
"God in the Waiting"
1 Kings 18:40-46

Next Sunday's Message:

The Overcome Series
Continues

Announcements

New Deacons

We introduced our five new Deacon Care Leader candidates this past Sunday, 7.22 in our Morning Worship Celebration. Join us in prayer this week as we look forward to a time of confirmation this Sunday morning, 7.29.

Church Council

Mark your calendar for our next Church Council Meeting on **Sunday, 8.19**, at 4 pm. We are calling our staff & ministry team leaders to this special meeting of prayer, vision, and planning. We will meet in our downstairs Fellowship Circle.

Sew Much More

There will be a special workday for Sew Much More this Saturday, 7.28, from 9 am to 4 pm. We will meet in the upstairs sewing room, and we encourage you to bring a lunch. Contact Sue Overlin by email at overlinsusan@gmail.com with your questions or comments.

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

There should be no quarrelsome Christians. **Always remember we do not wage war against flesh and blood, but against evil principalities.** The Spirit of God is within us; we need never be intimidated or frustrated by those who do not accept the Kingdom of God. **We are growing daily to be like the Prince of Peace!** But are Christian and peace, two things that are synonymous in the year 2018?

At times people may disagree with us regarding God's Word. Perhaps they question the way we say He is leading us, or they may challenge our faith in God. At times like these it is never helpful to argue. **We will never debate anyone into the kingdom of God.** I am telling myself this more than anyone! We will never persuade someone that God has spoken to you by outarguing them! Only God can convince others of the veracity of His word to us. If we will allow God to vindicate us in His time, and in His way, a

time will come when the wisdom of our choice will be evident (Luke 7:35). If we find yourself often arguing with others, we need to ask God to clearly reveal our motives and to forgive us for our disobedience to His clear command to be peacemakers.

If our motivation for arguing comes from our desire to be right, or to be exonerated, or to gain the esteem of those listening to us, we are acting selfishly, and God will not honor this. God is not interested in how right we are. He is interested in how obedient we are. God's command is not that we win arguments, but that we are kind and forgiving when others mistreat us. We bring God no honor by winning a dispute in His name, but we reflect a Christlike character when we demonstrate patience to those who mistreat us or misunderstand our motives. Arguing may never win people to our view, but loving them as Christ does will glorify God in the manner He intended!



Student Spotlight



Wednesday Evenings: Stay tuned for more news this summer as we plan to resume **Oneighty** next Wednesday, 8.1, at 5:30 pm.

Transition from Kids Ministry to Student Ministry will take place Sunday, August 5!

Children's Headlines

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

Clubhouse Friends: Wow! I can't believe we only have a few more weeks of Summer Break! This week we will have Silly Sock Day as we watch a movie and snack on popcorn. There will be a sign up list outside of the Clubhouse to bring snacks for the Luau Party on 8/1. Then, on 8/8 we will kick off the new school year with an exciting new Clubhouse Friends curriculum!!

Nichole Stookey

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers in our Kids Ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are able to serve any at all, we have a place for you! Please see Nichole Stookey to discuss where you can plug in and help!

Outdoor Baptism: This Sunday night, 7.29, at 6 pm, we will be celebrating some of our kids' (and adults') recent decisions to be Christ Followers! There will be music, worship, and celebration before the baptisms, and a pot-luck dinner to follow.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Last week in this space I began to answer the question, "Why do we occasionally repeat words and phrases in worship?" I began the discussion by referencing scripture, and noting many of the classic hymns that we love (see last week's FBCFO Newsletter, July 18-25).

Another reason it is important to repeat words and phrases is because emphasis is needed to drive home a point. The apostle Paul used this practice for emphasis in Philippians 4:4: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice*, and in Galatians 6:11: *"See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.* ("large letters" for emphasis). Jesus Himself used repetition multiple times when he taught, such as in John 3:3: *Truly, truly I say to you ...*

In life, we often repeat words and phrases for emphasis:

When speaking to our children, when talking about a meal we enjoyed, when making a political comment, and when shouting at a football game. It is how we communicate: *We repeat words and phrases to emphasize.*

May I encourage us to not focus on the number of times a word or phrase is sung in a song, but rather to allow the truth of the message in the words to go deep into our souls and spirits... **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 Game Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts this Thursday, 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 29:** Outdoor Baptism; **August 5:** Portugal Missionary; **August 12:** Dave Bolling Concert; **August 19:** Ecuador Mission Trip Report;

August 26: Worship Choir & Orchestra Concert.