

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 5

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
 6 pm Special Guests from Portugal
 The Adam Gibson Family

Tuesday, August 7

10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, August 8

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Chili Slaw Dog Chips & Desserts
 5:30 pm Youth Oneighty
 Meet Patrick Everett
 6 pm Group Bible Studies
 Kids' Clubhouse Friends Resume
 6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 10 - Saturday, August 11
 Deacons' Retreat

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 5-11
 Bruce Underwood
 Hank Humphrey
 Mary A. Paulson

Aug. 12-18
 Tim Banister
 Bob Johnson
 Becky Pennington

Wednesday Meal

August 8
 Donnie Lindsay
 Donna Lindsay
 Brenda Jones
 Jean Stone

August 15
 Betty Parrish
 Harold Parrish
 Charles Tant
 Dolores Tant

Security

Aug. 5-11
 Jeff Ingram
 Tom Acker

Aug. 12-18
 Shannon Born
 Ken Lee

Greeters

August 5
 Aurelia Little
 Margaret Box
 Louise Stinnett

August 12
 Harold Parrish
 Betty Parrish
 Marlin Paulson

Sunday, Aug. 5 LaunchPad Next Sunday, Aug. 12

Babies	Betty Parrish	Babies	David White
	Brenda Jones		Dedee McMahan
1&2 yr olds	Melissa Collison	1&2 yr olds	Marcy Mead
	Brittany Stone		Kim Flegal
3 yr olds	Donna Lindsay	3 yr olds	Marlin Paulson
	Donnie Lindsay		Mary Anna Paulson
Welcome	Tiffani Brady	Welcome	Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital	Harold Parrish	Sharon Mullins	Helen Epperson
Joetta Roderick	Louise Stinnett	John Stewart	Sandra Little
Steve Rosser	Regeania Nicholson	Ruth & Brian Wagoner	Mary Lou Brown
Home	Betty Dunwoody	Tommie Brock	Nursing Home
Priscilla Pennington	Laura Jones	Larry Shipp	Lila Archer
Ray & Cathy Cox	Beth Daughtery	Betty Phillips	Dale Kinnison
Luke Daniels	Wayne Daniels	Nell Smith	Eunice Mosman
Wayne Daniels	Brenda Jones	Maeriol Minter	Bertha Pennington
Daniels	Darlene Lane	JoAnn Davis	Myrtle Thomas
Brenda Jones	Jane Hogsed	Wanda McArthur	Norma Carpenter
Darlene Lane	Jane Hogsed	Wanda McArthur	
Scott O'Steen	Pat Medearis	Ken & Betty Goodner	
	Jerry & Angela Gann		

Birthdays

Bob Johnson (5th)	Holly Trotter (7th)
Chase Ferrell (6th)	Sadie Parker (10th)
Mary Ann Jones (6th)	Dan Houston (11th)
Luke Daniels (7th)	
Carl Little (7th)	
Lou Scott (7th)	

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Upcoming

End of Summer Pool Party

Join us for a special Party at the Pool this Friday evening from 6-8 pm. It all happens at the Gilbert-Stephenson Pool in Fort O. 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 his family will be with us this 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. Our evening love offering will go to help support their mission.

Student Pastor Candidate Meet & Greet

After prayerful consideration, our Personnel & Pastoral Teams are excited to introduce Pastor Patrick Everett as our Student Pastor Candidate. We invite you to meet Patrick and his family next Wednesday, 8.8, during the evening Youth Oneighty Worship Service. It all happens in our FLC Gymnasium beginning with pizza & drinks at 5:30 pm.

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.

Aug. 1 - Aug. 8

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

God works through personal relationships! Welcome back to our article series on getting “smaller” in classes & small groups. As I’ve written before, the group model does not belong to any of us. It actually belongs to Jesus in how He ministered to twelve, and within that, to His closest three.

Last week I wrote about the need to see greater value in the ministry opportunities that can

happen in our classes & groups. The size of a worship service may be the first thing to catch our attention, but often the greater ministry happens when we get “smaller.”

As we take this next step in our series, let me ask you a simple question, if you are in a class or group, do you see

it as a place of ministry? I have a pattern on Sunday mornings of stopping by the local donut shop on my way to the campus. Every Sunday I talk with the two owners who are there baking and serving without fail. Through consistency, we have begun to develop a relationship, and that is with only donuts and apple fritters involved. Imagine the opportunity through consistency if God’s Word and a ministry focus were involved!

We get a picture of this in Acts 2. **“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts” (Acts 2:46).** By meeting consistently, they built relationships in which people could trust and depend on each other. God’s Word & Spirit were the main ingredients, and life-changing ministry began to happen. What is happening in your class or group? We will consider more next week! -Jason

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Living like a sheep can bring us incredible peace of mind! Jesus’ primary command is “to follow me!” This is not simply a moral command, but a directional command. **Embrace His leadership.** Mediate about about him being the good shepherd. The biblical shepherd knew everything about his sheep. He understood what foods were best for them and what would harm them. He knew when they should eat and when they needed their thirst quenched. The shepherd was an expert of the terrain and was aware of the best places for food and water. As long as the sheep trusted and followed their shepherd, they would always have their needs met at the right time. Their shepherd would give them the best that he had.

Do we have absolute trust in our Good Shepherd? Do we value the nourishment that comes from Him more than any we might

obtain from the world? Do we ever worry that God might be withholding from us something that we need? The psalmist was convinced that he would “want” for nothing. By his very nature, the Good Shepherd cares for His sheep and would lay down His life for them (John 10:11).

Have you allowed your focus to shift from the Shepherd to what the Shepherd gives you? I know I have! If you find yourself “wanting,” it is not that your Shepherd is unable or unwilling to perfectly meet your needs. It may be that your faith needs to shift completely to Jesus to receive all that He has to give. Could it be that you have become dissatisfied with what your Shepherd has been providing? Clarify your

direction to be solely focused on the Jesus of the bible! Are you missing the joy that comes from having a Shepherd who cares for you? Return to Him and trust Him to meet the needs in your life that only He can.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

For the past few weeks we have been looking at the question “Why do we occasionally repeat words and phrases in worship?” So far we have referenced scripture, shown examples in classic hymns, and noted the process of creating emphasis for driving home a point. (See the last week’s FBCFO Newsletter, July 18-25 and July 26-August 1.)

A final encouragement I’d like to offer is this: In heaven we will be worshipping all day, every day, for eternity. The biblical reference that is given indicate that we will be repeating the same words and phrases as we worship: Revelation 4:8: Day and night they never stop saying: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.* (The basis for one of our favorite hymns!)

I want to be ready for heaven, not only by becoming

more and more like Christ every day (so there won’t be much of a change when I see Him face to face), but I also want to be ready for heaven by doing on earth what I will be doing in heaven for all of eternity: Worshipping Him!

And so I worship Him, not as a daily or weekly scheduled event, but rather I worship Him as my lifestyle. And sometimes, because that is the way we will worship in heaven for all eternity, I repeat words and phrases... Because He is worthy!

Worship Well!

-Brad

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 200
11 am Worship Attendance 220

Annual Budget 598,953.33
YTD Budget Needs 345,549.81
YTD Budget Giving 309,203.46

Total Receipts for the Week: 14,946.30
Weekly Budget Giving 11,62.80
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,68.00
Weekly Missions Giving 338.00

This Sunday’s Message:

The Overcome Series:
“God in the Gentle Whisper”
1 Kings 19:1-14

Next Sunday’s Message:

The Overcome Series
Continues

Announcements

New Deacons

Following the confirmations this past Sunday, let’s welcome our newest Deacon Care Leaders: Charles Helton, Joyce Rogers, Mary Jo Case, Patrice Humphrey, and John Collison.

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.

Equip Sunday

Our Fall Equip Sunday will be 8.26! This is a great opportunity to celebrate our Group Ministry and focus on our mission of reaching unchurched people! ALL GROUPS will meet in the Worship Center from 9:30 am to 9:50 am! Please encourage all group members to join us during this time!

Student Spotlight



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

This Friday, 8.3: Students, parents, and families are invited to our End of Summer Pool Party at the Fort O Pool, from 6 to 8 pm. Check your Student Ministry Email for more details.

Children’s Headlines

Nichole Stookey

“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!” Psalm 113:3

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!

New Student Pastor: We will be meeting and greeting Patrick Everett, our Youth Pastor Candidate during our August 8th **Oneighty**. We are excited about this next step in our Student Ministry!

Braves Game August 17: We will leave at 4pm. \$10 deposit due August 3.

Transition from Kids Ministry: We welcome our new 6th graders to our Student Ministry this Sunday, August 5!

Clubhouse Friends: We are starting a brand new Worship curriculum on August 8th that we are super excited about! We will kick-off right at 6pm and dismiss at 7:15. Kids: Invite all of your friends to join us in a time of Worship and Celebrating together!!

The Point: We will resume Kids’ Worship on August 12th, during the Morning Worship Celebration!

Women’s Ministry

The Women & Men’s Camp

Lookout Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of 9.28-29. If you are planning to go to the Fall Retreat at Camp Lookout, please notify Laura Jones or Donnie Lindsay immediately so we can get a head count. This event would be for couples, singles, divorced, widow, anyone interested. The plan is to spend one night and enjoy food, fellowship, speakers,

games, fishing, etc. We will be in the Welcome Center on Sunday, 8.5 for you to stop by and ask questions and sign up. A \$20 deposit for each person is needed now and the balance will be due the first week of September.

Summer Sunday Nights

We are wrapping up our special 2018 Summer Sunday Nights schedule. Check out these moments coming next: **August 5:** Portugal Missionary; **August 12:** Dave Bolling Concert; **August 19:** Ecuador Mission Trip Report;

August 26: Worship Choir & Orchestra Concert.