

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 19

9:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
4 pm Church Council Meeting
6 pm Ecuador Mission Report



Wednesday, August 22

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Chicken Veg. Soup & Dessert & Pimento Cheese Sandwiches
5:30 pm Oneighty Student Ministry
6 pm Group Bible Studies
Kids' Clubhouse Friends
6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 25

5:30 pm Koinonia Class Meeting & Fellowship

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 19-25

Ronnie Born
Donnie Lindsay
Kerry Pennington

Aug. 26-Sep. 1

Cathy Cox
Gene McDaniel
Don Pittman

Wednesday Meal

August 22

Marlin Paulson
Mary A. Paulson
Frankie Trotter
Hal Jones

August 29

James Lee
Alisha Lee
Cindy Daniels
Cathy Cox

Security

Aug. 19-25

Bob Rogers
Paul Overlin

Aug. 26-Sep. 1

Michael Ingram
Kris Kubler

Greeters

August 19

Lois Carlton
Jim Carlton
Elaine Steele

August 26

Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
Brenda Jones

Sunday, Aug. 19

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, Aug. 26

Babies Rob Randall
Holly Randall
1&2 yr olds Carrie Payne
Joy Clark
3 yr olds Betty Parrish
Brenda Jones
Welcome Laura Leath

Babies Brenda Lynch
Erie Stookey
1&2 yr olds Linda Daniels
Lindsay Brooks
3 yr olds Sandra Mullins
Ron Mullins
Welcome Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Steve Rosser
Amy Brown
Louise
Stinnett

Home

Larry & Cindy
Shipp
Priscilla
Pennington
Ray & Cathy
Cox
Daryl &
Darlene Lane
Jane Hogsed
Ray Bell

Amber
Walker
Scott
O'Steen
Harold
Parrish
Tina Malone
Jeanne Clark
Regeania
Nicholson
Beth
Daughtery
Dawn Emous
Wanda
Kitchen
Pat Medearis
Jerry Gann

Angela Gann
Laura Jones
John Stewart
Ruth & Brian
Wagoner
Tommie
Brock
Betty Phillips
Nell Smith
Maeriol
Minter
Wanda
McArthur
Ken & Betty
Goodner
Helen
Epperson

Mary Lou
Brown

Nursing

Home
Lila Archer
Dale Kinnison
Eunice
Mosman
Bertha
Pennington
Pauline
Thomas
Norma
Carpenter
Sharon
Mullins

Birthdays

Charles Tant (19th)
Gene McDaniel (20th)
Mike Mullins (20th)
Mason Swafford (20th)
Timothy Born (21st)
Briley Cropper (23rd)

Marie Holder (23rd)
Tracie Dodson (25th)
Betty Parrish (25th)
Tracy Smith (25th)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
Adminstrative Assistant - Miki Ingram
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Christ Chapel

Items of the month:
Crackers &
Pasta

Welcome to Our Church Family

Ms. Jeanne Clark
1016 Clearbrook Circle
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742



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Upcoming

Welcome our new Student Pastor & Family!

Following the confirmation this past Wednesday evening, we are excited to introduce Pastor Patrick Everett as our new Student Pastor. Join us in welcoming Patrick and his wife Brittany and three kids, Isabella, Isaiah, and Isley. Patrick will begin his ministry with us officially on Sunday morning, 9.2.

Ecuador Missions Report

Fourteen from our church family joined together this past July for an eight-day mission trip to Ecuador. God worked in a mighty way through their efforts, as they will share with us this Sunday evening. We will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Circle at 6 pm for this special missions report. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Arts Ministry Special Concert

You are invited to a special evening of worship on Sunday, 8.26 at 6 pm in our Worship Center. Our own Worship Choir, Orchestra, and soloists will lead us in a powerful evening in God's Presence. We will be singing old favorites and new choral anthems, all designed to lead us to the Throne of God. Plan now on being with us! Invite someone who needs a personal touch from God!

Operation Christmas Child

Our church campus will be a community collection center for the 2018 OCC Christmas Shoebox Ministry. The official collection week will be November 11 - 19. We invite you to plan now for the shoeboxes you will pack and for how you might help in the collection process. Empty shoeboxes will be available at our main Welcome Center desk soon. School supplies make great shoe box gifts. Now is a great time to buy those supplies for your shoe boxes!

Aug. 15 - Aug. 22

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

There is power when we are with Him! Welcome back to our series on getting “smaller” in classes & small groups. As we take this next step in our series, let me offer a comparison. If you compared your group to your favorite casserole, you would say that there are many important ingredients that go into making the group the best it can be.

The right ingredients make all the difference. And so, the big question that follows is obvious... What are the right ingredients for your group?

In some groups, you will find the main ingredient to be social relationships. For others, you will find less emphasis on the social and more on accomplishing a particular ministry. It might

be ministry to those within the group or to people who are outside or yet to be in the group. Each group will have its own identity and emphasis based on those who make up the group. Variety and flexibility are good. But there is one key ingredient that will hold everyone together and make all the difference. That ingredient is the presence of God.

When Jesus assembled His small group, new relationships would be formed and powerful ministry would be happening. Yet, the key to it all can be seen in **Mark 3:14-15, “He appointed twelve - designating them apostles - that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.”** The greatest difference for them came down to those two words... With Him! And the same is true now for your group. Is your group focused on Him through a commitment to His Word and Spirit? More to come next week!

-Jason

Discipleship

There is no Christianity without a cross, for you cannot be a disciple of Jesus without taking up your cross. **The way of the cross is a way of release, a way of decent and a way of losing our superficial masks.** It is how lasting inner transformation occurs. Crosses are painful; they forever change your life. The heart is always exposed. But sometimes the greatest cost will not be to you but to those you love. You must be prepared to trust His path, whatever it leads, because you’ve walked with Him and know that His way is best. Yet there will be those close to you who have not related to Jesus in the same way and have not heard His voice as clearly.

Jesus understood that His Father’s will for Him led to a cross. It is through Jesus that we know who the Father is. The cross would mean a painful death for Jesus, and it would also bring suffering to those closest to Him. Because of the cross, Jesus’ mother



Andy Atkinson

would watch in agony as her son was publicly humiliated, tortured, and murdered. Jesus’ close friends would witness His excruciating death. His disciples would be scattered in terror and confusion in what would be the longest, darkest night of their lives. Because of Jesus’ obedience, there would also be a cross for each of His disciples. **But it is through the way of cross that reveals God’s love for humanity, His willingness to die for his enemies, and His salvation for all. God’s vulnerability was on display.**

Obedience to Christ’s teachings will affect others (Luke 14:26). Beware lest you seek to prevent those you love from taking up the cross God has for them. The cost of discipleship is often times a beautiful mess. Don’t seek security, neat tips, and packaged solutions that cheapen the cruciform way of Jesus. Rather, look to Jesus, your model, and pursue to see Him exactly as He is.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

We are blessed! The Lord is our Savior, our Father, and our Holy Spirit! He loves us, He cares for us, He never leaves us, and He empowers us. He is Lord!

I know that you and I as Believers are grateful that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave so that we could have eternal life, to break to power of sin and darkness, and to loose death’s grip on our lives. Because of this we can boldly sing *there is power in the blood, and this is amazing grace!*

I know that you and I are grateful that God is our Father, who provides for us, meets all of our needs, and covers us with His love like a daddy to his children. Because of this we can sing *great is Thy faithfulness and You’re a good, good father!*

And I also know that we are grateful that God is our Holy Spirit, who guides us, fills us, empowers us, comforts us, and anoints us for Kingdom service. Because of this we can sing *breathe on me breath of God and open up the heavens.*

Yes, we are blessed... Thank You Lord, for being in our lives, providing for our lives, and filling our lives!

Worship Well!

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 225
11 am Worship Attendance 245

Annual Budget 570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs 351,106.46
YTD Budget Giving 333,399.55

Total Receipts for the Week: 14,386.64
Weekly Budget Giving 10,827.68
Weekly Freedom Giving 2,037.00
Weekly Missions Giving 520.00

This Sunday’s Message:

The Overcome Series Finale:
“God’s Word is Bigger than Me”
1 Kings 19:15-21

Next Sunday’s Message:

New Sermon Series
Begins

Student Spotlight



by any Wednesday evening to get involved or email Pastor Andy at andya@fbcfo.org.

Wednesday Evenings: Stay tuned for updates and opportunities as we resume our **Oneighty** Worship Night this fall. Parents, please continue to encourage your students to come! **We had 39 students last Wednesday! Many new guests each week!** We would love to have parents and other volunteers join us in this ministry. Stop

New Student Pastor: We are excited to introduce Pastor Patrick Everett as our new Student Pastor. And we are excited for him to begin with us on Sunday, 9.2!

Braves Game Friday: We will leave the Church Campus at 4pm. \$10 deposit due now!

Women's Ministry

The Women & Men’s Camp Lookout Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of 9.28-29. If you plan to attend the Fall Retreat at Camp Lookout, we need to know immediately so we can get a good headcount. If you have questions please go to the table in the Welcome Center, or see Laura Jones or Donnie Lindsay. We have heard many “plan” to go but we don’t have them signed up yet. Your help is appreciated. This is for

men and women, age 18 and up.

We will be having a Women’s Ministry Meeting to discuss plans for the new year. If you would like to be part of the planning team, join us on Tuesday, 9.11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Agape Room near the main Welcome Center.

Announcements

New Bible Study

Are you Heaven bound? Do you know what Heaven is like? We will be studying the book “Heaven,” by Randy Alcorn, beginning next Wednesday, 8.22, at 6:15 pm in the Agape Classroom. For more info call Louise Pendley at 706.866.5369.

Church Council

We’re calling all of our ministry chairs and leaders to attend the quarterly Church Council meeting this **Sunday, 8.19**, at 4 pm. We will meet in our downstairs Fellowship Circle for a time of prayer, vision, and planning.

Group Rosters

Sunday School leaders, please ask everyone in your class to give attention to the rough draft class directory that is in your class folder. Look it over together and add any missing or incorrect info in pen on the sheets. Please leave the rough draft in your class folder.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

Verse of the Week: “Dear friends, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, Or when it appears we will be like him because we will see him as he is. And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:2-3

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers in our Kids Ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are able to serve, we have a place for you!

Stop by or email Ms. Nichole at nicholes@fbcfo.org to discuss where you can plug in and help!

Clubhouse Friends: We are excited about a new Worship curriculum! 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 Celebration together!!

Equip Sunday

Our Fall Equip Sunday will be **Sunday, 8.26!** This is a great opportunity to promote our Group Ministry and focus on our mission of reaching unchurched people and making disciples. ALL adult classes

& groups will meet in the Worship Center from 9:30 am to 9:50 am. Please encourage all class & group members to join us during this time.

Summer Sunday Nights

We are wrapping up our special 2018 Summer Sunday Nights schedule. Check out these moments coming next: **This Sunday:** Ecuador Mission Team Special Report;

August 26: Worship Choir & Orchestra Concert.