

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, August 26

9:30 am Equip Sunday - Bible Study
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
11:05 pm Kids Worship @ The Point
5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup
6 pm Worship Choir & Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, August 28

6 pm Mens' Ministry @ The Lookouts

Wednesday, August 29

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Hamburgers Potato Salad
Chips Dessert
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

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 26-Sep. 1
Cathy Cox
Gene McDaniel
Don Pittman

Sep. 2-8
Ray Cox
Scott O'Steen
Wayne Rasbury

Wednesday Meal

August 29
James Lee
Alisha Lee
Cindy Daniels
Cathy Cox

Sep. 5
Charles Helton
Nancy Smith
Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen

Security

Aug. 26-Sep. 1
Michael Ingram
Kris Kubler

Sep.2-8
Jeff Ingram
Tom Acker

Greeters

August 26
Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
Brenda Jones

Sep. 2
Louise Stinnett
Barbara Poole
W. Honeycutt
Rena Honeycutt

Sunday, Aug.26

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, Sep. 2

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

Babies Julie Wright
Madison Stookey
1&2 yr olds Charles Tant
Nancy Smith
3 yr olds Joyce Rogers
Lynn Tyree
Welcome Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

Hospital Louise Stinnett Peggy Adams Pauline Thomas Home Steve Rosser Amy Brown Larry & Cindy Shipp Priscilla Pennington Ray & Cathy Cox Daryl Lane JoAnn Davis	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 Ruth & Brian Wagoner Tommie Brock Betty Phillips Nell Smith Maeriol Minter Wanda McArthur	Helen Epperson Mary Lou Brown Nursing Home Lila Archer Dale Kinnison Eunice Mosman Bertha Pennington Norma Carpenter Sharon Mullins
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Birthdays

Carl Morgan (26th) Lila Ferrell (27th) Ray Bell (28th) Charles Helton (29th) Preble McDaniel (30th)	Amanda Pobiegllo (30th) Lebron Williams (30th) Dinah Carlton (1st)
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Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Christ Chapel

Items of the month:
Crackers &
Pasta

Welcome to Our Church Family

Mr. Randy & Nan Maxwell
82 Sunrise DR
Rossville, GA 30741



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Upcoming

Equip Sunday Morning

Our Fall Equip Sunday will be this **Sunday, 8.26**. This is a great opportunity to promote our "Growing" Ministry and focus on our mission of reaching 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. We will begin with donuts at the Coffee Cafe at 9:15 am.

Worship Arts Ministry Special Concert

Join us for a special evening of worship this **Sunday, 8.26** at 6 pm in our Worship Center. Our 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!

Welcome our new Student Pastor & Family!

Following the confirmation last 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.

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. 22 - Aug. 29

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Be honest with me! Welcome back to our series on getting “smaller” in classes & small groups. As we take this next step, consider the importance of honesty in your groups. Do you have close enough relationships with people who can be honest with you?

Last week we looked at how Jesus called twelve ordinary men to be with Him in what we should call a small group. This was God’s way of preparing these men to launch the early church after the resurrection. Think about the 2 to 3 years that they shared in a close relationship with Jesus. Do you think Jesus was honest with them? Some of us might say that honesty first requires that we

have our own lives in order before we can help a fellow group member. And while it is true that we should heed the “planks” in our own eye before seeking to remove a speck in our neighbor’s eye (see Matthew 7:5), we need to share a basic understanding that we all have “planks” and we all need others to help us deal with them. Mutual humility and a common motive of love must be included to make honesty work well without defensiveness. And that is why God tells us to **speak the truth to each other in love so that “we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ” (Eph. 4:15).**

Honesty is necessary, but it is also a privilege of a close relationship. Ask God to help you find the right person(s) whom you can give an open invitation to speak truth into your life. Seek to get “smaller” with a few trusted group members for trust, confidentiality and, yes more candid honesty. Through these honest relationships, we will grow up into Him! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	209
11 am Worship Attendance	269
Annual Budget	570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs	362,078.54
YTD Budget Giving	339,419.55
Total Receipts for the Week:	6,823.00
Weekly Budget Giving	6,020.00
Weekly Freedom Giving	670.00
Weekly Missions Giving	113.00

This Sunday’s Message:

The Identity Mini-Series:
“Made in His Image”
Psalm 139

Next Sunday’s Message:

The Identity Mini-Series
Continues

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, continuing next Wednesday, 8.29, at 6:15 pm in the Agape Classroom. For more info call Louise Pendley at 706.866.5369.

Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to Audrey’s 90th Birthday celebration through prayers, presence and all of your help on this most wonderful day.
Audrey Brown & family

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.

Discipleship

Jeremiah was invited by God to be a weeping prophet. From one perspective this is heavy burden but from another **it was a privilege to express God’s heart for His people.** His message was bigger than His words, but he himself was expression of the mind and heart of God. His call came during turbulent, agonizing times as his society suffered from pervasive spiritual decay. The nation of Judah had turned so far from God that it was soon to face His fierce judgment. This was not a time for rejoicing but for weeping. God looked for someone He could mold into the kind of prophet needed for such a bleak time. He found Jeremiah. The cost to Jeremiah was intense; he sacrificed much of the freedom of his youth in order to be God’s messenger. He forfeited family and reputation. He endured misunderstanding, ridicule, and persecution. He was imprisoned and mocked by those to whom he had come to warn of God’s impending



Andy Atkinson

actions. He was shaped to focus not on the results of His ministry, but being a revelation of the heart of God. Satan will try to convince us that obedience carries much too high of a price, but he will never tell you the missed opportunities of not obeying God. If we are to be used in God’s service, we must expect to make adjustments in our life. Don’t be deceived into thinking there is no cost involved in obedience. What adjustments is God asking you to make? Will you face the hardships and opposition that will come when you align your life with God’s will? Not only trust God, but also find the personal privilege you have been given to travel your journey. **Jeremiah had the deep satisfaction of knowing he was a faithful and beloved servant of God.** Our reward will be the same when we choose to fully give ourselves to be shaped by Christ, regardless of the cost.

Student Spotlight



Wednesday Evenings: Stay tuned for updates and opportunities as we resume our **Oneighty** Wednesday Worship Night. Parents, continue to encourage your students to come! **We had 35 students last Wednesday, and there have been new guests each week!** We would love to have parents

and other volunteers join us in this ministry. Stop by any Wednesday evening between 5:30 and 7:15 pm to get involved or email Pastor Andy at andya@fbcfo.org.

New Student Pastor: We are excited to introduce Pastor Patrick Everett as our new Student Pastor! Patrick will begin his ministry with us on Sunday, 9.2.

Children's Headlines

“Rejoice always, pray continually”
1 Thess. 5:16-17

Volunteers: We need volunteers in our Kids Ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are able to serve, stop by or email Nichole at nicholes@fbcfo.org to discuss where you can plug in and help!

Nursery Workers: We are hiring paid nursery workers for Sunday and Wednesdays. If you are interested, or know someone who loves kids and would be great at keeping the youngest members of our church, please let Nichole know asap.

Nichole Stookey

Clubhouse Friends: We are excited about a new Worship curriculum! We begin at 6pm and dismiss at 7:15 pm. Kids, invite all of your friends to join us in this time of Worship and Celebration together!

The Point: Join us THIS Sunday, 8.26 in the FLC gym for Kids Worship! We will be learning about The Parable of the Vineyard. Kids will be dismissed during the Fellowship Song and need to be picked up immediately following the morning Worship Celebration.

Family Ministry Training: We will be having a training lunch for ALL preschool, kids, & student leaders on Sunday, 9.16, immediately following the Morning Worship Celebration.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

The powerful lyrics of the hymn, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” are rooted in Lamentations 3:22-23, where Jeremiah declares Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

The theme that runs through the entire hymn is simple: God is faithful. He is just as faithful today as He was yesterday, and will be just as faithful tomorrow. In fact, again citing the Word in Lamentations, every morning He demonstrates His faithfulness with new love and new compassion.

The author of the hymn, used the same four words in the chorus three different times to emphasize the greatness of God’s faithfulness. When I sing the song, there is a crescendo that rises from my soul and causes me to sing louder each time I declare the words “Great is Thy faithfulness!”

This morning, did you see God’s faithfulness to you? Did you recognize not only His consistent provision for you, but also the “new mercies” that accompany each new day?

May I encourage all of us to begin each day listing God’s acts of faithfulness, and thanking Him for each one. And may we in faith thank Him in advance for the faithfulness He will demonstrate throughout the day as it unfolds before us.
Worship Well!

-Brad

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.

Mens' Ministry

Lookouts Night: Join us for another Game Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts happening next Tuesday, 8.28. Meet at the church campus at 6 pm to ride the bus or meet us at the stadium.

Helping Hands: Do you need a helping hand around your home with odd jobs? The Mens’ Ministry can assist with small needs at your home. Call the church office or email churchoffice@fbcfo.org.

Summer Sunday Nights

We are wrapping up our special 2018 Summer Sunday Nights schedule with a special Sunday evening concert. Our Worship Choir & Orchestra will be leading us with a concert filled with solos, familiar

songs, and new choral anthems. Everyone is invited. We will meet in the upstairs Worship Center.

