

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 2

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
6 pm No Evening Worship Service

Monday, September 3

Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 4

10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, September 5

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Meat Loaf Pinto Beans Slaw
Mashed Potatoes 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

Friday, September 7

3 pm Feed the LFO Football Team

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Prayer Concerns

Hospital
Louise
Stinnett
Peggy Adams

Home
Patti Godfrey
Steve Rosser
Tom Acker
Larry & Cindy
Shipp
Priscilla
Pennington
JoAnn Davis
Jane Hogsed
Ray Bell
Jeanne Clark

Beth
Daughtery
Dawn Emous
Wanda
Kitchen
Pat Medearis
Jerry Gann
Angela Gann
Laura Jones
Ruth & Brian
Wagoner
Tommie
Brock
Betty Phillips
Nell Smith
Wanda
McArthur

Helen
Epperson
Mary Lou
Brown
Trey Baldwin

Nursing Home
Lila Archer
Dale Kinnison
Eunice
Mosman
Bertha
Pennington
Norma
Carpenter

Sharon
Mullins

Birthdays

Sandra Mullins (2nd)	Jerry Gann (4th)	Ann Born (7th)
Deborah Gray (5th)	Noah Grell (5th)	Lila Mears (7th)
Don Van Pernis (2nd)	Kevin Stone (6th)	Cindy Nabors (8th)
Betty Westbrook (2nd)	Braylee Witherow (6th)	Faye Smith (8th)
Ela Westbrook (3rd)	Joshua Wyatt (6th)	
Ray Cox (3)		

Staff

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

Items of the month:
Crackers &
Pasta

Love & Prayers

Join us in praying for
Pastor Jason and his
family on the passing of
his grandmother,
PaulineThomas.



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Upcoming

New Pastor of Student Ministries!

As we gather on campus this Sunday morning for Bible study and Worship, we also welcome Pastor Patrick Everett and his family in their first official day with us. Patrick will begin his ministry here as our Pastor of Student Ministries. Join us in welcoming Patrick and his wife Brittany and their three kids, Isabella, Isaiah, and Isley.

LFO Football Dinner Night

Help us love our community well by joining in the fun, Friday afternoon, 9.7, as we prepare and serve dinner to the LFO Football team and coaching staff. We could use your help beginning at 3 pm for loading and transporting our "home" cooked meal up to the LFO High School Cafeteria. Meet in our downstairs Fellowship Circle to get started.

Discover FBCFO

We love to help guests and new members begin a new season with our church family, and one of the best ways we do this is through our "Discover FBCFO" Lunch. Our next lunch will be Sunday, 9.23 at 12:15 pm, in our downstairs Fellowship Circle right after the Morning Worship Celebration. All guests and new members are encouraged to attend, along with our staff and ministry leaders.

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. 29 -Sep. 5

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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

Sep. 9-15
Linda Daniels
Paul Overlin
Nolan Richardson

Security

Sep.2-8
Jeff Ingram
Tom Acker

Sep.9-15
Shannon Born
Ken Lee

Wednesday Meal

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

Sep. 12
James Swafford
Fred Colwell
Dian Colwell
Sandra Mullins

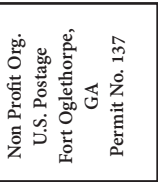
Greeters

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

Sep. 9
Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
G. McDowell

Sunday, Sep. 2 LaunchPad Next Sunday, Sep. 9

Babies	Julie Wright	Babies	Don Pittman
	Madison Stookey		Melissa Pittman
1&2 yr olds	Charles Tant	1&2 yr olds	Brenda Lynch
	Nancy Smith		Linda Daniels
3 yr olds	Joyce Rogers	3 yr olds	Jim Carlton
	Lynn Tyree		Lois Carlton
Welcome	Tiffani Brady	Welcome	Jane Hogsed



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Become part of a team! It is estimated that by 2007, Billy Graham had shared the gospel with 215 million people and in 185 different countries. There is really no way to know in this life how many of those millions of people were saved by his amazing ministry!

As we take these final steps in our series on getting “smaller” in classes & groups, let’s concede that you and I are not Billy Graham. We do, however, share the same Great Commission. It is a calling that Jesus has given to every follower to be a disciple who makes other disciples.

Somehow that calling has gotten lost in many of our church families these days. We

may all agree that a disciple will be committed to Jesus, connected to His Church, continuing to grow in His likeness, and compassionate like Him. Yet, so few understand that they have been commissioned by Him to go and make other disciples.

Ok, so we may not have the same giftedness or effectiveness as Billy Graham. No worries. Jesus is not calling you to be Mr. Graham. He is calling you to be you. Consider the original disciples. They were ordinary men who had probably been passed over by the esteemed Rabbi community. Yet, Jesus called them to be a team that shared His same heartbeat of reaching and teaching others. From curious all the way to commissioned, Jesus raised these men up to be a team that would launch the first gospel-church families.

Our mission is the same. But we still need a team. Consider your small group. Have you become part of a disciple-making team? We’ll discuss what that looks like next! –Jason

Discipleship

Did you know that your life is a part of **God’s grand design**? God has known about you and had a dream and purpose for your life since before time began. He knew everything about you before you were even born (Jer. 1:5). Those thoughts and plans are centered around how you would become like Christ. Your life, therefore, has a destiny. But this confidence is not for the purpose of elevating you. Christ is the model upon which the Father is developing your life. You are meant to have a relationship with the Father that is as intimate as the relationship between Jesus and the Father (John 17:21). Every event He allows into your life is designed to make you more like Christ. This is a privilege we should be honored but also thankful.

God’s call came when He invited you to join Him in the **process**! His call was extremely personal, designed specifically for your response. How wonderful to



Andy Atkinson

realize that at a particular moment in history, God spoke personally to you and invited you to become His child!

Because of sin, we could never live blamelessly. But God forgives and heals our sin. All the spiritual distortion we carried with Him was forgiven, and we were freed to enjoy God and to serve Him. In scripture, the glory of God’s people was His presence. We, too, are glorified because the fullness of God now **dwells within us**, and we will one day be with Him (Col. 1:27; 2:9). **He invites us to lovingly join Him in working out His will in our life— conforming us to His image (Phil. 2:12). This is our ultimate sincere spiritual concern.** Our spiritual concern cannot be self-absorbed. It cannot be attempts at giving offerings to pacify God or manipulate God. It cannot be intellectual pursuit. It is transformation into a pure Christlike love and faith.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

The Presence of the Lord is here! This past Sunday God shared Himself with us in a powerful way as we worshipped in the Sunday Morning Celebration, and again during the Choir & Orchestra Concert that evening. We were blessed!

Every time we gather and were led by our Frontline singers, Worship Choir, and Orchestra, we are seeking to follow the Bible’s model for worship. God’s Word says that the singers and musicians **led** the congregation in worship. (Psalm 42:4; 68:24-26)

The message here is that worship is something **everyone** does together, not “performed” by a select group of people. Yes, the singers and musicians do carry the added responsibility for holiness, skill, and preparation. But, their function is to pave the way to the Throne for others to follow.

Not only are we called to sing, but God’s Word tells us to express ourselves in other ways as we worship. For example, the Bible

tells us in numerous places to **shout** His praises, to declare with a **loud** voice, and to make His praise **glorious**, etc. (there are 215 references to praising God in the Psalms alone!).

When our favorite team scores a touchdown, there is a joy and excitement that rises up within us and we express it passionately, because we are engaging our team. In the same way, when our Lord is victorious (always), because we are engaged in our worship of Him, we are led to passionately express praise. **Worship Well!**

-Brad



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 218
11 am Worship Attendance 250

Annual Budget 570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs 373,050.62
YTD Budget Giving 353,689.20

Total Receipts for the Week: 16,946.27
Weekly Budget Giving 14,269.65
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,925.00
Weekly Missions Giving 475.00

This Sunday’s Message:

The Identity Mini-Series:
“Made New by His Son”
Isaiah 53

Next Sunday’s Message:

The Identity Mini-Series:
Lord’s Supper & Conclusion

Announcements

A Good Read

Barbara Holland’s article “Teaching Our Children to Pray Through the Storms of Life” is in the August issue of **GoodNews** publication. You can find this publication in the magazine rack just outside our main Welcome Center.

Thank You

Dave & Carol Bolling express their heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Brad and our entire church family for the opportunity to lead in worship on Sunday evening, 8.12, and for the generous support of their music ministry. Because of our love and gifts, they will be able to freely give out 300 CD’s to those who God sends their way.

Group Rosters

Sunday School leaders, 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 on the sheets. Leave the rough draft in your class folder.

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 37 students last Wednesday, and there have been new guests each week!** We would love to have parents

Children's Headlines

"A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables." Proverbs 24:3-4

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 Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are interested, or know someone who loves kids and would be great at keeping the youngest

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 this Sunday, 9.2.

Nichole Stookey

members of our church, please contact Nichole asap!

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!

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. It is very important that everyone attend.

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

Mens’ Breakfast - Plan ahead for the Mens’ Breakfast on Saturday, 10.6 at 8:15 am in our downstairs Fellowship Circle. Invite a friend!

around your home with odd jobs? The Mens’ Ministry can assist with small projects at your home. Call the church office or email churchoffice@fbcfo.org.

Helping Hands: Do you need help

Kids & Student Leader Lunch

If you are a teacher or leader in our Kids & Student Ministries, we encourage you to join Patrick and Nichole for lunch on Sunday, 9.16, right after the Morning Worship Celebration. This will be a time of

orientation and training in our downstairs Fellowship Circle as we gear up for a new ministry season together.