

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 9

8 am Deacons' Meeting
9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
11:05 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
6 pm Deacon Ordination Service

Tuesday, September 11

10:30 am Keenagers' Meeting

Wednesday, September 12

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Chicken Parmesan Lima Beans
Salad 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

Sep. 9-15
Linda Daniels
Paul Overlin
Nolan Richardson

Sep.16-22
Luke Daniels
Marlin Paulson
Jean Stone

Security

Sep.9-15
Shannon Born
Ken Lee

Sep.16-22
Bob Rogers
Paul Overlin

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 12
James Swafford
Fred Colwell
Dian Colwell
Nancy Smith

Sep. 19
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Sue Hughes
Elaine Steele

Greeters

Sep. 9
Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
G. McDowell

Sep.16
Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rogers
Mary Jo Case

Sunday, Sep. 9 LaunchPad Next Sunday, Sep. 16

Babies	Don Pittman	Babies	Ron Mullins
	Melissa Pittman		Sandra Mullins
1&2 yr olds	Brenda Lynch	1&2 yr olds	Micki Atkinson
	Linda Daniels		Joy Clark
3 yr olds	Jim Carlton	3 yr olds	Debra Stone
	Lois Carlton		Mackie Yatooma
Welcome	Jane Hogsed	Welcome	Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

Hospital Louise Stinnett Sherry McKenna	Ray Bell Jeanne Clark Beth Daughtery Dawn Emous 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	Norma Carpenter Sharon Mullins
Home Steve Rosser Tom Acker Larry & Cindy Shipp Priscilla Pennington JoAnn Davis Jane Hogsed		Assisted Care Facility Lila Archer Dale Kinnison Eunice Mosman Bertha Pennington	

Birthdays

Kyla Smith (9th)
Hailey Emous (10th)
Parker Emous (10th)
Robin Ellis (11th)
Janet Goodner (11th)

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

We are lifting up Barbara
Holland and her family in
the recent passing of her
sister-n-law Patricia
Jabiski Hatfield.



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Upcoming

LFO Football Dinner Night

Help us love our community this 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.

Keenagers' Lunch Meeting

Be part of our Senior Adult Ministry by joining us for the Keenager Lunch Meeting next Tuesday, 9.11. The meeting begins at 10:30 am in our downstairs Fellowship Circle. Our special guest speaker will be North Georgia native and Chief Meteorologist David Glenn from WTVC News Channel 9. Lunch will be provided by Margaret Box. Bring a friend!

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 on 9.16. School supplies make great shoe box gifts. Now is a great time to buy those supplies for your shoe boxes!

Sep. 5 - Sep. 12

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Do we share the same heartbeat? In our area, Labor Day Weekend is always a special time because of one big thing... The start of college football season. And with each new season, our favorite teams take the field, playing different positions, but all sharing the same goal of weekly victories and season championships. The teams that are most successful are the ones who play their positions the best, but also do so with trust in their fellow teammates and a shared heartbeat that is greater than any one player. As we take this final step in our series on getting "smaller" in classes and groups, we pick up with the question from last

week: Have you become part of a disciple-making team? The most logical place to find this kind of team is with your current small group or class. Assuming you have a class or group, what does a disciple-making team look like? The answer begins with leadership. Each group needs leadership that shares the same church-family heartbeat of being disciples who makes other disciples. This includes consistently encouraging the group to invite new people into a welcoming atmosphere. This includes a commitment to feeding each member with sound, biblical doctrine. This includes raising up new leaders who will become teachers and care leaders for launching new groups. And it also includes establishing consistent connections with the community through local ministry projects. Does this leadership exist? Before you consider your teacher, consider yourself. You could be just the leader your group needs. All together for Jesus! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 204
11 am Worship Attendance 238

Annual Budget 570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs 384,022.69
YTD Budget Giving 372,831.06

Total Receipts for the Week: 24,417.70
Weekly Budget Giving 19,141.86
Weekly Freedom Giving 4,305.00
Weekly Missions Giving 420.00

This Sunday's Message:

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

Next Sunday's Message:

New Fall Sermon Series
Begins in Jeremiah 29...

Announcements

Fall Rummage Sale

Thanks to the generosity of so many, we are planning a "mini" rummage sale for one day only on Friday, 11.2. We will be having the sale in front of the CERT garage. Please bring your donations by 10.26 to give us time to price & sort. For questions, call Elaine Steele @ 423.903.2365.

Lord's Supper

You are invited to join us at the Lord's table this Sunday morning. Be praying now for that special moment that will take place in our Morning Worship Celebration. Let's pray for a worship center filled with people ready to worship and filled with the Spirit of God.

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.

Discipleship

The first thing you do after God speaks to you is **critical**. Sometimes when are so excited to hear from God that we are not patient with how we respond. Jesus was telling Peter what type of ministry he would have and what type of death he would suffer (John 21:18-19). It was a sacred moment in Peter's life, as his Lord pulled back the curtain to his future. His was not to be an easy life but a life ordained and blessed by the Lord. **Imagine what he wished he would have asked Jesus about later.**

Rather than responding to what Jesus told him and processing His words, Peter looked around at his fellow disciples. His glance fell upon John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. "But Lord, what about this man?" Peter asked. Peter had just been given the somber news of his future death. How natural to compare his assignment with that of the others! This is a



Andy Atkinson

great temptation of God's people: to compare our situation with that of others. Did God give my friend a larger salary? Did God heal my friend's loved one and not mine? Did God allow my friend to receive appreciation and praise for his work while I remain anonymous? Did God allow another Christian to remain close to her family while I am far removed from mine? **These are thoughts we must develop an art of letting go of. Focus on the sacred words for us from Jesus.**

Jesus assigned Peter and John to walk two different paths, but both Peter and John had powerful roles in life of the early Church. Jesus knew how dangerous it is when a servant takes his eyes off the master to focus on a fellow servant. (So did Peter, remember walking on water?) Where is your focus? Sometimes we have to learn some things more than once.

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!

Family Ministry Training: We will be having a training lunch for

Children's Headlines

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth." 1 Timothy 6:6

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 minister!

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 members of our church, contact Nichole asap!

Clubhouse Friends: We are excited about our new Worship curriculum! We

ALLvolunteers (Sunday School & Oneighty) on Sunday, 9.16, immediately following the Morning Worship Celebration. We are game planning with Patrick how to take our ministry to the next level!

New Student Pastor: Please make an effort to welcome Pastor Patrick Everett as our new Student Pastor!

Nichole Stookey

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

The Point: We will have Kids' Worship this Sunday, 9.9 during the Morning Worship Celebration. Kids will be dismissed during the Fellowship Song and need to be picked up immediately following the service..

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

You have heard me talk about us "owning" the songs we sing in worship. But what actually does that mean? Just as you might own a home or a car, you possess something as yours. We take care of the things we own. We focus on them. We give them special attention. We may even claim a football team as our own, and make it a priority in our lives. We eat, drink, and passionately give ourselves to that team. But what about "owning" our praise to God through our worship?

Psalm 44:8 says: *In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.* **Deuteronomy 32:3** says: *I will proclaim the Name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!* (In Deuteronomy alone there 24 instances of the words **our God**, a possessive term.)

There is no question about what is being declared in these verses: A passionate expression about, and to the Lord **our** God. The writers owned their relationship with God. They owned their praise to Him.

When we sing a song, are we simply reading words and following a melody? Or, are we making the message of the song our own, literally saying: ***This is my song! This is my story! This is my declaration! This is my testimony!***

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.

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 pm 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 (706.866.0232) 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. We will meet in our downstairs Fellowship Circle as we gear up for a new ministry season together.

