

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 16

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
12:15 pm Family Ministry Lunch Meeting
6 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday, September 19

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Beef Tips & Noodles Green 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 Family Business Meeting
7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

4 pm G-DOT Hwy 27 Corridor Meeting

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Sep.16-22
Luke Daniels
Marlin Paulson
Jean Stone

Sep.23-29
Jeff Fletcher
Mark Paulson
Bruce Underwood

Security

Sep.16-22
Bob Rogers
Paul Overlin

Sep.23-29
Michael Ingram
Kris Kubler

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 19
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Sue Hughes
Elaine Steele

Sep. 26
Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Brenda Jones
Jean Stone

Greeters

Sep.16
Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rogers
Mary Jo Case

Sep.23
Jeff Wells
Carrie Wells
Dolores Tant

Sunday, Sep. 16 LaunchPad Next Sunday, Sep. 23

Babies	Ron Mullins	Babies	Becky Pennington
	Sandra Mullins		Carrie Payne
1&2 yr olds	Micki Atkinson	1&2 yr olds	Diane Colwell
	Joy Clark		Erie Stookey
3 yr olds	Debra Stone	3 yr olds	Rena Honeycutt
	Mackie Yatooma		Lisa Banister
Welcome	Tiffani Brady	Welcome	Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital Luke Daniels Scott O'Steen	JoAnn Davis Jane Hogsed 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	Bertha Pennington Norma Carpenter Sharon Mullins
Home Steve Rosser Sherry McKenna Bimol Poole Tom Acker Larry & Cindy Shipp Priscilla Pennington		Assisted Care Facility Louise Stinnett Lila Archer Dale Kinnison Eunice Mosman	

Birthdays

Olene Hendricks (12th)	Lynn Lamb (14th)
Jean Stone (12th)	Brandon Smith (14th)
Arleen Wyatt (12th)	Molly Thompson (15th)
Anita Helton (14th)	

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Student Pastor - Patrick Everett
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Upcoming

Family Ministry Leadership Lunch

If you are a teacher or leader in our Kids & Student Ministries, we encourage you to join Patrick and Nichole for lunch this Sunday, 9.16, right after the Morning Worship Celebration. This will be a time of orientation and training. We will meet in our downstairs Gathering Circle as we gear up for a new ministry season together.

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 Gathering Circle right after the Morning Worship Celebration. All guests and new members are encouraged to attend, along with our staff and ministry leaders.

Church Family Picnic

We are looking forward to our annual Church Family Picnic at Gilbert Stephenson Park in Fort O. The picnic will be Sunday, 9.30, at 4 pm at the big park pavilion. There will be live music, games, and plenty of food for the entire family. We encourage you to bring desserts to share. The price is \$5 per person or \$15 max per family. First time guests eat free!

Operation Christmas Child

Get ready for the OCC Christmas Shoebox Ministry! Our church campus will be a community shoebox collection center during the week of 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 beginning this Sunday, 9.16.

Sep. 12 - Sep. 19

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

So that more may know! You may have seen these numbers. If one pastor shared his faith with one person each week for a year, there is the hope of reaching 52 people. But what if a church family of 300 people came along side that pastor with the same heartbeat and mission? Then, the hope of reaching 52 people would multiply to 15,652. And it gets better. If each one of those new 301 people from the first week shared their faith with others who shared with others, on a weekly basis, then the multiplication would begin. The numbers are staggering. By the end of 12 weeks, over 600,000 lives would be touched. Multiply that out another month to

16 weeks, and we are talking around 10 million lives, about the size of the population in Georgia! Based on the numbers, the possibilities are great. Yet, practically speaking, we don't see anything remotely close to that kind of faith multiplication today. If it is ever going to happen, then it must begin somewhere. And I simply ask, why not here with you and me? In this new article series, I will share some practical tips on how we can begin. We will be talking about how to share our faith in daily circumstances without being pushy or annoying. These are ways to be effective and also faithful. Will we reach 10 million lives and beyond? Truthfully, the results are not up to us. But we should do our best to make each day count for God's kingdom. Faith multiplication can happen. Remember the faithfulness of the early church. Through them, God **"added to their number daily those who were being saved"** (Acts 2:47). Stay tuned for more! -Jason



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	210
11 am Worship Attendance	254
Annual Budget	570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs	384,022.69
YTD Budget Giving	381,448.94
Total Receipts for the Week:	11,387.88
Weekly Budget Giving	8,597.88
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,180
Weekly Missions Giving	590.00

Announcements

Fall Rummage Sale
Thanks to your generosity, we have plenty of "treasures" for a one-day Rummage Sale. The sale will be Friday, 11.2, in front of the CERT Garage in our campus backyard. Bring donations by 10.26, to give us time to price & sort. Questions: call Elaine Steele @ 423.903.2365.

OCC Shoebox Trip
We are planning a day trip to the OCC Shoebox Processing Center in Atlanta on Thursday, 11.29. We will meet on campus at 9 am and return around 8 pm. There are 20 spots available. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org to make your reservation.

Freedom Update
We've broken new ground with our building loan, as the balance is now below the \$900 k mark! Our countdown to Freedom marches forward as we look forward to a new season of being debt free. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Discipleship

All followers of Christ have the great task of ministry. **Ministry is seeing a need then meeting a need.** Ministry is costly. It requires compassion and sacrifice. When the heavenly Father wanted to save His creation from sin, He could find no other way except the sacrifice of His Son (Rom. 5:8). Scripture gives a stark picture of the price our Savior paid to obtain our salvation: "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53:3). If Christ is our model for ministry, we cannot avoid going to the cross for the sake of others. This is a journey of compassion and sacrifice. Salvation comes with a great price, and if we are going to **"take up our cross"** and follow Jesus, then we must be prepared to go with Him to the place of suffering if that's what it takes to bring salvation to those around us. It also requires compassion, Jesus saw



Andy Atkinson

needs through the lens of empathic inclusion. Tax collectors, lepers and prostitutes all were brought in by the good news of Christ. If our goal is to bring others to Christ we must be willing, as He was, to risk rejection. People may disappoint us, misunderstand our motives. Our Savior did not let suffering prevent Him from being used by God to bring the good news to those He loved. Love for His Father provided all the motivation that was necessary. Are you presently experiencing hardship because of the ministry to which God has called you? Have you begun to wonder if the price you are paying is too great? Take a moment to reflect on the price God was willing to pay in order to bring grace to you. Are you glad He was willing to do what was necessary? Will you not join Him in whatever is necessary to bring relationship with Christ to those around you?

Student Spotlight



Wednesday Evenings: Stay tuned for updates and opportunities as we continue 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) this Sunday, 9.16, immediately following the Morning Worship Celebration. We will be game planning with Patrick for how to take our Student 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 worship service.

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Kingdom-minded thinking. As Believers, we are promised blessings beyond comprehension! **Ephesians 3:20** *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.* One of the blessings of being a Child of God is we are heirs to the riches of God's Kingdom.
Ephesians 1:3 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*
Ephesians 2:6-7 *and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*
Joshua 24:13 *So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from*

vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.
Most Christians tend to think of their lives as, "One day I'll get to heaven, but until then I'll try to hang on and do the best I can." That is *defeated thinking*. *Kingdom-minded thinking* says, "Eternity began the moment I committed my life to Christ, so I don't have to live on my own. I can walk as a Child of God, receiving all the spiritual and physical blessings." But, *Kingdom-minded thinking* requires us to live a life of faith. **Worship Well!**
-Brad



Women's Ministry

The Women & Men's Camp Lookout Retreat that was planned for 9.28-29 is being canceled due to illness and extenuating circumstances.
Planning Session: The next planning session for our Women's Ministry will be Thursday, 9.20, in the Agape

Room at 6 pm. All leaders and those who would like to help with this ministry are encouraged to attend. Contact our Women's Ministry Director, Laura Jones, at 423.605.1816 with any questions.

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!

Helping Hands: Do you need help 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.

Creation Night

Pastor Steve Levinson with GenesisSeminars.org will be our special guest speaker on Wednesday evening, 10.3. We will have a special 6:15 pm meeting time in our downstairs Gathering Circle so that kids of

all ages can be part of the experience. Pastor Steve will address many of the tough questions from Genesis, including Creation, fossils, dinosaurs, and the Great Flood.