

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 23

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
11:05 am Kids' Worship @ The Point
12:15 pm Discover FBC Lunch Meeting
6 pm Evening Worship
Special guest speaker
Pastor Steve Thompson

Wednesday, September 26

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal
Salisbury Steak White Beans
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



Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Sep.23-29
Jeff Fletcher
Mark Paulson
Bruce Underwood

Sep.30-Oct. 6
Hank Humphrey
Mary A. Paulson
Tim Banister

Security

Sep.23-29
Michael Ingram
Kris Kubler

Sep.30-Oct. 6
Jeff Ingram
Tom Acker

Wednesday Meal

Sep. 26
Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Brenda Jones
Jean Stone

Oct. 3
James Lee
Alisha Lee
Cindy Daniels
Cathy Cox

Greeters

Sep.23
Jeff Wells
Carrie Wells
Dolores Tant

Sep.30
Rena Caradine
Mickey Caradine
James Lee
Alisha Lee

Sunday, Sep. 23 LaunchPad

Babies
1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds
Welcome

Becky Pennington
Carrie Payne
Diane Colwell
Erie Stookey
Rena Honeycutt
Lisa Banister
Jane Hogsed

Next Sunday, Sep. 30

Babies
1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds
Welcome

Ally Grace Thomas
Stacy Thomas
Debbie Harp
Tiffani Brady
Heather Craig
Debra Stone
Preble McDaniel

Prayer Concerns

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

Birthdays

Alexa Grell (17th)
Laura Banister (18th)
Shirley Forester (18th)
Judy MacDonald (18th)
Jim Forester (19th)
Madeline Pittman (19th)
Russell Wright (21st)

Opal Hyde (22nd)
Eunice Mosman (25th)
Lindsey Parrish (27th)
Gene Smith (27th)
Sarah Kubler (28th)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
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Christ Chapel

Items of the month:
Peanut Butter & Canned
Vegetables



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Upcoming

Discover FBC Lunch

We love to help guests & new members begin a new season with us, and one of the best ways is through our "Discover FBC" Lunch. Our next lunch will be this 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

Our Church Family Picnic is Sunday, 9.30, at the big pavilion within the Fort O Gilbert Stephenson Park in Fort O. The fun begins at 4 pm and will include 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!

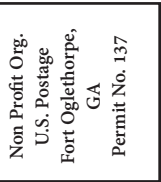
Creation Night

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.

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 are available at our main Welcome Center desk continuing this Sunday, 9.23.

Sep. 19 - Sep. 26



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

The power of intercession! Last week I began a new article series with you on how to become a faith multiplier without being pushy or annoying. We looked at some hard-to-believe numbers of what could happen if we shared our faith with others who, in turn, shared their faith with others on a weekly basis.

While the results are always up to God, the best we can be is faithful to the mission God has for us.

As we take this next step, consider the power of interceding for others. When it comes to sharing our faith, we most often think about reaching out to others on behalf of God. What if, however, we started by reaching out to God on behalf of others? This is

the opportunity of intercessory prayer.

Think of people you know who don't really know Jesus. Are you praying for them? Before you share with them, you can be lifting them up to God and asking God to move in their lives. Even the ones who will have nothing to do with God can do nothing to stop you from praying or God from moving. In time, you can come along side them and ask, "When I pray tonight, mind if I pray for you?" Rarely will they say, "no." Then you can begin to ask specifically how you can be praying, with opportunities to ask them how things are going soon thereafter. Think about how this will pave the way for more gospel-centered conversations as you continue praying for them.

And as you are interceding, remember that you have a high priest who is also interceding for you (see Hebrews 4:14-16). You can approach God with confidence, even on behalf of others, because of how Jesus is interceding for you! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 257
11 am Worship Attendance 263

Annual Budget 570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs 405,966.85
YTD Budget Giving 393,395.95

Total Receipts for the Week: 96,671.02
Weekly Budget Giving 11,947.01
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,730.00
Weekly Missions Giving 441.00

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.

Special Thanks

Pastor Jason and all the Thomas family express their sincere appreciation for the love and support you shared during the passing of his grandmother, Pauline "Nanaw" Thomas.

Discipleship

Bible studies will not give you eternal life. You could memorize the entire Bible and be able to discuss the smallest issues of biblical scholarship and yet fail to experience the Truth. **It is a deadly but subtle temptation to prefer the book to the Author.** A book will not confront you about your sin; the Author will. Books can be ignored and cherry-picked; it is much harder to avoid the Author when He is seeking a relationship with you. We can have a "high view" of scripture, but if our reading is not making Christ ultimate then we are reading it wrong.

The Pharisees in Jesus' day thought God would be pleased with their knowledge of His Word. They could quote long, complicated passages of Scripture. They loved to recite and study God's Law for hours on end. Yet Jesus strongly condemned them because, although they knew the Scriptures, they did not know God. Christ is the only



Andy Atkinson

way to know God. They were proud of their scriptural knowledge, but they rejected the invitation to know God's Son in the flesh.

Can you imagine yourself knowing all that God has promised to do in your life but then turning to something else instead? You may be tempted to turn to **substitutes**. These substitutes aren't necessarily bad things. They might include serving in the church, doing good deeds, or reading Christian books. But no amount of Christian activity will ever replace **your relationship with Jesus**. Never become satisfied with religious activity rather than a personal, vibrant, and dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. This will lead us towards the upside down Kingdom of God. Where we are challenged towards inner life change, not arrogance, not puffing our ego up, nor our definition of success.

Does your life reflect Christ being the genuine author and creator of your faith?

Student Spotlight

Patrick Everett



Wednesday Evenings: Sept 19 we will look at "The Cost of Discipleship" from Like 9:57-62. Parents and leaders, we have emailed the huddle group moments to you so you can engage well in the conversation. Next week, we will look at what Jesus means when he says "follow me" also from Luke 9. Please continue to invite your friends!

Sunday Bible Study: Be on the lookout for student surveys on Sunday. We are hoping to use these as a guide to planning activities in the new year!

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1

Clubhouse Friends: We are excited about our 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! We will be attending a special program in the Gathering Circle on October 3.

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!

The Point: We will have Kids' Worship this Sunday, 9.23 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

This past Sunday the Worship Choir and Orchestra presented a new anthem "As We Pray" which is loaded with spiritual truths. Let us examine some of them. I have taken some of the lyrics from the song and listed scripture that makes the song so powerful.

As we pray the darkness turns to light Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

As we pray the will of God and man align Luke 22:42 *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."*

With one voice Matthew 18:19 *Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.*

Let heaven's gates be opened, let words of life be spoken John 6:68 *Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

For only You can save us, Father as we pray to You Acts 4:12 *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

We lift one voice, to one God for one cause, that all may know You 1 Timothy 2:4 *(God) who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

Worship Well!

-Brad

Women's Ministry

The Women & Men's Camp

Lookout Retreat that was planned for 9.28-29 has been canceled due to illness and extenuating circumstances.

Planning Session: The next planning session for our Women's Ministry will be this 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 (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 Gathering 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.

Meet Steve & Carol Thompson

We are excited that Pastor Steve & Carol Thompson, our missionary friends from Ecuador, will be our special guests this Sunday, 9.23. They will be leading a devotion and share time in the downstairs Gathering Circle at 9:30 am, and

Pastor Steve will be preaching in the 6 pm Evening Service. We encourage our students & young adults to attend the morning share time, but all classes & groups are welcome to attend.

