

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, September 30

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration
4 pm Church Picnic @ Gilbert Stephenson

Tuesday, October 2

10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, October 3

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

Thursday, October 4

9:30 am Keenager Trip to Mercier Orchards

Saturday, October 6

8:15 am Mens' Breakfast & Motorcycle Ride

Find more info online at www.fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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

Oct.7-13
Bob Johnson
Don Pittman
Cathy Cox

Security

Sep.30-Oct. 6
Jeff Ingram
Tom Acker

Oct. 7-13
Shannon Born
Ken Lee

Greeters

Sep.30
Rena Caradine
Mickey Caradine
James Lee
Alisha Lee

Oct. 7
Sue Overlin
Jan Rosser
P. McDaniel
Gene McDaniel

Sunday, Sep. 30

LaunchPad

Next Sunday, Oct. 7

Babies Ally Grace Thomas
Stacy Thomas
1&2 yr olds Debbie Harp
Tiffani Brady
3 yr olds Heather Craig
Debra Stone
Welcome Debra Stone
Preble McDaniel

Babies Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
1&2 yr olds Lila Ferrell
Zoe Ferrell
3 yr olds LeAnn Alexander
Ela Alexander
Welcome Jane Hogsed

Prayer Concerns

Hospital Jenny Grant	Beth Daughtery Dawn Emous Pat Medearis	Mary Lou Brown Ken & Betty Goodner	Norma Carpenter Sharon Mullins Robbie & Louise Fletcher
Home Luke Daniels Steve Rosser Sherry McKenna Bimol Poole Tom Acker Larry & Cindy Shipp JoAnn Davis Jane Hogsed Ray Bell Jeanne Clark	Jerry Gann Angela Gann Laura Jones Ruth & Brian Wagoner Tommie Brock Betty Phillips Nell Smith Wanda McArthur Helen Epperson	Assisted Care Facility Louise Stinnett Lila Archer Dale Kinnison Eunice Mosman Bertha Pennington	

Birthdays

Alisha Lee (30th) George McDowell (30th) Carol Croft (1st) Bryan Malone (1st) Diedra Smith (1st) Rita parker (2nd) Ed Vickery (2nd)	Russell Harp (3rd) Tina Malone (3rd) Robbie Fletcher (6th) Brenda Grammer (6th) Holly Randall (6th) William Zearfaus (6th)
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Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
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Christ Chapel

Items of the month:
Peanut Butter & Canned
Vegetables



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Upcoming

Church Family Picnic

Our **Church Family Picnic** is this Sunday, 9.30, at the big pavilion within the 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 next 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.

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Get ready for our **BIG Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival** happening, Sunday, 10.28, from 4 to 6 pm. This will be a community "go" event, filled with lots of candy, games, music, hotdogs, and a petting zoo! You can sign up in our main Welcome Center to be a car participant, and we encourage you to donate wrapped candy and small baked goods. This is a great way for us to show love to our community!

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, 9.30.

Sep. 26 - Oct. 3

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

The power of intentional Kindness! Welcome back to our article series on how to become a faith multiplier without being pushy or annoying. So far, we've 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. And while the results are up to God, we were encouraged last week to begin with prayer. Instead of first going to others on behalf of God, we can start by going to God on behalf of others. There is power in prayer that intercedes on behalf of people who need Jesus! As we take this next step, consider the

power of intentional kindness. Jesus gave this new command to His original disciples who passed it down the line to us, **"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"** (John 13:34-35). Think about how the verb of love can open doors for you to share your faith in Jesus. This may sound simple enough, but it is hard to live out consistently. We get busy and we get grumpy and we can easily do things that damage our witness before we ever get a chance to be a good witness. Consider the opportunity before you ever walk into the room, whether your work place, the ball field, the doctor's office, or wherever you walk. Remember to love first. Start with kindness. Perhaps a smile, a helping hand, or a need met, will open the door to a church invite, and even better, a gospel conversation. -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 223
11 am Worship Attendance 259

Annual Budget 570,548.16
YTD Budget Needs 416,938.92
YTD Budget Giving 401,356.01

Total Receipts for the Week: 8,769.56
Weekly Budget Giving 7,960.06
Weekly Freedom Giving 556.50
Weekly Missions Giving 233.00

This Sunday's Message:

Engage Series: Part Three
"Ministry begins in the Home"
Jeremiah 29:1-6

Next Sunday's Message:

The Engage Series
Continues

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@fbco.org to make your reservation.

New Arrival

We are excited to announce that Tyler & Angie Davis welcomed their new baby girl, Mary Lynn on 9.21. Mary Lynn was born 7 lbs. 2 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. Proud sisters are Lyla, Eila and Kyla.

Discipleship

The Scriptures presents many **paradoxes** that challenge our human way of **thinking**. There is a point to this; for us to grow and not settle which leads to us not being dependent on Him. We think of the poor as possessing very little, yet Jesus said the riches of heaven belong to the poor in spirit. Self-reliance robs us of God's good gifts. The difficult part is that we tend to go back and forth. Jesus insisted that in order to follow Him, we must deny self. Then we are to abide in Him. As long as we rely on our own resources, we will never place our trust in Him. As we acknowledge the poverty of our humanity, we realize how desperately we need a Savior. Jesus declared: *"Repent! For the kingdom of heaven is near"* (Matt. 4:17). God has so much to give the one who recognizes his need and will call upon Jesus!

Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a



Andy Atkinson

needle than it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. He had just encountered the rich ruler, who valued his possessions so much that he could not give them up to follow Jesus (Luke 18:18-24). Jesus later encountered Zacchaeus, a wealthy, notorious sinner (Luke 19:1-10). Despite Zacchaeus's material wealth, he recognized his spiritual poverty and found salvation. **Jesus taught the disciples that true wealth is found in a relationship with God.**

Those who realize their inherent **spiritual poverty** apart from God will trust in Him, and He will enrich their lives immeasurably. It will lead them to abide in Him continually. Do not allow your resources, wisdom, talent, or abilities to prevent you from trusting Christ who **can bring you abundant life now and forever.**

Student Spotlight

Patrick Everett



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!

Turkey Bowl (Flag Football Tourney)

11-17 @ HMS - 8 am-3pm ish. 7 players on field at time (3 must be female). There will be a HS and MS division. It's incredibly fun! Contact Patrick if you are interested.

Picnic this Sunday afternoon Great recreation, great food, and great music!

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12

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. **Trunk-or-Treat:** Please visit one of our Welcome Centers to sign your vehicle up for our annual Trunk-or-Treat! You can also donate bags of wrapped candy!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Back in 1982 I was given a cassette tape of contemporary worship music. (Interestingly, what was considered contemporary in 1982 had already become dated within a decade. Music styles change, but the truths of God's word are time-less.) On that tape was a song that captured my heart, not because of the musical style, but because of the message from Psalm 5:1-3.

Psalm 5:1-3 *1 Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray. 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up expectantly.*

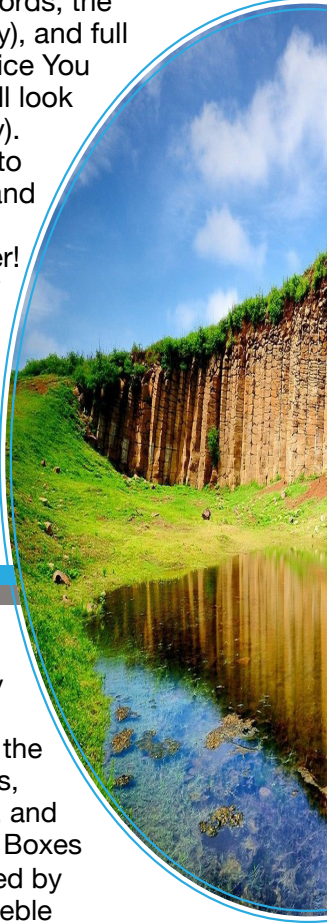
Crying out to God assumes that we consistently do it. Someone has stated, "If we cry out to God only when we are in trouble, we are in trouble." Our

prayer and cry to Him needs to be a daily lifestyle, rather than a need-based or even once-a-day occurrence.

Crying out to God isn't simply a cry for help. Our cry to God needs to be a cry of praise, a cry of confession, and a cry of intercession. It needs to be specific (my words; the voice of my cry), and full of faith (my voice You shall hear; I will look up expectantly).

Listen to our cry Lord, and we know that You will answer! **Worship Well!**

-Brad



Women's Ministry

Many new ministry events and opportunities are in the works and we invite you to get involved! **Craft night** is Tuesday, 10.2, from 6-8 p.m. in the downstairs Gathering Circle. We will be making earrings, one pair to keep and one to donate for the Craft Show in November.

Women's Breakfast is Saturday, 10.20 from 8-11 am. We will watch a video from the WOJ conference.

Cereal Boxes are being collected for an upcoming ministry

opportunity. They must be 10 to 13 inches tall. Open the flaps at both ends, flatten the boxes, and cut off the flaps. Boxes are being collected by Laura Jones & Preble McDaniel and can be turned into the Koinonia or Challenge Class Rooms until further storing arrangements are made.

Mens' Ministry

Prayer Breakfast - Our next Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, 10.6 at 8:15 am in our downstairs Gathering Circle. Invite a friend! Sons of Thunder will go for a ride after the breakfast.

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@fbco.org.

The Disciple Making Church

Join us for the Disciple Making Church Conference on Thursday, 11.15. This is a one-day conference from 9 am to 3 pm on the campus of First Baptist Lakeview. Pastor Ken Adams (who led our most recent Deacons' Retreat) will be the main

speaker. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. We encourage all deacons, teachers, and other leaders to attend. You can pay through the church office and RSVP at churchoffice@fbco.org.