

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, October 7

**9:30 am** Bible Study Groups & Classes  
**10:55 am** Morning Worship Celebration  
**6 pm** Evening Worship Service

## Monday, October 8

**10:30 am** Joyful Praise Singers Rehearsal

## Tuesday, October 9

**10:30 am** Keenagers' Meeting

## Wednesday, October 10

**5 pm** Wednesday Evening Meal  
**Baked Spaghetti Salad Dessert**  
**6 pm** Group Bible Studies  
 Kids Clubhouse Friends  
 Students 180 Pizza & Devotional  
**6:15 pm** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
**6:30 pm** Pastor's Prayer Service  
**7:15 pm** Worship Choir Rehearsal

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## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

**Oct. 7-13**  
 Bob Johnson  
 Don Pittman  
 Cathy Cox

**Oct. 14-20**  
 Donnie Lindsay  
 Nolan Richardson  
 Ray Cox

### Security

**Oct. 7-13**  
 Shannon Born  
 Ken Lee

**Oct. 14-20**  
 Tracy Smith  
 Wayne Daniels

### Wednesday Meal

**Oct. 10**  
 James Swafford  
 Fred Colwell  
 Dian Colwell  
 Sandra Mullins

**Oct. 17**  
 Wayne Rasbury  
 Charlie Rasbury  
 Sue Hughes  
 Elaine Steele

### Greeters

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

**Oct. 14**  
 Pat Medearis  
 M. Yatooma  
*Marlin Paulson*

### Sunday, Oct. 7 LaunchPad Next Sunday, Oct. 14

Babies	Scott O'Steen Dana O'Steen	Babies	Angie Smith Jackie Bell
1&2 yr olds	Lila Ferrell Zoe Ferrell	1&2 yr olds	Rena Caradine Heather parents
3 yr olds	LeAnn Alexander Ela Alexander	3 yr olds	Betty Parrish Brenda Jones
Welcome	Jane Hogsed	Welcome	Tiffani Brady

# Prayer Concerns

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

## Birthdays

Betty Goodner (8th)  
 Jeanette McKay (8th)  
 Tristan Mullins (9th)  
 Andy Key (11th)  
 Sharon Mullins (13th)  
 Steve Rosser (13th)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
 Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
 Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
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**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

**Christ Chapel**  
 Items of the month:  
 Peanut Butter & Canned Vegetables

## Welcome to the Family!

Tristian Lister  
 2013 Gail Street  
 Rossville, GA 30741

Eric Byrd  
 82 Camden Drive  
 Rossville, GA 30741



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## Upcoming

### Keenagers' Meeting

Calling all senior adults to our Keenagers' Lunch Meeting next Tuesday, 10.9, at 10:30 am. Entertainment will be the musical brother-sister team of Barry Odom and Elaine Lewis! It will be a time of encouragement and participation, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by Margaret Box. Also Flu Shots will be given beginning @ 10 am by CVS. Bring your insurance cards.

### 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!

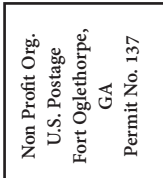
### Fall Yard Sale

We are excited to announce a special one-day Fall Yard Sale happening Friday, 11.2. The sale will be on our church campus in front of the big CERT Garage. We have plenty of "treasures," but are still collecting donations until Friday, 10.26. Contact Elaine Steele @ 423.903.2365 with any questions or to schedule a time to bring a donation.

### 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 next to our main Welcome Center desk continuing this Sunday, 10.7.

Oct. 3 - Oct. 10



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# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**The Art of Asking and Listening!** Welcome back to our article series on how to become a faith multiplier without being pushy or annoying. So far, we've looked at the difference we can make when we tap into the power of prayer and intentional kindness. When we remember to pray first and practice the art of intentional kindness, we will see all kinds of "doors" open up for greater gospel conversations. And as we take this next step and think about those conversations, we need to also remember the art of asking and listening.

I don't know about you, but I have never convinced anyone to follow

Jesus by winning an argument. Though the facts may be on our side as believers, people are often pushed away when we start unloading a bunch of facts on them. The time for facts and biblical truth will come, but rarely at the beginning of a conversation. Consider instead, how you can use questions and good listening to prepare a person to receive the facts and truth.

This will take time and patience, but asking and listening are ways to prepare the "soil" for the "seeds" of the gospel. When someone says that they do not believe in Jesus or the Bible, instead of debating, ask questions to find out why they don't believe. Asking and listening will help you understand where a person is coming from and how you can help them think through why they don't believe and how to see things differently. And at the same time, you are demonstrating that you genuinely care, which will "earn" you the privilege of sharing the truth.

-Jason



# Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

The prophet Isaiah told the story of a man with a vineyard on a fertile hill. The man cultivated the ground and removed the stones so that nothing would hinder the vines' growth. He planted only the best quality vines. He built a tower in the middle of the vineyard so he could watch for wild animals and intruders. He constructed a wine vat so that he would be ready for the ripe grapes. Then he waited. Rather than producing good grapes, however, the vineyard produced worthless ones. **God's provision, His protection, His patience has always been there.**

The story illustrates the relationship between God and His people. God has done everything necessary for us to produce an abundance of spiritual fruit in our lives. He saved us when we were without hope. He gave us His Holy Spirit to produce fruit in our lives (Gal. 5:22-23). He removed our sin so that we are free.

We have direct access to God through prayer. Jesus said that to whom much is given, much is expected (Luke 12:48). God is at work in our lives. But how are we responding?

Sometimes when we feel flat and wondering where is God, **we need to remember He has done His part and is waiting patiently.** The story reminds me of how deer hunting season is coming. Is deer hunting as simple as finding a tree and waiting on a deer to pass? Is that all there is to it? Of course not! It requires scouting, planning, clearing firing lanes, camouflaging yourself, and having the right equipment to produce the desired result. Spiritually, God has done all of that for you and **simply invites to come with Him** and be still, then aim and fire to produce the life He desires. His provision, His protection and His patience simply has to be trusted. Find encouragement in your salvation and thank God for His total provision.

-Andy



# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Colossians 2:8 instructs us: *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*

As Believers, everything we think, say, and do needs to be based on God's Word, rooted in God's Word, and expressing God's Word. God's Word is the only standard by which we should judge every thought, word, and action.

There is plenty of good-sounding information out in the world, but much of it is opposed to the principles of God's Word. For instance, the world says reject people who hurt you. God's Word tells us to forgive your brother 70x7 times. The world encourages us to re-post popular information (especially crime, wrong-doing,

and failure). God's Word tells us not to gossip.

Believers can be deceived by *good philosophy* which is not *biblical-based philosophy* (see verse). It creeps in to our thinking and lifestyle often because we are not diligently seeking to guard ourselves from the influence of the world.

Plus, we need to guard our worship to make sure that it is biblical, and not based on *deceptive philosophy and human tradition* (see verse).

Father, may Your Word be our main source of influence... **Worship Well!**

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance 224  
11 am Worship Attendance 238

Annual Budget 570,548.16  
YTD Budget Needs 427,911.00  
YTD Budget Giving 409,679.01

### This Sunday's Message:

An Unassuming Faith  
Matthew 8:5-13

### Next Sunday's Message:

The Engage Series  
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: 10,451.52  
Weekly Budget Giving 8,324.00  
Weekly Freedom Giving 1,426.00  
Weekly Missions Giving 206.00

## Announcements

**Joyful Praise Choir**  
Our Joyful Praise begin rehearsals for their Christmas Concert Tour on Monday, 10.8! We meet at 10:30 am in the Choir Room, through the main Welcome Center. In the month of November we will visit local care facilities to minister to the residents. We invite you to make a joyful noise with our Joyful Praise!

**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](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) to make your reservation.

**Guest Speaker**  
Our Student Ministry Intern, Donny Lewis, will be our guest speaker for the Evening Worship Service this Sunday, 10.7, at 6 pm. Come support Donny as he brings the Word and continues to grow in the ministry.

## Student Spotlight

Patrick Everett



### Next Wednesday, 10.10:

Due to Fall Break, we won't have the full 180 Worship Experience. Join us at 6 pm in the Gym, however, for pizza, games and a devotion.

### Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tourney:

11.17 @ HMS - 8 am - 3pm-ish. 7 players on field at time (3 must be

female). We can field a middle and high school team, but we need 10 guys and 5 girls per a team. Get with Patrick if you are interested, invite some friends to play!!

**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

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

**Clubhouse Friends:** We are excited about our new Worship curriculum! We begin at 6 pm and dismiss at 7:15 pm. Kids, invite all of your friends to join us in this time of worship and fun together! We will be attending a special program in the Gathering Circle on 10.3.

**Trunk-or-Treat:** Please visit one of our Welcome Centers to sign your vehicle up for our annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival: We need many volunteers! You can also donate bags of wrapped candy! Teens, you can get community service hours for volunteering for our church events. Please see Nichole Stookey for details on how you can help!

**The Point:** October dates for The Point are 10/14 and 10/28. Make plans to attend and invite your friends!

## Women's Ministry

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

**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 are being collected in the Koinonia or Challenge Class rooms until further storing arrangements are made.

## Mens' Ministry

**Prayer Breakfast** - Our next Prayer Breakfast is this 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@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.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@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org).