

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, October 21

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

Monday, October 22

- 10:30 am** Joyful Praise Singers Rehearsal
- 6 pm** NWGA Association Meeting

Wednesday, October 23

- 5 pm** Wednesday Evening Meal
Meat Loaf Pinto Beans
Mashed Potatoes Bread Dessert
- 6 pm** Group Bible Studies
Kids' Clubhouse Friends
ONE 80 Student Worship Experience
- 6:15 pm** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm** Pastor's Prayer Service
- 7:15 pm** Worship Choir Rehearsal

Find more info online at fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

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| Oct. 21-27
Scott O'Steen
Joyce Rogers
Linda Daniels | Oct. 28-Nov. 3
Paul Overlin
Jean Stone
Luke Daniels |
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Security

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| Oct. 21-27
Jimmy Boyett
Bob Rogers | Oct. 28-Nov. 3
Michael Ingram
Kris Kubler |
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Wednesday Meal

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| Oct. 24
Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Brenda Jones
Jean Stone | Oct. 31
Betty Parrish
Harold Parrish
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant |
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Greeters

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| Oct. 21
R. Nicholson
L. Nicholson
<i>Elaine Steele</i> | Oct. 28
Aurelia Little
Margaret Box
Brenda Jones |
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Sunday, Oct. 21	LaunchPad	Next Sunday, Oct. 28
Babies		Babies
1&2 yr olds	Stacy Thomas Ally Thomas	1&2 yr olds
3 yr olds	Dana O'Steen Scott O'Steen	3 yr olds
Welcome	Jane Hogsed	Welcome

Prayer Concerns

Hospital Sammy Austin	Sherry McKenna 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	Assisted Care Facility Bertha Pennington Joetta Roderick Lila Archer Dale Kinnison Eunice Mosman Norma Carpenter Sharon Mullins Robbie & Louise
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Birthdays

Sarah Montgomery (22nd) Bertha Pennington (22nd) Bimol Poole (22nd) Christina Thornton (22nd) Jeff Wright (23rd) Ava Grell (24th) Lynne Lance (24th)	Brad Lewis (25th) Cheryl McCurdy (25th) Jenny Pitts (25th) Nancy Austin (27th) Pat Medearis (27th) Gabe Paris (27th)
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Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
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Student Pastor - Patrick Everett
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Christ Chapel
Items of the month:
Peanut Butter &
Canned Vegetables



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Upcoming

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Get ready for our BIG **Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival** happening next Sunday, 10.28, from 4 to 6 pm. This will be a community "go" event, filled with lots of candy, games, music, hotdogs, and more! 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!

Special Ministry Opportunity

Pastor Patrick and a team from our Student Ministry will be leading a special hot chocolate give-away in one of our local neighborhoods on Wednesday, 10.31, from 5 to 8 pm. You are invited to participate with them that evening at the residence of 237 Overbrook Drive in Rossville, near Ridgeland High School. No RSVP is needed. Simply stop by and join the fun!

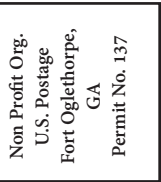
Fall Yard Sale

Mark your calendar for our special 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

We are getting 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. 17 - Oct. 24



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Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Guide to the Open Doors!
Welcome back to our article series on how to be a faith multiplier without being pushy or annoying. So far, we've been encouraged to pray for and show kindness to others, as well as, asking questions and listening well. We've also seen the importance of sharing our life story through the



lens of the gospel. If you are prayerful and intentional, God will give you opportunities to share your story and bless other people! As we take this final step in our series, consider the open doors that will help new people find life-changing connections with our church family. The open door used to be simply having a

parking area and Sunday morning worship service. "If you built it they would come," was the unspoken motto. Our culture today, however, is much different. Personal relationships and personal invites through those relationships are necessary for church, and more importantly, kingdom growth.

A sincere invitation will make all the difference. Remember that Jesus invited the first disciples to "come and see" in John 1:39. Imagine what would happen if each one of us invited someone, and not only invited them, but promised to meet them on campus and sit with them during the worship experience! If that is too big of a first step, encourage them to visit our church family web page at www.fbcfo.org. Whatever it takes, you and I can be shepherds who guide people to the open doors of a life-changing relationship with Jesus. I can't wait to see what God does through us! -Jason

The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	225
11 am Worship Attendance	257
Annual Budget	570,548.00
YTD Budget Needs	449,855.15
YTD Budget Giving	434,456.77
Total Receipts for the Week:	12,839.19
Weekly Budget Giving	9,494.30
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,200.00
Weekly Missions Giving	202.00

This Sunday's Message:

Engage: By Staying True to God's Word
Jeremiah 29:1-9

Next Sunday's Message:

The Engage Series
Continues

Announcements

2 Special Sundays

We're inviting all of our adult Sunday School and Small Groups to the downstairs Gathering Circle at 9:30 am on Sundays 11.4 and 11.11, for a special Bible study & discussion on Gospel Generosity. This will be part of our 2019 Budget preparation. You will enjoy this friendly and engaging study!

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.

The Bullpen

Imagine having so many teachers in our Kids' Ministry that they could rotate serving a month and attending an adult Sunday School Class a month! The first step is our "**Bullpen**" Substitute List, which will give you an opportunity to sub in and get a taste of the ministry. Email nicholes@fbcfo.org.

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Pride will tempt you to think that you do not need to seek God's assistance. Self-regard will seek to convince you that you can handle your dilemma through your own wisdom, resources, and hard work. Pride will also rob glory from God and seek to give it to you. Don't allow your pride to take what rightfully belongs to the Lord. Call upon your Lord and wait exclusively upon Him to rescue you. Then give Him the glory that He deserves.

Did you know that you bring glory to God by calling upon Him when you are in distress? God promised He would deliver you if you turned to Him. You deny the Lord honor that is rightfully His every time you find yourself in difficulty and you fail to call upon Him for help! Trouble is a matter of when not if. There may be times when God allows you to reach a point of need so that you can call upon



Him, and thus let Him demonstrate to a watching world the difference He makes in the lives of His children. If God never allowed you to experience need, people around you might never have the opportunity to witness God's provision in the life of a Christian. If you never faced a shortfall, you might be tempted to feel self-sufficient and without any need of God in your daily life.

Self-sufficiency can greatly hinder your ability to experience God and bring Him honor. The next time you are in distress, turn to Him! Do not let shame become an obstacle to turning to Him no matter what circumstances you face. He knows your trouble and is not surprised by your need. The Christian life is not about how great you are but about what God can do through you. To do this requires being dependent on only on Him.

Student Spotlight

Patrick Everett



Thanks: Thank you for our FBCFO for coming out to support the teens at our first Fundraiser Luncheon. The teens are super excited about the Xtreme Conference and Merge Missions Camp. Thank you again for your support as we cannot have these moments of discipleship and service without your continued support.

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

"When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness." Proverbs 31:26

Trunk-or-Treat: Our Fesitval will be on October 28 from 4-8pm. Please visit one of our Welcome Centers to sign your vehicle up for our annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival: We need many volunteers! Cars need to be in place by 3pm. You can also donate bags of wrapped candy! Teens, you can get community

LaunchPad: We will be rallying together to fill up our LaunchPad Nursery schedule for next year. Please be in prayer of the 3 dates you will be able to help! I will have a schedule out soon that you can use to sign up. Thanks for your support and investing in our kids!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Worship as Warfare.

There is a curious verse that begins Psalm 144: *Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.*

Did you know that God has called us to do battle for His Kingdom? Our duty as Believers is not to have our sins forgiven and then live our lives seeking pleasure until we are called to heaven. Rather, we are commissioned to be His warriors for the Gospel in this dark world. But our weapons are not traditional weapons of war. Our weapons are *prayer* and *praise*.

2 Corinthians 10:4 says: *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.* Look back to Psalm 144, and you can see that it is a prayer, crying out to God to show Himself

strong to defeat the enemies of our lives.

Verse 9 calls us to sing and play praise: *I will sing a new song to you, my God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you.* We defeat the enemies of our lives by singing praise, playing praise music, and by singing new songs of praise. That is the formula for victory!

Prayer, and new songs of praise are our greatest weapons. May we use them skillfully and consistently as we fight the spiritual battle we have been called to... **Worship Well.**

-Brad



Women's Ministry

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

Cereal Boxes are being collected. They must be 10 to 13 inches tall. Open the flaps at both ends, flatten the boxes, and cut off the flaps. Bring your boxes to the Koinonia or Challenge Class rooms.

Sew Much More

is hosting the Heavenly Homemade Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, 11.17, from 9 am to 4 pm in our downstairs Gathering Circle. Set up will be Friday, 11.16. Bring baked goods that day to donate, and craft donations by Monday, 11.5.

Mens' Ministry

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.

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.