

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, November 18

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes

10:55 am Morning Worship Celebration

5 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, November 19

9:30 am Joyful Praise @ Morning Point

Tuesday, November 20

9 am Campus Christmas Decorating

Wednesday, November 21

Church Office closed at noon

No Evening Activities

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

Find more info online at fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Nov. 18-24

Becky Pennington
Ronnie Born
Hank Humphrey

Nov. 25-Dec. 1

Kerry Pennington
Mary Jo Case
Patrice Humphrey

Wednesday Meal

Nov. 21

**No Church
Activities**

Nov. 28

Charles Helton
Nancy Smith
Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen

Security

Nov. 18-24

Tracy Smith
Wayne Daniels

Nov. 25-Dec. 1

Jimmy Boyett
Bob Rogers

Greeters

Nov. 18

Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen
Dolores Tant

Nov. 25

Cindy Daniels
Jean Stone
James Lee
Alisha Lee

Sunday, Nov. 18 LaunchPad

Babies Madison Stookey
Joyce Rogers
1&2 yr olds Jane Hogsed
Lindsay Brooks
3 yr olds Cheryl McCurdy
Laura Jones
Welcome Shelly Brooks

Next Sunday, Nov. 25

Babies Amber White
Erie Stookey
1&2 yr olds Holly Trotter
Morgan Trotter
3 yr olds Blanca Zearfaus
Jason Zearfaus
Welcome Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

Hospital
Lucille Daniels

Home

Casey
Rowland
Amber Walker
Nell Smith
Ginny Grant
Jane Hogsed
Louise
Stinnett
Luke Daniels
Kirklynn
Bethune
Steve Rosser

Sherry McKenna
Larry & Cindy Shipp
JoAnn Davis
Jeanne Clark
Beth Daughtery
Trey Baldwin
Dawn Emous
Pat Medearis
Jerry Gann
Angela Gann
Laura Jones
Wayne Honeycutt

Ruth & Brian Wagoner
Tommie Brock
Betty Phillips
Wanda McArthur
Helen Epperson
Mary Lou Brown
Ken & Betty Goodner
John Stewart

Assisted Care
Sammy Austin

Lila Archer
Bertha Pennington
Joetta Roderick
Lila Archer
Dale Kinnison
Eunice Mosman
Norma Carpenter
Sharon Mullins
Robbie Fletcher

Birthdays

Stacy Thomas (18th)
Abby Thompson (18th)
Rosemary Crawford (19th)
Bruce Underwood (19th)
Dolores Tant (20th)

Colin Wright (20th)
Doris White (20th)
Austin Maslanik (24th)
Judy Shipley (24th)

Staff

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

Welcome to the Family!

Ms. Brenna Wells
604 S. Crest RD
Chattanooga, TN 37404



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Upcoming

Heavenly Craft & Bake Sale

Join us this Saturday, 11.17, from 9 am to 4 pm in the Family Life Gymnasium for the Heavenly Homemade Craft and Vendors Sale. There will be crafts, Christmas decorations, jewelry, jellies and so much more! Baked goods will also be available. (Bring your baked goods for donation on Friday, 11/16). All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and our "Free to Be" Campaign!

OCC Shoebox Collection Ministry

Our Christmas Shoebox collection continues this week through next Monday, 11.19. Once again, our church campus is a collection center for the entire community. Bring your boxes this Saturday from noon to 4 pm or this Sunday all morning through 4 pm. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus through this special ministry!

Looking Forward to 2019!

Our Finance Team is leading the way as we look ahead to greater ministry opportunities in 2019. That is what our 2019 Ministry Operations Budget is all about. Join us in praying for wisdom, discipline, and how each family can contribute to make greater ministry happen for the glory of God and the good of our community. We will confirm the 2019 Budget this Sunday morning as part of our Morning Worship Celebration.

Christmas Community Dinner

Mark your calendar for our BIG Christmas Community Dinner happening Saturday, 12.8.18. We invite you to a brief planning and interest meeting for all volunteers happening this Sunday right after our Morning Worship Celebration. We will meet in the Lydia Room near the main Welcome Center.

Nov. 14 - Nov. 21

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Innovation is Important!
Welcome back to our article series addressing some of the cultural trends happening around us. We live in a season in which the culture is changing, and as I've mentioned before, there are many examples of industries all around us that have been revolutionized or brought to extinction with the rise of new technologies. Changes like these should move us to consider, without sacrificing our biblical integrity, how can we further our mission in an ever-changing culture?
Last week I encouraged us to think about building and sustaining relationships with people beyond our physical campus. This is a move that is

already happening with seminaries and universities. They have learned how to expand their student relationships without building new campus buildings.
Again I emphasize the importance of having a physical gathering that happens consistently on our church campus. Yet, as our mission is about leading people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus, we should also consider how new innovations can help us expand our influence. What innovations do you see that might be helpful? Consider Bible studies that happen in people's homes. We call those LifeGroups. Consider us creating an FBC app for everyone to have instant connection with us on their smart phones. Consider live-streaming our worship services for people to worship with us even when they can't physically be here. God can use these innovations as He used the Koine Greek language and Roman infrastructure over 2,000 years ago. Just think! -Jason



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	166	This Sunday's Message: "Fulfilled in Christ!" Series Introduction Luke 24:44-49 Next Sunday's Message: New Christmas Series Cont. Festivals: Fulfilled in Christ
11 am Worship Attendance	219	
Annual Budget	570,548.00	
YTD Budget Needs	493,743.46	
YTD Budget Giving	471,606.01	
Total Receipts for the Week:	15,297.87	
Weekly Budget Giving	10,275.65	
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,447.50	
Weekly Missions Giving	252.00	

Announcements

Sunday Evenings Pecan Fundraiser
Beginning this Sunday for the winter season, our Sunday Evening Worship Service will meet in the downstairs Gathering Circle at 5 pm. We invite you to come for classic hymns, prayer, finger-foods, and an enriching time in the Word of God.
The pecans have arrived for our Keenagers' Annual Pecan Fundraiser. Each bag is only \$12. Contact Rena Honeycutt @ 706.866.2497 or Nolan & Dolores Richardson @ 423.580.4679 to get your pecans before they run out!

Christmas Angel Tree
Stop by the main Welcome Center beginning this Sunday to pick your Angel from our Angel Sharing Tree. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to mark which Angel (by number) that you picked. Return all gifts unwrapped to the base of the tree by Sunday, 12.9. All gifts will go to benefit families here in our Fort O community. Thank you for sharing in this ministry!

Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Thanksgiving is an important precursor to Christmas in an important way. Giving thanks is a heart posture of openness to God. There are things that we have built up that close ourselves up to God. Bitterness has a tenacious way of taking root deep within the soul and resisting all efforts to weed it out. Bitterness occurs for many reasons. It might come from deep hurts you received as a child, hurts you cannot forget. Time, rather than diminishing the hurt, only seems to sharpen the pain. Bitterness can result from the hurtful words of a friend or coworker. Often the person who hurt you is unaware of the extent of your bitterness. You find yourself rehearsing the offense over and over again, each time driving the root of bitterness deeper within your soul. Bitterness can derive from a sense of being unjustly treated. Thankfulness is a soothing spiritual ointment that we need to be prepared to receive God's gifts.



Bitterness is easy to justify. You can get so used to a bitter heart that you are even comfortable with it, but it will destroy you. Only God is fully aware of its destructive potential. There is nothing so deeply imbedded in your heart that God's grace cannot reach down and remove it. No area in your life is so painful that God's grace cannot bring total healing. No offense committed against you is so heinous that God's love cannot enable you to forgive.
When you allow bitterness to grow in your life, you reject the grace of God that can free you. If you are honest before God, you will admit the bitterness and allow God to forgive you. Bitterness enslaves you, but God is prepared to remove your bitterness and replace it with His peace and joy. Being thankful can be a struggle. But realize accomplishing a thankful posture will be a fruit of its own.

Student Spotlight

ONEIGHTY
Turkey Bowl - Saturday, 11.17, at Heritage High School. This will be a fun day of flag football for boys and girls. Email patrick@fbcfo.org if you would like to attend or participate.
Winter Xtreme Conference - Monday, 12.31 - Thursday, 1.3 in Gatlinburg. Sign up in the Youth House ASAP. A \$50 deposit is due. See Patrick for details.
Fundraiser Lunch - 12.2 after the Morning Worship Celebration. Students will need to be here by 9am with desserts.

Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you" Philippians 1:3
Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree will be up in the main Welcome Center Sunday morning! Please pick an angel and sign the list with your name and unique angel number. All gifts should be returned under the tree unwrapped with the angel attached by Sunday, 12.9. Email

nicholes@fbcfo.org if you have any questions.

Christmas Skate: We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Christmas Skate Party on Sunday, 12.16 from 5-7 pm at the Roller Coaster Skate World. Please mark your calendars and be ready to invite your friends!

Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

This Sunday our Worship Choir and Orchestra will lead us with a powerful arrangement of Psalm 23. In preparation for Sunday, I encourage you to spend the next days reading and meditating on the Psalm, but with a completely different perspective then you have looked at Psalm 23 in the past.
Psalm 23 is full of wonderful words of comfort and encouragement! We've heard them shared at funeral services and in hospital rooms. We've shared the comfort of Psalm 23 with others when they needed a word of encouragement. Many of us have memorized the Psalm. It truly is powerful!
I believe the main reason we love Psalm 23 so much is because it meets important needs in our lives, and provides comfort and strength when we need it. Our focus many times is on our needs, our hurts, our problems, and our distress.

Try this: Instead of looking for the "me", "my" and "I" words in Psalm 23, focus on the characteristics of God that are mentioned. And then declare those attributes of God as a prayer: You are Shepherd, You are Provider, You are Leader, Your Name is exalted, You are Protector, You are Comforter, You are Anointer, You are Overflow, You are Goodness, You are Mercy, You are Consistent, You are Eternal!
Consider ending your meditation and prayer with a declaration, "I bless Your Holy Name!"
Worship Well!
-Brad



Women's Ministry

Sew Much More is hosting the Heavenly Homemade Craft & Bake Sale this Saturday, 11.17, from 9 am to 4 pm in our Family Life Gymnasium. Set up will be Friday, 11.16, at 3 pm. Bring baked goods that day to donate, and bring craft donations as soon as possible.
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.

Men's Ministry

Prayer Breakfast: Men of all ages are invited to our next Prayer Breakfast happening Saturday, 12.1, at 8:30 am in our downstairs Gathering Circle.
Helping Hands: If you need help with small jobs in and around your home, call on our Men's Ministry team for a helping hand. You can reach us by emailing churchoffice@fbcfo.org or by

Shoebox Day-Trip Ministry

We have two remaining spots open if you would like to be part of the day-trip to the OCC Processing Center in Atlanta. It all begins at 9 am on Thursday, 11.29. We will meet on our church campus and ride together with lunch around noon and then a 4 hour shift at the center, followed by dinner and a return to our campus around 9 pm. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org if you would like to go.