

This Week @ FBC

Sunday, December 2

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes

10:50 am Morning Worship Celebration

12:15 pm Camp Fundraiser Lunch

5 pm Evening Worship & LifeGroups

Monday, December 3

9:30 am Joyful Praise @ NHC Ft. Oglethorpe

Tuesday, December 4

10:30 am Women on Mission

Wednesday, December 5

5 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

Spaghetti Salad Bread Desert

6 pm Group Bible Studies

Kids' Clubhouse Friends

One-80 Student Worship

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Service

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 8

Christmas Community Dinner

Find more info online at fbcfo.org

Our Volunteers

Deacons of the Week

Dec. 2-8

Don Pittmann
John Collison
Bob Johnson

Dec. 9-15

Nolan Richardson
Cathy Cox
Donnie Lindsay

Security

Dec. 2-8

Michael Ingram
Kris Kubler

Dec. 9-15

Jeff Ingram
Tom Acker

Wednesday Meal

Dec. 5

James Swafford
Fred Colwell
Dian Colwell
Sandra Mullins

Dec. 12

Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Sue Hughes
Elaine Steele

Greeters

Dec. 2

Donna Lindsay
Donnie Lindsay
Cindy Daniels

Dec. 9

Shelly Brooks
Pam Bethune
Marlin Paulson

Sunday, Dec. 2

Babies

1&2 yr olds

3 yr olds

Welcome

LaunchPad

Cheryl McCurdy
Kim Flegal
Melissa Pittman
Madeline Pittman
Becky Pennington
Callie Stookey
Jane Hogsed

Next Sunday, Dec. 9

Babies

1&2 yr olds

3 yr olds

Welcome

Madison Stookey
Julie Wright
Lila Ferrell
Zoe Ferrell
Donna Lindsay
Donnie Lindsay
Tiffani Brady

Prayer Concerns

Hospital

Louise Stinnett
Sharon Mullins

Home

Ray Bell
Louise Crane
Carrie Wells
Sue Hughes
Louise Pendley
James & Kaye
Swafford
Casey
Rowland
Kevin McCurdy

Nell Smith
Jane Hogsed
Luke Daniels
Steve Rosser
Sherry McKenna
Larry & Cindy Shipp
JoAnn Davis
Jeanne Clark
Beth Daughtery
Trey Baldwin
Dawn Emous
Pat Medearis
Jerry Gann
Angela Gann

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

Assisted Care

Lila Archer
Bertha Pennington
Joetta Roderick
Lila Archer
Dale Kinnison
Eunice Mosman
Norma Carpenter
Robbie Fletcher
Glenda Duncan

Birthdays

Callie Stookey (30th)
Emily Young (30th)
Nan Maxwell (1st)
Nicholas Parente (1st)
Micah Young (2nd)
Mary Davis (3rd)

Chris McDowell (3rd)
Bobbie Graham (4th)
Carole Bolling (5th)
Pat Long (5th)
B.J. Pack (5th)
Ron Bethune (7th)

Ronnie Born (8th)
Mike Mead (8th)

Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Student Pastor - Patrick Everett
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey
Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram
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Pastoral Emergency Line

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Christ Chapel

Items for December:
Pasta & Soups

Welcome to the Family!

Cliff & Jean Floyd
153 Three Notch Road
Ringgold, GA 30736

Tracey & Chloe Leamon
105 Perrin Avenue
Rossville, GA 30741



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Upcoming

Christmas Community Dinner

Our BIG Christmas Community Dinner happens next Saturday, 12.8. This is an all-day ministry event with food preparation in our downstairs Gathering Circle and meal deliveries happening all around our North Georgia community. Volunteers are needed now to begin making phone calls for meal reservations. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org to get involved.

Lord's Supper in December

As part of our "Fulfilled in Christ" Christmas Sermon Series, we will celebrate with the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, 12.9. Let's be praying ahead for that Sunday and for God to bring salvation moments in and through us during this special Christmas season. Stay tuned for news about a church planter from Uganda who will be with us on Sunday evening, 12.9.

Excited about Ministry in 2019!

We have so much to be excited about when it comes to ministry in 2019, from our weekly Gathering & Growing moments, to our weekly Y-Link After School Ministry moments, and our special Come & See Egg Fest, VBS, Trunk or Treat and Christmas moments. Thank you for saying "YES" to these key gospel moments and many more by confirming and supporting our 2019 Ministry Budget. Together with God's Spirit, we will experience greater ministry in 2019!

"First Christmas" on Christmas Eve

Imagine our main Worship Center filled to capacity with all of our church family and the people we have invited to celebrate Christmas and experience the life-changing hope of the gospel! That is the vision of our "First Christmas" on Christmas Eve with a special worship time of 5 pm. Let's pray now for that special experience happening Monday, 12.24, at 5 pm.

Nov. 28 - Dec. 5

Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Are we feeling the flow?
Imagine with me a large flowing river that is fueled by the momentum of millions of gallons of water, but is missing the river banks needed to guide its direction. In some places the water would carve its own trail and flow together in a mostly uniform direction. In other places, however, the water would go its own way and eventually form puddles and ponds along the way.

I share this visual with you because I believe that many church families are missing out on the flow and are becoming “puddles and ponds” along the way. The flow and the momentum come from the Spirit of

God and being on mission with the Spirit of God. As His church, God has given us all the vision, power, and motivation that we need. The “river” of God’s worldwide mission is ongoing and is set before us, ready for us to jump in. I believe our church family is jumping into the flow, and in this new article series, we will discuss the values that form the “river banks” that keep us moving in the flow, in God’s missional direction.

I shared this opening thought about values with you last week: What if we valued passion over perfection, courage over comfort, people over programs, growth over going through the motions, outward focus over ourselves, excellence over excuses, and mission over money? Consider how those types of values would guide our flow and help us stay focused on what matters most to God. I will share more on our key gospel values starting next week. Have a wonderful week in the flow of God’s mission! -Jason



The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	204	
11 am Worship Attendance	234	
Annual Budget	570,548.00	
YTD Budget Needs	515,687.62	This Sunday's Message:
YTD Budget Giving	488,376.09	Special Message from Pastor Patrick Everett
Total Receipts for the Week:	12,354.20	
Weekly Budget Giving	9,903.20	Next Sunday's Message:
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,944.00	Fulfilled in Christ:
Weekly Missions Giving	289.00	"The Passover Experience"

Announcements

Special Thanks
Let’s all share a BIG “Thank you” to Mrs. Debra Stone and her team for leading our Christmas Shoebox Collection Ministry. With their love & hard work, we collected 3,808 shoeboxes. These were a big part of the 14,979 boxes collected in our entire North Georgia area!

Pecan Fundraiser
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 to pick your Angel from our Angel Sharing Tree. There is 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

Did you know that we bring glory to God by calling upon Him when we are in distress? God promised He would deliver us if we turned to Him. We deny the Lord honor that is rightfully His every time we find ourself in difficulty and we fail to call upon Him for help! 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. **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.

We are turning from a season of thanksgiving to hope. We will want to have a good heart to see those who are in need. To do so we must

understand what it is like to be in need ourselves.

The ego will tempt us to think that we do not need to seek God’s assistance. Self-regard will seek to convince us that we can handle our dilemma through our own wisdom, resources, and hard work. Pride will rob glory from God and seek to give it to you. There is something bigger than me and you. Don’t allow our pride to take what rightfully belongs to the Lord.

Call upon our Lord and wait exclusively upon Him to rescue us. Then give Him the glory that He deserves. Christmas season is about hope. This hope is grounded in preparation and expectation. Self-sufficiency can greatly hinder your ability to experience God and bring Him honor. This week when you are in a time of distress, turn to Him authentically and simply!



Andy Atkinson

Worship & More...

This coming Sunday our Worship Choir & Orchestra will begin our worship service with a powerful arrangement of the popular Christmas hymn “Joy To The World”. One of the lines of the song begs for congregational participation: *And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.* As part of God’s creation and as citizens of heaven we are exhorted to sing!

Did you know that this hymn was written by Issac Watts in 1719, and is based on Psalm 98, and Psalm 96: 11-12. I encourage you to read these scriptures several times before Sunday. I believe that you will have a new and deeper perspective on praising God in song, especially during this Christmas season.

Verse 3 of Psalm 98 says: *The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.* How does the Lord do that? God’s

Brad Lewis

salvation is made known when God’s creation (including us) and all of heaven (again us) sing praises to Him!

Consider this: *Passionate worship is attractive. You influence others as you worship, because your passion draws people to Christ.* Although our worship is for the purpose of exalting the Lord, a benefit of worship is that when others see us worshipping passionately, they too will feel a freedom to join in and worship. And, unbelievers will be drawn to people who are passionately worshipping: Christ. **Worship Well!**

-Brad



Student Spotlight

ONEIGHTY

Patrick Everett
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.

Christmas Dinner - Delivery 12.8 10-2. Come and serve in our community!

Christmas Party - 12.12 during Oneighty. Come for games, food, and a great time! We will have the party during our normal **Oneighty** time from 6:15 to 7:25.

Children's Headlines

"When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy."
Psalm 94:19

Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree is up in the main Welcome Center! 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.

The Point: Our next Kids Worship will be on December 16. Make plans to be with us for this dynamic Worship Celebration that is just for Kids!!

Nichole Stookey

Women's Ministry

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 Prayer Breakfast happening this 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 phone at (706) 866-0232.

Lottie Moon for World Missions

Lottie Moon was a dynamic missionary in China in the late 1800’s, and the Christmas offering that bears her name is one of the best ways to support God’s world-wide gospel mission. Our 2019 goal is \$16,500, and every penny of this offering will go directly to fuel the people whom God has raised up to plant churches and reach new people all around the world. Thank you for helping us support this important cause!