

# This Week @ FBC

**Sunday, December 9**

**8 am** Deacons Meeting

**9:30 am** Bible Study Groups & Classes

**10:50 am** Morning Worship Celebration - Lord's Supper

**5 pm** Evening Worship & LifeGroups  
Special Speaker from Uganda

**Monday, December 10**

**10:30 am** Joyful Praise @ Parkside

**Tuesday, December 11**

**10:30 am** Keenagers' Meeting

**Wednesday, December 12**

**5 pm** Wednesday Evening Meal

**Salisbury Steak Pinto Beans**

**Mashed Potatoes Bread Dessert**

**6 pm** Group Bible Studies

Kids' Clubhouse Friends

One-80 Student Worship

**6:15 pm** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

**6:30 pm** Monthly Business Meeting

**7:15 pm** Worship Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 13**

**6 pm** First Blessing Preschool Christmas Program

## Our Volunteers

### Deacons of the Week

**Dec. 9-15**

Nolan Richardson  
Cathy Cox  
Bob Johnson

**Dec. 16-22**

Joyce Rogers  
Ray Cox  
Scott O'Steen

### Security

**Dec. 9-15**

Jeff Ingram  
Tom Acker

**Dec. 16-22**

Shannon Born  
Ken Lee

### Wednesday Meal

**Dec. 12**

Wayne Rasbury  
Charlie Rasbury  
Sue Hughes  
Elaine Steele

**Dec. 19**

Donnie Lindsay  
Donna Lindsay  
Brenda Jones  
Jean Stone

### Greeters

**Dec. 9**

Shelly Brooks  
Pam Bethune  
Marlin Paulson

**Dec. 16**

Cindy Shipp  
Joyce Rogers  
Elaine Steele

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

**LaunchPad**

Babies  
1&2 yr olds  
3 yr olds  
Welcome

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

**Next Sunday, Dec. 16**

Babies  
1&2 yr olds  
3 yr olds  
Welcome

Holly Randall  
Rob Randall  
Cheryl McCurdy  
Amber White  
Jane Hogsed  
Laura Jones  
Preble McDaniel

# Prayer Concerns

### Hospital

JoAnn Davis  
Jeanne Clark  
Beth  
Daughtery  
Trey Baldwin  
Dawn Emous  
Pat Medearis  
Jerry Gann  
Angela Gann  
Wayne

Helen  
Epperson  
Mary Lou  
Brown  
Ken & Betty  
Goodner  
John Stewart

Dale Kinnison  
Eunice  
Mosman  
Norma  
Carpenter  
Robbie  
Fletcher  
Glenda Duncan

### Home

Louise Stinnett  
Ray Bell  
Louise Crane  
Louise Pendley  
Casey  
Rowland  
Kevin McCurdy  
Nell Smith  
Jane Hogsed  
Steve Rosser  
Larry & Cindy  
Shipp

Honeycutt  
Ruth & Brian  
Wagoner  
Tommie  
Brock  
Betty Phillips

### Assisted Care

Sharon Mullins  
Lila Archer  
Bertha  
Pennington  
Joetta  
Roderick  
Lila Archer

## Birthdays

Dedee McMahan (11th)  
Billy Smith (12th)  
Wayne Daniels (14th)  
Luther Nicholson (14th)  
Sue Overlin (14th)

Margaret Box (15th)  
Joan Lewis (15th)  
Cindy Shipp (17th)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Student Pastor - Patrick Everett  
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey  
Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram  
Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins  
Treasurer - Darlene Lane

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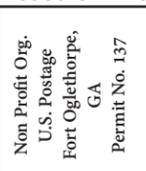
**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

### Christ Chapel

Items for December:  
Pasta & Soups

### Welcome to the Family!

Ms. Linda Martin  
206 Roberts Drive  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742



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# First Baptist Church

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## Upcoming

### Christmas Community Dinner

Our BIG Christmas Community Dinner happens this 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 on Saturday to help with food preparation, packaging, and deliveries. Join us in the Circle anytime from 6 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

### Lord's Supper this Sunday

As part of our "Fulfilled in Christ" Christmas Sermon Series, we will take a special look at the Old Testament Passover this Sunday morning, 12.9, in our 10:50 am Worship Celebration. Let's be praying for that moment and for the Lord's Supper celebration that will be the highlight of our service.

### Pastor Vincent from Uganda

Join us this Sunday evening at 5 pm in our downstairs Gathering Circle for a special message from Pastor Vincent Victors of Uganda, Africa. Pastor Vincent will share about his church planting ministry in Uganda and how he came to believe in Jesus despite his Muslim background. He has a very powerful ministry and personal life story that you will not want to miss.

### "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.

**Dec. 5 - Dec. 12**

# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**There is great value in shared values!** When Paul wrote to the believers who were living in Rome, he knew the importance of having common values. Though he had never previously been to Rome or met these people in person, he wanted to make sure that they shared the same value concerning the good news about Jesus. He expressed it this way, **“That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile” (Rom. 1:15-16).**



We can expect amazing things to happen when we share the same values. Having shared values is the glue that holds us together. It is the compass that guides our direction. It is the standard by which we function. It is the distinction that gives us our identity. And as we continue our newsletter series on common values, let's begin to more clearly identify the values that we hold dear.

I began this conversation with our staff ministry team a few months ago, and using the word "GOSPEL," we articulated our values as follows: Growing in our walk with Jesus, having an Otward focus, being Spirit empowered, putting People over programs, pursuing Excellence in all that we do, while always Leading courageously. These are values that we cherish and believe will help us champion our church mission of leading people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. I'll discuss more next week! -Jason

# Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

Vice President of Leadership for Chick fi la, Mark Miller has said *“There is no value in assessment. The value is in how you respond to the assessment.”* We are accustomed to having our progress measured in many ways. We are given tests in school, evaluations at work, and physical examinations by our doctors. Yet we may never measure our spiritual or social growth. As Jesus grew from an infant to a youth to an adult, he *“increased in stature”* with God and men. The better people knew Jesus, the more they trusted Him. They admired His wisdom and appreciated His compassion. Likewise, as Jesus grew in His relationship with His heavenly Father, He continued to please Him. Life change is a response to Christ from a heart that grows to be like Him.

The apostle Paul said that when he was a new Christian, he behaved as a spiritual child, but as he matured in his faith, he began to act like a spiritual adult (1 Cor.

13:11). There is nothing wrong with acting like a baby when you are an infant, but it is the obligation of every believer to strive for maturity (Heb. 6:1). When you are a new believer, you will not always know how to relate to others in a spiritually mature way. You may battle with envy, anger, or unforgiveness. But the longer you walk with Christ, the more you should relate to others as He does. As you are conformed to the image of Christ, your heavenly Father will become increasingly satisfied with your obedience to Him, as the Father was with His Son.

It is helpful for you to measure the progress in your spiritual life from time to time. Ask mature Christians around you if your actions reveal spiritual maturity.

Ask God to evaluate your spiritual maturity and to see that you never become satisfied with less than a fully developed relationship with Him.

-Andy



# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

One of our favorite Christmas hymns (which is actually my most favorite one) is the hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful.” It is a beloved song, with a powerful message moving people from the celebration of Christ's birth to our unrestrained worship of Him.

Although the words are attributed to various authors, most people recognize John Francis Wade, an Englishman living in France, with publishing the text in 1743. There are eight verses to the song, and our hymnal has chosen three to include.

It is based on Luke 2:15: *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*

When I read the verses of the hymn (especially verse 3), I cannot contain the joy and worship

I feel in my heart. (For a new perspective, I encourage you to read the words of the hymn outside of singing it.) And then I lose myself in worship as I sing the powerful chorus which builds with each repeated phrase: O come let us adore Him, *O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

During this Christmas season, allow the powerful words to this wonderful hymn to permeate your soul, and when you sing the song, truly adore Christ the Lord...

**Worship Well!**

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance **234**  
11 am Worship Attendance **229**

Annual Budget **570,548.00**  
YTD Budget Needs **526,659.69**  
YTD Budget Giving **506,451.44**

Total Receipts for the Week: **21,642.82**  
Weekly Budget Giving **16,213.82**  
Weekly Freedom Giving **3,645.00**  
Weekly Missions Giving **1,659.00**

### This Sunday's Message:

Fulfilled in Christ:  
The Passover Experience

### Next Sunday's Message:

Fulfilled in Christ  
Series Continues

## Announcements

### New in 2019

The FBC Summit is coming... Beginning in February 2019, the 2nd Sunday Summit will be a time for all of our leaders and teachers to meet for prayer, planning, vision and encouragement. More details to come!

### 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

We are happy to report that all of our Angels have been selected from our 2018 Christmas Angel Tree! Return all gifts unwrapped to the base of the tree by this Sunday, 12.9, so that we can arrange them and get them out to the families. Each gift will benefit families here in our Fort O community. Thank you for sharing in this ministry!

## Student Spotlight



Patrick Everett

**Christmas Dinner** - Is this Saturday, 12.8. Come and help us serve our community!

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

### 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.

## Children's Headlines

**“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**  
**Matthew 1:21**

**Angel Tree:** All gifts should be turned in this Sunday, 12.9. Thank you to all who selected an angel!

**The Point:** Our next Kids Worship will be on Sunday, 12.16. Make plans to be with us for this dynamic Worship Celebration that is just for Kids!!

**Christmas Skate:** We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Christmas Skate Party on Sunday, 12.16 from 5-7 pm at the Fort O Roller Coaster Skate World.

Nichole Stookey

Please mark your calendars and begin inviting your friends!

**LaunchPad:** We need you and all of our church family!! I've been in contact with many of you regarding the schedule for LaunchPad next year. If I've not spoken to you and you would like to be added to our list, or you haven't confirmed with me from this past year, please do so ASAP! I will be getting the calendar ready for you to pick your class and dates soon. Our training lunch will be on Sunday, 1.20.19, following the Morning Worship Celebration.

## Men's & 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.

### Helping Hands

are available from our Men's Ministry if you need help with small jobs around the house. Email [churchoffice@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) to share requests.

## Keenagers' Lunch Meeting

Our Keenager Senior Adult Ministry invites you to attend their monthly lunch meeting next Tuesday, 12.11, at 10:30 am in our downstairs Gathering Circle. This will be a Christmas special featuring the Joyful Praise

Singers. All Keenagers are encouraged to attend and bring a covered side dish and/or salad in lieu of the normal lunch price. Meats and desserts will be provided. Friends and guests are welcome to attend!

## Lottie Moon for World Missions

Ms. 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 will go directly to fuel the people who are reaching people and planting churches internationally. So far we have raised \$1,580 towards our goal. Thank you for sharing in this important cause!