

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, January 13

8 am Deacons' Meeting

9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes

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

Kids' Worship @ The Point

5 pm Atkinson LifeGroup

5 pm Evening Worship Service

## Tuesday, January 15

Staff Day Retreat

## Wednesday, January 16

Wednesday Evening Meal

Spaghetti Salad

Bread Dessert

6 pm Group Bible Studies

Kids' Clubhouse Friends

One-80 Student Worship

6:15 pm Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 pm Family Business Meeting

7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, January 19

8:00 am Women's Ministry Breakfast

Find more info online at [fbcfo.org](http://fbcfo.org)

# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

### Jan. 13-19

Ronnie Born  
Charles Helton  
Becky Pennington

### Jan. 20-26

Mary Jo Case  
Hank Humphrey  
Kerry Pennington

## Wednesday Meal

### Jan. 16

Marlin Paulson  
Mary A. Paulson  
Frankie Trotter  
Hal Jones

### Jan. 23

James Lee  
Cindy Daniels  
Amanda Pobiegló  
Jeff Pobiegló

## Security

### Jan. 13-19

Tom Acker  
Jeff Ingram

### Jan. 20-26

Fred Colwell  
Diedra Smith

## Greeters

### Jan. 13

Shelly Brooks  
Pam Bethune  
G. McDowell

### Jan. 20

Cindy Shipp  
Joyce Rogers  
Mary Jo Case

## Sunday, Jan. 13 LaunchPad

Babies	Amber White
1&2 yr olds	Amber White
3 yr olds	Donna Lindsay Donnie Lindsay
Welcome	

Sign Up Now To Serve In

## Launch Pad

Visit the table in our  
Main Welcome Center

**We Need You!**

# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Mary A. Jones  
Dian Colwell  
Vera Thomas

## Larry & Cindy

Shipp  
Jeanne Clark  
Beth

Daughtery

Trey Baldwin

Dawn Emous

Pat Medearis

Jerry Gann

Angela Gann

Wayne

Honeycutt

Ruth & Brian

Wagoner

Tommie Brock

Betty Phillips

## Helen

Epperson

Mary Lou

Brown

Ken & Betty

Goodner

John Stewart

## Assisted Care

Sharon Mullins

Lila Archer

Bertha

Pennington

Joetta

Roderick

Lila Archer

## Dale Kinnison

Eunice

Mosman

Norma

Carpenter

Robbie

Fletcher

Glenda Duncan

## Birthdays

Wayne Honeycutt (13th)

Bryant McDaniel (14th)

Gabby Poole (14th)

Asher Atkinson (15th)

Audrey Brown (15th)

Becky Trew (15th)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas

Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis

Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson

Student Pastor - Patrick Everett

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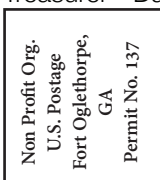
## Christ Chapel

Items for January:

Crackers & Canned Soup

## Love & Prayers

We are lifting up Mark & Carrie  
Payne & family on the recent  
passing of Mark's Father.



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## Upcoming

### Welcome to the New Year!

As we celebrate the beginning of 2019, we look forward to several BIG January moments. Mark your calendar for these upcoming ministry moments: **Launch Pad Worship Nursery Lunch** on Sunday, 1.20; **Discover FBC Lunch** for frequent guests & new members on Sunday, 1.27; and our next **Freedom Movie Night** at 5 pm on Sunday, 1.27.

### "Simply Jesus"

Join us on Sunday mornings for a new sermon series that will journey through the Book of Mark. Mark's gospel goes right to the heart of who Jesus is with a focus on what Jesus did on earth. The new year is a perfect time to experience a new beginning with Jesus and to consider what it means to faithfully follow Him.

### Join the Launch Pad

In the new year, we are asking you to consider being part of our Launch Pad Worship Nursery. This year you can pick your Sunday mornings to volunteer with greater flexibility and convenience. Visit our main Welcome Center this Sunday to sign up and look forward to the next Launch Pad training lunch on Sunday, 1.20. Thank you for making this commitment to invest in the lives of our young kids in 2019!

### The Summit is Coming in February

We are calling all of our teachers, deacons, staff, and team leaders to a new monthly gathering moment called "the Summit." Our first Summit will be Sunday, 2.10, from 4 to 5:30 pm in the downstairs Gathering Circle. See the new Summit flyer for more information. Greater vision, greater unity, greater communication, and greater planning happen at the Summit, and we hope you will be part of it.

**Jan. 9 - Jan. 16**



## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**All about Relationships.** I once overheard a fellow seminary student say that ministry would be great if it weren't for all the people. Though I refrained from jumping into that conversation, I did pray for God either to change his heart or redirect him into some other line of work. And I will explain why as we take our next step in our newsletter series on shared values.

I've been sharing the values that I hope we will share together based on the word "GOSPEL."

The "G" stands for growing in Christ, "O" for outward focus, "S" for Spirit empowered, and this week, "P," putting people ahead of programs. People may sometimes frustrate you, as I am sure that you and I sometimes

frustrate others. Yet, because God is in the people business, we too as His children and servants, must also be in the people business. Remember this call from Jesus, **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).** We often read this as a personal invitation that Jesus has extended to us, which is certainly true if you and I are believers in Christ. We should also remember, however, to read those words as an invitation to other people. Jesus has amazing compassion for people, and that compassion not only blesses us, but overflows from us into the lives of others.

This is compassion that compels us to reach out and serve others. It compels us to stop and ask how people are doing, and really listen to how they respond. It compels us to look for ways to help others and be a blessing even beyond the daily and weekly programs. Together we can ask and listen and make a positive difference. -Jason

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

**God's heart is for us to participate in our transformation.**

One of the paradoxes of the Christian life is that God's gifts often require labor on our part. God brought the Israelites to the Promised Land and told them He was going to "give" it to them (Num. 13:2). This sounded great to the Israelites until they realized that, with the gift, came battles against giants and fortified cities. Perhaps they assumed God was going to just obliterate the inhabitants of the land before they entered. Ideally for the Israelites, they could then have entered a vacant land with houses and cities already built and ready to inhabit. Instead, God said they would have to work for it. They would not have to work in their own strength, however; God would ever be present. God would bring down the walls of cities, give them strategies to defeat their enemies, and empower the fight.

The Israelites would have a divine blessing, but they would still have to fight.

It would be wonderful if, when we become Christians, God would fill our minds with a complete insight, wisdom, and knowledge. It would be easy if God would instill in us a delight for spending hours in prayer each day and a desire to share our faith with others. But God doesn't relate to us that way. We are to relate to God by putting to death the natural self and letting go and falling into His hands and grace. Instead, He gives us the free gift of His salvation and then tells us to "work out" our salvation in fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12b). But don't be discouraged! God's gifts to you are perfect because, through them, He makes you perfect as well but perfect does not mean comfortable, easy and may look like destruction to the natural self. (Matt. 5:48; James 1:17).



## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Did you know that the same Spirit of God and power of God that raised Christ from the dead lives within the life of every Believer? Romans 8:11 says: *The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.*

Those words are a powerful encouragement for us! That very same Spirit that conquered death and brought Christ back to resurrected life gives us life. Notice it says that *He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.* Not only do our souls receive everlasting life, but also our mortal (physical) bodies receive that same life.

This means that we have the power to overcome sin, bad

habits, gossip, fear, temptation, and all of the other things that we struggle with daily. If the Spirit and power of God living within us can overcome death and resurrect a life, then it definitely can deal with our needs.

May I encourage us to meditate on this verse (even memorize it), and seek to live our lives in power, victory, and spiritual health. He overcame for us, His overcoming Spirit lives in us, and His overcoming power transforms us... **Worship Well!**

-Brad



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance **217**  
11 am Worship Attendance **259**

Annual Budget **596,829.00**  
YTD Budget Needs **11,812.54**  
YTD Budget Giving **12,812.54**

### This Sunday's Message:

Simply Jesus Part Two:  
"Prepare the Way"

### Next Sunday's Message:

The Simply Jesus Series  
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: **16,876.54**  
Weekly Budget Giving **12,812.54**  
Weekly Freedom Giving **3,003.00**  
Weekly Missions Giving **991.00**

## Announcements

**Prayer Breakfast**  
Our next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be this Saturday, 1.12. Make plans to attend for great food, fellowship, and word from our guest speaker, Mr. Hank Humphrey. It all begins at 8:15 am in our downstairs Gathering Circle.

**Prayer Breakfast**  
Calling women of all ages to our next Women's Prayer Breakfast happening Saturday, 1.19. Make plans to attend this special breakfast. It will begin at 8:15 am in our downstairs Gathering Circle and will include a devotion.

**Lottie Moon**  
We are getting close to our 2018 goal of \$16,500 for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We have three more weeks and so far we've raised \$12,915. Every cent will support international missions. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

## Student Spotlight

Patrick Everett



**Camp Fund-Raiser Lunch** - The Students will be having a Fundraiser Lunch for the Merge Missions Camp on Sunday, 2.3, following the Morning Worship Celebration. Please make plans to attend and support our Students!

**Disciple Now Weekend** - is March 1-3. We need host homes! If you would be willing to host a group of teen guys or girls, please see Patrick.

**Super Bowl Party** - The students will have a Super Bowl Party on campus on Sunday, 2.3, with food, fun, and football!

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." 1 Chronicles 16:11-12**

**LaunchPad:** We need you and all of our church family!! There is a schedule ready for you to pick your class and dates in the main Welcome Center. Please sign up ASAP! Our training lunch will be on Sunday, 1.20, following the Morning Worship Celebration. It is very important that you attend this meeting. **The Bullpen:** First Kids is looking for people to add to The Bullpen! The Bullpen is an easy way to assist our

Kids Ministry as a substitute if one of our regular teachers is out. If you become part of the Bullpen list and get called up, you are not obligated to say yes every time. The more people we have on the list, the easier it will be to make sure all rooms are adequately covered each Sunday. Both men and women are encouraged to sign-up!!

**The Point:** Kids Worship is THIS Sunday, 1.13, during the Morning Worship Celebration! Kids will be dismissed during the Fellowship Song and should be picked up immediately following the service in the FLC Gym.

## Freedom Movie Night

Join us at 5 pm on Sunday evening, 1.27, for a fun way to continue our Countdown to Freedom. We will be showing the 2018 smash hit, **The Greatest Showman**, showcasing the birth of the P.T. Barnum and Bailey Circus. The

movie is rated PG and is Dove approved for all ages. The cost is \$5, plus \$1 drinks and popcorn. All proceeds will go to our Free to Be campaign.

## Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

In 2019, We are excited to be offering a new course, **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** starting **Tuesday, Feb 19** for 8 weeks from 6:15-8:15pm. You will explore 8 biblical themes that will move you to be deeply changed by Jesus and have a powerful long term impact on the world around you! Don't Miss this powerful 8-week journey that will forever change the way you love God, yourself, and others.

Find out how to apply Scripture deeply beneath the surface of your life:

- Know Yourself that You May Know God
- Enlarge Your Soul through Grief and Loss
- Discover the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbath
- Grow Into an Emotionally Healthy Adult

Contact Pastor Andy for more info: [andya@fbcfo.org](mailto:andya@fbcfo.org)

## New Newsletter in the New Year

Our church family began discussions last October about how to reduce office expenses while still providing a high quality newsletter. This was unanimously confirmed at our November Business Meeting: Beginning on the week of 2.6.19, we

will transition to a twice-a-month newsletter, but with a format that will provide greater information that is easier to read online and in print. We will do this on a trial basis through the summer.