

# This Week @ FBC

## Sunday, January 20

- 9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
- 10:50 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 12:15 pm Launchpad Lunch
- 5 pm Evening Worship Service



## Wednesday, January 23

- Wednesday Evening Meal
- Baked Chicken    Corn Casserole**
- Green Beans    Bread    Dessert**
- 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

## Thursday, January 24

- 10 am Constitution Team Meeting

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

# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Jan. 20-26</b> | <b>Jan. 27-Feb. 2</b> |
| Mary Jo Case      | John Collison         |
| Hank Humphrey     | Bob Johnson           |
| Kerry Pennington  | Don Pittman           |

## Security

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Jan. 20-26</b> | <b>Jan. 27-Feb. 2</b> |
| Fred Colwell      | Shannon Born          |
| Diedra Smith      | Ken Lee               |

## LaunchPad

Sign Up Now To Serve In  
**Launch Pad**  
 Visit the table in our  
 Main Welcome Center  
**We Need You!**

## Wednesday Meal

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|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Jan. 23</b>  | <b>Jan. 30</b> |
| James Lee       | Charles Helton |
| Cindy Daniels   | Nancy Smith    |
| Amanda Pobiegló | Scott O'Steen  |
| Jeff Pobiegló   | Dana O'Steen   |

## Greeters

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|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Jan. 20</b> | <b>Jan. 27</b> |
| Cindy Shipp    | Jeff Wells     |
| Joyce Rogers   | Carrie Wells   |
| Mary Jo Case   | Dolores Tant   |

# Prayer Concerns

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Hospital</b> | Barbara Poole  | Helen                | Joetta        |
| Doris Neese     | Larry & Cindy  | Epperson             | Roderick      |
| Marilyn Seay    | Shipp          | Mary Lou             | Lila Archer   |
| Propst          | Jeanne Clark   | Brown                | Dale Kinnison |
|                 | Beth           | Ken & Betty          | Eunice        |
|                 | Daughtery      | Goodner              | Mosman        |
| <b>Home</b>     | Trey Baldwin   | John Stewart         | Norma         |
| Dian Colwell    | Dawn Emous     |                      | Carpenter     |
| Rena Caradine   | Pat Medearis   |                      | Robbie        |
| Martha Cope     | Jerry Gann     |                      | Fletcher      |
| Louise Stinnett | Angela Gann    | <b>Assisted Care</b> | Glenda Duncan |
| Opal Hyde       | Ruth & Brian   | Mary A. Jones        |               |
| Nell Smith      | Wagoner        | Sharon Mullins       |               |
| Jane Hogsed     | Tommie Brock   | Lila Archer          |               |
| Steve Rosser    | Betty Phillips | Bertha               |               |
| JoAnn Davis     | Wanda          | Pennington           |               |
|                 | McArthur       |                      |               |

## Birthdays

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|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chris Stephens (16th)  | Anita Vickrey (23rd)   | Amber White (24th)      |
| Jason Trundle (16th)   | Andy Atkinson (24th)   | Blanca Zearfaus (24th)  |
| Susan VanWagner (17th) | Laura Great (24th)     | Laura Groover (25th)    |
| Carolyn Crane (18th)   | Charlie Rasbury (24th) | Rhett Pennington (25th) |
| Barbara Poole (18th)   | George Smith (24th)    | Avery Thomas (25th)     |
| Rick Bowen (20th)      | Levi Swain (24th)      | Patrice Humphrey (26th) |
| Joyce Barger (23rd)    | Gabriel Swain (24th)   |                         |

## Staff

- Pastor - Jason Thomas  
 Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
 Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
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**423-708-5303**

**Christ Chapel**  
 Items for January:  
 Crackers & Canned Soup

## Love & Prayers

We are lifting up  
 Jimmie Nell Spivey & family  
 on the passing of  
 Herschel Spivey.



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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** this 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.

### Join the Launch Pad

This month, we are asking you to consider being part of our Launch Pad Worship Nursery. 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 our Launch Pad training lunch this Sunday, 1.20. Thank you for making this commitment to invest in the lives of our young kids in 2019!

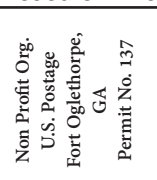
### The Summit is Coming in February

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.

### Lottie Moon Missions Offering

Only two Sundays remain for the collection of our Lottie Moon Missions Offering. Our 2018-19 goal is \$16,500, and so far we have raised \$13,015. Every cent that we raise will go straight to helping missionaries and church planters around the world. The last Sunday to give is Sunday, 1.27. Thank you for your gift and support!

Jan. 16 - Jan. 23



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## Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**Excellence is a Pursuit.** In Mark's gospel, we learn of a young man who had wealth and wanted to know how to inherit eternal life. When he referred to Jesus as **"good teacher,"** this is how Jesus responded, **"Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" (Mark 10:18).** In other words, God alone is our standard for good, and when it comes to His standard, all humanity has fallen short.

Let's consider the standard of God's goodness as we continue our newsletter series on Shared Values. I've been sharing the values that I hope we will all share based on the word "GOSPEL." The "G" stands for

growing in Christ, "O" for outward focus, "S" for Spirit empowered, "P" for putting people ahead of programs, and "E," for the pursuit of excellence.

When it comes to defining excellence, who sets the standard? In the beginning of creation, it was God alone who defined what was good. You will recall that when God saw all that He had made, it was **"very good" (Gen. 1:31).** Trouble came, however, when human beings began trying to define their own good. We've been in trouble ever since, for all have fallen short of the glory of God. Yet, by His grace and Spirit, there is hope for our goodness. In fact, God gives us this command to **"be holy in all you do" "because He is holy" (1 Pet. 1:16).** This kind of excellence is a high standard that we pursue as we are pursuing Him. It is all about faithfulness to Him, but remember that He is worthy. Let's give God our best as He empowers our pursuit! -Jason

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

As this new year starts off, it is good reminder to focus on love. Not in a cheesy or sappy way, but remember love is powerful! **Love has no limits.** Love never says, *"You've gone too far. I can't love you now."* "All things" means **everything** is included. Christlike love leaves no doubt in the mind of another that you will continue to love steadfastly. Do those close to you know that they can fail and do foolish things, yet you will not falter in your love for them? Are others assured that, even when they hurt you, you still love them, holding nothing against them?

**Love assumes the best about others.** This isn't easy! But new beginnings is a great time to start. If someone inadvertently offends you, you choose to believe the offense was unintentional. If someone seeks to harm you, you "bear all things," forgiving unconditionally. If a positive light can be shed on a difficult

encounter, you grasp it. If someone continually provokes you, you "endure all things." You never lose hope in the ones you love. You practice the same unconditional love toward others that Christ gives to you. A Christlike love shows this love to our enemies!

Paul said that he was nothing if he had the faith to move mountains, the tongue of an angel, and the gift of prophecy to understand all mysteries, yet did not have God's love. Don't just fly by that profound statement. Love is essential. It is unacceptable to say, "Well, I just can't love people that way!" When God loves people through you, this is the only kind of love He has! Let's read 1 Corinthians 13 with gratitude that God has already expressed this complete and selfless love to you. Pray and ask Him to express it through you now and to others.

## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

I love the verse that we have chosen as our theme verse for 2019: Psalms 27:4 *One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.*

I believe that God desires to do a powerful new work in our lives in 2019 as we continue seeking to be worshippers. Consider what David (the psalmist) is saying here:

- **One thing:** Of all the things he could ask the Lord for, he asks for God's presence;
- **seek:** David saw it as a life-long process. He'd never arrive, but he'd always pursue;
- **that I may dwell:** He desired to be fully present, to be fully engaged;
- **the house of the Lord:** Because we are the "house of the Lord" rather than a temple or church building, instead of

going where God is, we bring God's presence into us;

- **to gaze upon:** More than a quick glance, the picture is a lingering, a "taking in" of God's beauty and majesty;
- **to seek Him in His temple (dwelling place):** Again, the focus is a passionate pursuit of God's presence.

That passionate pursuit of God's presence consumed David. It was His main desire, his life's focus. May we pursue God's presence with the same passion... **Worship Well!**

-Brad

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance **209**  
11 am Worship Attendance **290**

Annual Budget **596,829.00**  
YTD Budget Needs **22,954.96**  
YTD Budget Giving **21,852.67**

### This Sunday's Message:

Simply Jesus Part Three:  
"From Curious to Committed"  
Mark 1:14-28

### Next Sunday's Message:

The Simply Jesus Series  
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: **13,965.13**  
Weekly Budget Giving **9,040.13**  
Weekly Freedom Giving **2,453.00**  
Weekly Missions Giving **220.00**

## Announcements

### Discover FBC

If you are a frequent guest or new member, we encourage you to learn more about our church family by joining us for a one-hour lunch next Sunday, 1.27, at 12:15 pm in our Gathering Circle. The menu will be pizza, salad & cookies.

### Prayer Breakfast

Our next Women's Prayer Breakfast happens this Saturday, 1.19, at 8:15 am in our downstairs Gathering Circle. Women of all ages are invited and guests are welcome. There will be plenty of food, fellowship, and devotion time.

### Helping Hands

Our Men's Ministry is offering help with small, around-the-house projects this winter. Email [churchoffice@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) or call 706-866-0232 to inquire if Helping Hands can help you.

## Student Spotlight

Patrick Everett

### ONEIGHTY

**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

**"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love." Galations 5:13**

**LaunchPad:** There will be a training lunch THIS Sunday, 1.20, immediately following the Worship Celebration! It is very important you attend this meeting if you are already on the volunteer list OR if you are just thinking about joining! I will be available to answer any questions during the 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 Sunday, 1.27, 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 movie, **The Incredibles 2.** A donation will be \$5 per person (\$15 max per family), plus \$1 for drinks and

popcorn. Everyone is invited and all proceeds will go to our Free to Be debt retirement campaign.

## Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

We are excited to offer a new 8-week course, **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**, starting **Tuesday, Feb 19** weekly from 6:15-8:15 pm. The prayer is that it would help move us to be deeply changed by Jesus and have a powerful, long-term impact on the world around us! This will include large group and small group time. It follows a book and a workbook that has shown dramatic results in other areas.

This is not strictly a bible study or small group, but a highly structured flow including prayer journaling, DVD lessons, and intimate discussions. This would be a great opportunity for anyone of our church no matter their experience or knowledge level!

Contact Pastor Andy for more info: [andya@fbcfo.org](mailto:andya@fbcfo.org)  
**Sign Up ONLINE Today!**

## 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.