

# This Week @ FBC

Sunday, January 27

- 9:30 am Bible Study Groups & Classes
- 10:50 am Morning Worship Celebration
- 12:15 pm Discover FBCFO Lunch
- 4 pm Atkinson LifeGroup
- 5 pm Freedom Movie Night

Wednesday, January 30

- Wednesday Evening Meal
- Beef Stew Salad 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

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# Prayer Concerns

## Hospital

Larry & Cindy Shipp  
Jeanne Clark  
Beth

Helen Epperson  
Mary Lou Brown  
Ken & Betty Goodner  
John Stewart

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

## Home

Jean Stone  
Doris Neese  
Dian Colwell  
Rena Caradine  
Martha Cope  
Louise Stinnett  
Opal Hyde  
Nell Smith  
Steve Rosser  
JoAnn Davis  
Barbara Poole

Daughtery  
Trey Baldwin  
Dawn Emous  
Pat Medearis  
Jerry Gann  
Angela Gann  
Ruth & Brian Wagoner  
Tommie Brock  
Betty Phillips  
Wanda McArthur

## Assisted Care

Mary A. Jones  
Sharon Mullins  
Lila Archer  
Bertha Pennington

## Birthdays

Lynn Murdock (27th)  
Nancy Smith (27th)  
Micki Atkinson (29th)  
Jackie Bell (29th)  
Marie McDaniel (29th)  
Ruth Stinson (29th)  
Shelly Wilson (29th)

Michael Ingram (30th)  
Cree Jeffress (30th)  
Kenny Lee (30th)  
Andy Freeman (31st)  
Denise Montgomery (31st)  
John Stewart (31st)  
Jackson White (31st)

Sky Richardson (2nd)  
Lavanda Swafford (2nd)

## Staff

Pastor - Jason Thomas  
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis  
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson  
Student Pastor - Patrick Everett  
Children Minister - Nichole Stookey  
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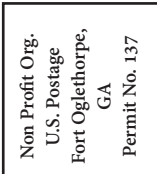


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**Pastoral Emergency Line**  
**423-708-5303**

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

**Love & Prayers**  
We are lifting up Dawn Emous and her family on the recent passing of her mother in Colorado.



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# Our Volunteers

## Deacons of the Week

**Jan. 27-Feb. 2**  
John Collison  
Bob Johnson  
Don Pittman

**Feb. 3-9**  
Cathy Cox  
Patrice Humphrey  
Nolan Richardson

## Wednesday Meal

**Jan. 30**  
Charles Helton  
Nancy Smith  
Scott O'Steen  
Dana O'Steen

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## Security

**Jan. 27-Feb. 2**  
Shannon Born  
Ken Lee

**Feb. 3-9**  
Tracy Smith  
Wayne Daniels

## Greeters

**Jan. 27**  
Jeff Wells  
Carrie Wells  
*Dolores Tant*

**Feb. 3**  
Aurelia Little  
Margaret Box  
*James Lee*  
*Alisha Lee*

## LaunchPad

### Sun

- Babies
- 1&2 yr olds
- 3 yr olds
- Welcome



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## Upcoming

### Happening this Sunday!

As we draw near to the end of January 2019, remember these BIG moments happening this Sunday: **Discover FBC Lunch** for frequent guests & new members at 12:15 pm in the downstairs Gathering Circle; and our **Freedom Movie Night** showing the smash hit movie, **The Incredibles 2** at 5 pm in our FLC Gymnasium.

### 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.

### Giving Statements for 2018

Giving statements for 2018 are ready in our online directory, Fellowship One Go. You can access your statement by logging into your profile at [fbcfo.fellowshiponego.com](http://fbcfo.fellowshiponego.com). For your convenience, your statement will also be sent privately to your personal or family email address this Monday, 1.28. Call the Church Office at 706.866.0232 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

### Lottie Moon Missions Offering

This Sunday, 1.27, begins the final week for the collection of our Lottie Moon Missions Offering. Our 2018-19 goal is \$16,500, and so far we have raised \$13,290. 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. 23 - Jan. 30

# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

**The Value of Leadership.** When it comes to being a leader, who or what do you follow? Some leaders follow their intuition. Some follow a mentor or teacher who has inspired them. Leadership is difficult, and at some point you will be tested on who or what you follow.

Leadership is the final value in our newsletter series on Shared Values. I've been sharing the values that I hope we will all share based on the word "GOSPEL." To recap, the "G" is for growing in Christ, "O" for outward focus, "S" for Spirit empowered, "P" for putting people ahead of programs, "E," for pursuing excellence, and "L" for leadership.

Leadership is about influencing others, which means that we are all called to be leaders. Yet, when it comes to being the church, we're not talking about just any kind of leadership.

Consider those who led the early church. In a culture that was hostile to the gospel, their leadership was tested this way: **"Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest" (Acts 5:27).** There was conflict because the apostles had continued sharing the gospel despite having been told to stop. The lives of the apostles were on the line, yet this is how they responded: **"We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29)!** It would have been easier for them to please the people. But God was not calling them to easy. He was calling them to faithfulness, which meant courageous leadership. I'll have more to share on this next week!  
-Jason

## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance **178**  
11 am Worship Attendance **230**

Annual Budget **596,829.00**  
YTD Budget Needs **34,432.44**  
YTD Budget Giving **26,789.79**

### This Sunday's Message:

Simply Jesus Part Four:  
"Forgiveness thru the Roof"  
Mark 2:1-12

### Next Sunday's Message:

The Simply Jesus Series  
Continues

Total Receipts for the Week: **6,080.62**  
Weekly Budget Giving **4,937.12**  
Weekly Freedom Giving **327.50**  
Weekly Missions Giving **443.00**

## 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 this Sunday, 1.27, at 12:15 pm in our Gathering Circle. The menu will be pizza, salad, and cookies.

### Join Launch Pad

We need you. You can pick your Sundays this year for our LaunchPad Worship Nursery. Sign up in the main Welcome Center or email [nicholes@fbcfo.org](mailto:nicholes@fbcfo.org). Thank you for serving our youngest kids in 2019!

### 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.

# Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

There comes a time for each of us when merely talking is not sufficient. We must actually set out on the journey of following Christ! We can spend many hours debating and discussing issues related to the Christian life, but this means little if we never actually step out and follow Christ! He will change you slowly if you just go.

For generations, the coming of the Messiah had been pondered and predicted by the nation of Israel. Perhaps no topic garnered more discussion among Jews than the nature and work of the Messiah. But when he got here, they didn't recognize Him in spite of all the talk. They had to be open whatever Jesus actually was. The talk blinded the relationship. Andrew had listened to John the Baptist and had heard of the coming Messiah and was open. Now, suddenly, he was face to face with the One he had yearned to see! Jesus was radically different than the talk but Andrew followed first and saw Jesus for who he was. Andrew's mind was filled with questions he longed to

ask. Instead of entering into a theological dialogue with Andrew, however, Jesus turned and began to walk. Andrew's questions would not be answered by discussion alone, but by walking with Him. Many of our questions are answered by a relationship and not words and sentences.

**Christianity is not a set of teachings to understand. It is a Person to follow.** A man who was like God that we strive to be like so to be as God intended humanity. As he walked with Jesus, Andrew watched Jesus heal the sick, teach God's wisdom, and demonstrate God's power. Andrew not only learned about God; he actually experienced Him! Moments will come when you stand at a crossroads with your Lord. You will have a hundred questions for Him. Rather than answering the questions one by one, Jesus may say, "Put on your shoes, step out onto the road, and follow Me." Jesus will answer your questions, and you will discover far more than you even knew to ask.



## 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!

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

**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.

**King & Country Concert** - The teens will be going to see King and Country on 3.17. Leaving the church campus at 5:30 to eat, and the concert is at the Tivoli at 7:30, returning to our campus afterwards for pickup. There are only 30 tickets available. \$20 reserves your ticket. See Miki to reserve your seat.

## Children's Headlines

Nichole Stookey

**"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31:3**

**Camp Lunch:** We will have our next Camp Lunch Fundraiser on 2.3. If your child is going to Student Life for Kids Camp this summer please be here to help with this lunch. Kids should arrive at 9am for setup and plan to stay until 1 to serve and clean up. All families are encouraged to bring a dessert!

**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, 1.27, 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.

# Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

FBCFO's verse for 2019 is Psalm 27:4 (read it again). Allow me to highlight the verse that follows. Psalm 27:5 says: *Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

There is something very significant about our head being exalted above our enemies. There is a constant battle going on around us: Good vs. evil, darkness vs. light, God vs. Satan, what is important vs. what doesn't matter, etc.

We can either find ourselves drawn into the fray of the battle, or we can rise above it and focus on the Lord and His Kingdom. That is what David experienced in this verse. By constantly worshipping the Lord and seeking Him in His Presence (v. 4), God lifted David's head

above the enemies that surrounded him (v. 5. See also Psalm 3:3). If we would allow ourselves to think *higher* than "the battle, the norm, the popular trend of the day" then we would experience peace, joy, less stress, and an overwhelming sense of God's Presence.

One final thought: Verse 5 ends with: *I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.* When we focus on the things that really matter, we are compelled to praise Him even more...

**Worship Well!**

-Brad

## Women Ministry

We have a few openings for the Women of Joy Conference on 4.26-28 in Pigeon Forge, TN. If you are interested, contact Laura Jones, immediately at 423-605-1816. If you've already signed up, your money is due now and can be paid in increments, with the final amount due by 2.28.

All spots not sold will be given back to WOJ by 2.11. Special THANK YOU to Jeff Fletcher and others who cooked and helped in the kitchen for our breakfast this past Saturday. The food was wonderful!

## Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Its not too late to join in on our a new course offering, **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** by Pete Scazzero, starting Tuesday, Feb 19 for 8 weeks

This will bring you **refreshing** help on your spiritual walk and a **renewing** excitement to your personal relationship with Christ.

This is a great opportunity for people with all experiences!

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

This is great for **church leaders** and teachers as well people new to faith or have fallen out of church!

## 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.