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## our vision

To lead people  
in life-changing  
relationships with God  
through personal faith  
in Jesus Christ.



**GATHER**

in worship



**GROW**

in small groups



**GO**

into the world



## sermon series



### This Sunday

The Simply Jesus Series:  
"Counting the Costs"  
Mark 8:31-38

### Next Sunday

Simply Jesus Continues

### Christ Chapel

Items for March:  
Canned Soup & Veggies

# SUNDAYREPORT



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Bible Study Attendance	214
11 am Worship Attendance	268
Annual Budget	596,828.00
YTD Budget Needs	126,252.29
YTD Budget Giving	121,281.73
Total Receipts for the Week:	10,731.49
Weekly Budget Giving	8,158.73
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,357.50
Weekly Missions Giving	1,160.00

# VOLUNTEERS

## deacons of the week

### March 24-30

Patrice Humphrey  
Kerry Pennington  
John Collison

### March 31-April 6

Bob Johnson  
Don Pittman  
Cathy Cox

## wednesday kitchen

### March 27

James Swafford  
Fred Colwell  
Dian Colwell  
Sandra Mullins

### April 3

Betty Parrish  
Harold Parrish  
Charles Tant  
Dolores Tant



## security team

### Mar. 24-Mar. 30

Jimmy Boyette  
Bob Rogers

### Mar.31-Apr. 6

Russell Harp  
Kris Kubler

### Apr. 7-13

Jeff Ingram  
Tom Acker

## greeter team

### March 24

Scott O'Steen  
Dana O'Steen  
Dolores Tant

### March 31

Cindy Daniels  
Jean Stone  
James Lee  
Alisha Lee

### April 7

Donna Lindsay  
Donnie Lindsay  
Cindy Daniels

## launchpad

### Sun. March 24

#### Babies & 1yrs

Linda Daniels  
Hillarie Baker  
Robert Johnson  
Judy Johnson

#### 3yr & 4yr olds

### Sun. March 31

#### Babies & 1yrs

Dakota Kelly  
Jenny Pitts  
Brittany Stone  
Madison Stookey

#### 3yr & 4yr olds



### Sun. April 7

Joyce Rogers  
Linda Daniels  
Melissa Collison  
Abigail Collison

### Sun. April 14

Carrie Wells  
Brenna wells  
Donnie Lindsay  
Donna Lindsay

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Five Sundays in March

What does it mean to have **five Sundays** in March? It means a perfect opportunity to give to our 2019 Church Budget and help us get caught up and ready for BIG ministry moments happening in April. Our Easter family ministries are just around the corner. Thank you for supporting our ministries!

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Anytime we pray for God to bring revival to our nation, we are praying the same heartbeat of **Annie Armstrong Easter offering**. The special Easter Offering that bears her name is all about revival and spiritual awakening in America. Our 2019 goal is **\$6,500** and every penny will go to this special cause. So far we have raised **\$1,765**. We're off to a great start!

## Rise Up with Jesus!

This Easter, we will work on a special family ministry on Saturday, 4.20! Rise Up With Jesus is a special two-hour experience for families with kids. Families will move from station to station as they learn and do activities together focused on the Resurrection. Let's pray for this opportunity and be ready to step in and make it happen!

## 2019 FCA Banquet

Only two seats remain at the table our church family is sponsoring for the 2019 FCA Banquet. The banquet will be at the Catoosa County Colonnade next Tuesday, 3.26, beginning at 6m. This is a special fundraising event with limited seating. The seat and the dinner are free. If you would like to attend, email [churchoffice@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) to reserve your seat today.

# JASON THOMAS

lead pastor - [jason@fbcfo.org](mailto:jason@fbcfo.org)

**You are an Instrument!** The great prophet Elisha called for the harpist in 2 Kings 3:15, and while the harpist was playing, **"the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha,"** and Elisha proclaimed that God would provide water in the Desert of Edom and lead Israel to victory over Moab. Imagine the harpist strumming his wooden instrument while Elisha proclaimed the Word of God. This was a powerful moment of worship that leads nicely into the fourth edition of our blog series on the seven BIG words for Worship.

Our big word for this edition is the Hebrew word, **"zamar."** It is found forty-one times in the Old Testament and means to experience the presence of God through the strumming of a musical instrument. It reminds us that music is a powerful medium that God can use to touch our souls in a way that few other things can. Think about a worship song or classic hymn that lifts you up and brings great joy to your spirit the moment you hear the first note. Music is one of those artistic mediums that helps you experience God in a close and powerful way.

Though not all of us actually play a musical instrument, the truth is that we all can be instruments for worship. **Through faith in Christ, your body has become a temple for the presence of God (1 Cor. 3:16).** And when you participate in a gathered worship experience, you unite together with other believers with the same Holy Spirit moving in and through everyone in a way that elicits harmony, rhythm, passion, momentum, and ultimately brings glory to God! You are a wonderful instrument, and when you place your life freely in the hands of God, He will produce a glorious sound! -Jason



If you are actively leading or serving with any of our church ministry teams, we want you to be part of our new monthly leadership meeting called the **"Summit."** Our next Summit is Sunday, 4.14, from 4 to 5:30p in the downstairs Gathering Circle. We are off to an amazing start and already looking ahead to collaborating on a new ministry opportunity called **"Rise Up for Jesus."** We love our church leaders!



# BRAD LEWIS

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**Increasing Our Faith.** We know that the Bible says it is impossible to please God without faith. And we as Believers want to please God. Therefore, faith ought to be at the forefront of everything we do. (Hebrews 11:6 says *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.*)

That being said, how can we increase our faith? Romans 10:17 says *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* It doesn't say faith comes by hearing the Word of God once, or even a few times. The verb *hearing* implies constant and consistent exposure. It's hearing in the present tense, rather than the past tense.

By constantly and consistently exposing ourselves to God's Word, we transform and rearrange our minds to increase our faith, instead of living in doubt.

How do we do this? We need to read the Word, hear the Word, memorize the Word, speak the Word, and sing the Word. Every day we are accumulating a lifetime of exposure to non-biblical ideas, philosophies, and culture. We need to push all of that aside and replace it with God's Word.

This will increase our faith, and ultimately we will please God. It's a battle, but well worth it... **Worship Well!** -Brad

(Interested in following my upcoming India Mission Trip? Click [here](#) to email me, or physically give me your email address. I'll add you to my list.)



# PATRICK EVERETT

student pastor - [patrick@fbcfo.org](mailto:patrick@fbcfo.org)

**Merge Camp** - This year's camp will be **June 24 to June 28th** in Millington, TN (near Memphis). The cost is \$50 plus student volunteering in the monthly Sunday camp fundraiser lunches. Sign up now as we pray for all who are going!

**Merge Camp Meeting** - We need **all parents and students** going to Merge Camp to join us for an informational meeting **Sunday, April 14**, right after the Morning Worship Celebration. We will have lunch served.

**Rise Up with Jesus!** - We are expecting our students to serve in this church-wide family ministry experience. Parents, please encourage youth to be ready and available on **Saturday, April 20!** We need every student there to serve!

**Next Camp Fund-Raiser Lunch** - The Students will be having their next Fundraiser Lunch for Merge Camp on **Sunday, 4.7**, following the Morning Worship Celebration. Please make plans to attend and support our students!

**Ecuador Missions Trip** - Let's pray for potential students to go to Ecuador this July! See Pastor Patrick if you are interested. One of our goals is for all students to be engaged in International Missions before they finish high school! If you would like to give specifically to a student going to Ecuador, we would rejoice in your generosity.

## ONEIGHTY

**Oneighty** is a worship service every Wednesday evening at 6 pm, that offers an experience to connect with new people who want to build Christ-centered relationships. If you would like to invest in the lives of our students, there is no better way! Contact Pastor Patrick if you are interested. We need you! We want to be a church that raises up the next generation in Christ!

# NICHOLE STOOKEY

kids ministry - nicholes@fbcfo.org



"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."  
Revelation 3:20

**Rise Up for Jesus!:** The planning is in the works for **Rise Up!** our new family Easter event. Think of it like a one day VBS. We will need lots of volunteer power, so please sign up to help!

The date is **April 20 from 12p to 2:15p.** The Sign-Up sheets are in both Welcome Centers! There is a life-giving place for you on this wonderful day!

**The Practice:** We had our very first meeting of "The Practice" with a total of 13 kids! We memorized John 3:16-17 and many have already won prizes for reciting it!! This week we will memorize verse #2, Revelation 3:20. If you haven't picked up your manual, we still have one available for you.



March 24  
April 7  
April 14  
April 21  
May 26



**Clubhouse Friends**

Last week we began talking about the Triumphal Entry in Matthew 21. We will continue this week in Matthew 26 with the Crucifixion and Resurrection. We have had lots of new visitors over the last few weeks so keep inviting your friends!!



**The Point**

At the Point, we learned about Jesus' invitation to "come and see" as He showed his love, power and vulnerability with the resurrection of Lazarus. Our next Point is 3.31 and **Kerry Pennington** will lead us through the Triumphal Entry! Ask your kids who they can invite!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Hospital

Jo Hill

## Home

Susan Ward  
Rosemary Biggs  
Kay Buff  
Sheila Hall  
Wilma Burt  
Louise Stinnett  
Opal Hyde  
Nell Smith  
JoAnn Davis  
Larry & Cindy Shipp  
Tommie Brock  
Beth Daughtery  
Susan VanWagner

Sharon Mullins

Jerry Gann

Ruth & Brian

Wagoner

Pat Medearis

Tommie Brock

Betty Phillips

Wanda

McArthur

Helen

Epperson

Mary Ann Jones

Ken & Betty

Goodner

John Stewart

Charles Helton

Stephen Mosman

Mike Ulman

## Assisted Care

Lila Archer

Bertha

Pennington

Joetta

Roderick

Dale Kinnison

Eunice & Stephen

Mosman

Norma

Carpenter

Robbie

Fletcher

Glenda Duncan

*Pastoral Emergency Line - 423.708.5303*

## BIRTHDAYS

Jacob Trotter (20th)

Brandon Hill (21st)

Rob Randall (21st)

Ray Leath (22nd)

Spencer Emous (23rd)

Parker Ingram (23rd)

Ken Goodner (24th)

Cindy Hall (25th)

Chris Parente (25th)

Jeanette Dupree (26th)

Lynn Tyree (26th)

Beth Daugherty 29th)

Mike Parker (30th)

Hugh Collis (31st)

Madison Stookey

(31st)

Tracey Lemon (2nd)

Jennifer Smith (2nd)

## WEDNESDAY MENU

**March 27**

Shepherd's Pie , Salad

**April 3**

Baked Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes, Stewed Cabbage



# ANDY ATKINSON

*pastor of discipleship & families - andya@fbcfo.org*

One of the paradoxes of the Christian life is that **God's gifts often require effort** 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! God had work to do on their hearts in the process. Perhaps they assumed God was going to 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 fight for it. They would not have to fight in their own strength, however; God would be present to fight for them. God would bring down the walls of cities, give them strategies to defeat their enemies, and empower their warriors to fight. The Israelites would have a divine advantage over anyone they fought, but they would still have to fight. Bringing balance to this paradox in our lives takes experience and trust.

**Assumptions will be the enemy. Realize God's eyes are on the heart even when our eyes are on the physical.**

It would be wonderful if, when we surrender to Christ, that God would fill our minds with a complete knowledge of the Bible and with Bible verses already memorized. It would be easy if God would instill in us a delight for spending hours in prayer each day, a desire to share our faith with others and to love our enemies as our selves. But God doesn't relate to us that way. Instead, He gives us the free gift of His salvation and then tells us to "work out" our salvation in fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). But don't be discouraged! God's gifts to you are perfect because, through them, He makes you perfect as well (James 1:17). He has also given you a spiritual family to walk through this together.



*LifeGROUPS exist to create a culture of hands on practical, observable spiritual families in the everyday life of our community.*

## WOMENS MINISTRY

**Women of Joy** - April 26-28. All monies are due. Money can be given to Laura Jones or turned in to the church offering but BE SURE you note on your check or envelope: WOJ 2019. If you are unable to go this year but want to go to WOJ 2020, you must give Laura your \$25 non-refundable deposit by 4.25, to hold your spot.

**Book Club** - The new book club for Women only meets the second Wednesday morning at 10a of each month at Panera Bread. This club is led by Patrice Humphrey. The next meeting is Wednesday, 4.10.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDDING SHOWERS X2!

You are invited to a combo wedding shower for **Brynna Humphrey** and **Stephen Frantz AND Fletcher Humphrey** and **Bailey Jarnigan** this Sunday, 3.24 from 2-4m in our downstairs Gathering Circle. Brynna & Stephen are registered at [Walmart.com](http://Walmart.com). Fletcher and Bailey are registered at [Walmart.com](http://Walmart.com), [Bed Bath & Beyond](http://Bed Bath & Beyond), & [theknot.com](http://theknot.com). Please stop by to celebrate their upcoming nuptials and help the couples prepare for their long and blessed lives together.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

We are collecting items for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. Items include: **Paper Towels**, **Napkins**, **Paper Plates**, **Toilet Tissue**, **Individually Wrapped Snacks** and **Walmart Gift Cards**. Collection boxes will be in the Main Welcome Center and Children's Center. The deadline is **Wednesday, 4.24**.

## MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Our next Men's ministry Breakfast will be this Saturday, 3.23, at 8:15a in the downstairs Gathering Circle. This is a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships and to encourage one another in our faith journey! Be in prayer for who you can invite to be your guest!

## C.E.R.T. VOLUNTEERS

Our C.E.R.T. Team will join forces with Constructors for Christ to build a church campus in Dutton, AL. We will be working for five weeks beginning Sunday, 6.16. If you are interested in helping, email [churchoffice@fbcfo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fbcfo.org) by 4.15, for details and paper work.

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# CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 24**

**9:30a** Bible Group Ministry

**10:50a** Morning Worship

**2-4p** Humphrey's Bridal Shower

**6p** Evening Worship

**Monday, March 25**

**11:30a** Joyful Praise @ Rosewood

**Wednesday, March 27**

**5p** Wednesday Evening Meal

**6p** Kids' Clubhouse Friends

Oneighty Student Worship

**6:15p** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

**6:30p** Pastor's Prayer Service

**7:15p** Worship Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 31**

Normal Sunday Schedule

The Point

**5p** Atkinson LifeGroup

**6p** Evening Worship

**Monday, April 1**

**10:15a** Joyful Praise @ Parkside

**Tuesday, April 2**

**10:30a** Women on Mission

**Wednesday, April 3**

Normal Wednesday Schedule

*Pastor - Jason Thomas*  
*Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis*  
*Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson*  
*Student Pastor - Patrick Everett*  
*Kids Minister - Nichole Stookey*  
*Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram*  
*Education Assistant - Sandra Mullins*  
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*“Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.”*

**March 20, 2019**

*Hebrews 13:15-16*