



first baptist church fort oglethorpe **THE SCOOP**

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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

Easter Celebration:
Unleashed by Grace
John 21:1-19

Next Sunday

Simply Jesus Series Finale

Christ Chapel

Items for March:
Canned Soup & Veggies

SUNDAYREPORT

Bible Study Attendance	198
11 am Worship Attendance	226
Annual Budget	596,828.00
YTD Budget Needs	172,162.21
YTD Budget Giving	160,955.17
Total Receipts for the Week:	13,090.13
Weekly Budget Giving	7,681.74
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,588.50
Weekly Missions Giving	563.00

VOLUNTEERS

deacons of the week

April 21-27

Paul Overlin
Jean Stone
Luke Daniels

April 28-May 4

Marlin Paulson
Bruce Underwood
Jeff Fletcher

wednesday kitchen

April 24

Charles Helton
Nancy Smith
Scott O'Steen
Dana O'Steen

May 1

Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Sandra Mullins
Betty Dunwoody



security team

Apr. 21-27

Shannon Born
Ken Lee

Apr. 28-May 4

Tracy Smith
Wayne Daniels

May 5-11

Jimmy Boyett
Bob Rogers

greeter team

April 21

Cindy Shipp
Joyce Rogers
Elaine Steele

April 28

Jeff Wells
Carrie Wells
Brenda Jones

May 5

Donna Lindsay
Donnie Lindsay
Preble McDaniel
Gene McDaniel

launchpad

Sun. April 21

Babies & 1yrs

Joy Clark
Sydnee Rittenhouse
Pam Bethune
Madison Stookey

3yr & 4yr olds

Sun. April 28

Babies & 1yrs

Ray Cox
Cathy Cox
Erie Stookey
Amber White

3yr & 4yr olds



Sun. May 5

Amanda Pobieglo
Micki Atkinson
Sandra Mullins
Lynn Tyree

Sun. May 12

Holly Trotter
Morgan Trotter
Sydnee Rittenhouse
Callie Stookey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Unleashed 2019

What does it mean to be unleashed by the grace and resurrecting power of God? **"Unleashed"** will be an experience that begins Thursday, 4.18, with a special Lord's Supper Service at 6 pm and will carry us through our 7 am and 10:45 am Worship Celebrations on Easter morning. There will be a seat ready just for you and for all our guests!

Rise Up with Jesus!

Rise Up With Jesus is a special Easter experience for families with kids on Saturday, 4.20. Families will move through difference stations on our church campus as they learn and do activities focused on the Resurrection. It all happens from noon to 2:15 pm. We need you to pray, volunteer, and invite others. It is going to be a powerful experience!

The Big Rummage Sale!

Get ready for the biggest Yard Sale yet, happening the first weekend of May, Friday, 5.3 and Saturday, 5.4. The sale will begin at 8 am on both days, but don't forget the early preparations at 6 am on Friday, 5.3. Sign-up sheets are in our main Welcome Center if you would like to volunteer. All proceeds will go to our Free to Be Building Loan.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Anytime we pray for God to bring salvation to our nation, we are praying the same heartbeat of the **Annie Armstrong Easter offering**. Our 2019 Annie Armstrong goal is **\$6,500**, and every penny will go to the cause of church planting and ministry in North America. So far we have raised **\$3,090**. Thank you for supporting this great cause!

JASON THOMAS

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How Could You Remain on your Feet? The words of Philippians 2:6-11 contain a promise of worship that is both now and still to come. Paul wrote down this promise, "that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10-11). This promise takes us into the sixth edition of our blog series on the seven BIG words for Worship.

Our big word for this edition is the Hebrew word, **"barak."** The word is one of the most common words for worship, found 289 times in the Old Testament. It describes a posture of worship and means to be brought to your knees in humility and gratitude for the greatness of God. When you find this word used in one of the psalms (such as Psalm 72, 100 and 103), it will be translated into the English words, "praise or bless." In other words, God is praised and blessed when we bow before Him in humble adoration.

You've probably seen movies where people take a knee in the presence of a king. I have never been in the presence of an earthly king, but because Jesus is alive, I am looking forward to one day being in the presence of the King of Kings. What about you? Will we bow down in humble adoration for the King of Kings? Perhaps Isaiah describes it best, "'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty'" (Isaiah 6:5). Isaiah was brought low when he saw a vision of the King. Paul promises that we will bow simply at the sound of His name. We will praise His name this Easter weekend. May it be a **"barak"** moment for all of us. He is alive! -Jason



Our leadership **Summit** happens the second Sunday of each month as a way for us to experience greater ministry vision, unity, and collaboration. I can't say enough how much we appreciate our leaders and the opportunity to raise up new leaders for the work of God's mission. Note that our next Summit will be Sunday, 5.19 due to the second Sunday being Mother's Day.



BRAD LEWIS

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I have been spending this Passion Week reading and meditating on John 15-17, and I was struck by Jesus' prayer in John 17 in a new way. Jesus was about to be tried and executed by crucifixion, and yet as He prayed to the Father, he prayed for us rather than for Himself.

John 17: 22-23 *I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

Jesus' main concern was that we (His followers) would be strong, unified, and full of God's glory. God's plan for His Kingdom to expand throughout the world and throughout all generations was to take place through us, His followers. And there was no Plan B.

And so He prayed for our strength, our unity, and our being filled with the glory of God so that *the world will know that God sent Jesus*. May we live in God's strength, be unified, and allow His Glory to shine through us... **Worship Well!**

(Interested in following my India mission trip to Kashmir? I leave on April 24th, and I'd love to keep you informed. Email me at bradl@FBCFO.org and type "India" in the subject line.)

-Brad



PATRICK EVERETT

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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!

Rise Up with Jesus! - We are expecting our students to serve in this church-wide family ministry experience. Parents, please encourage your students to be ready and available this **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 this **Sunday, 5.5** following the Morning Worship Celebration. Please make plans to attend and support our students!

Ecuador Missions Trip - Let's pray for students to go to Ecuador this July! Contact 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.

Weekly Parent Emails - Have you been getting the weekly email for our Student Ministry? **Click Here**

ONEIGHTY

No Oneighty on 4.17 but be ready for to return on 4.24!

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

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"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:30-31

Rise Up: Thank you to all of you that have committed to volunteer!! "Rise Up With Jesus" is Here!

All volunteers should be on our campus by 11am.

Kids and their families will experience the true joy of Easter as they make their way through the stations at Rise Up with Jesus! Guest will get the chance to visit each station, as well as, speak to our greeters at our Cafe! **We will be meeting at 7pm, after the Maundy Thursday service, to set up and decorate.** Again thank you for your service to families!

The Practice: I wanted to take a moment to say "Thank You" to all of the parents that have been working with their kids on verse memorization. These kids have been amazing at reciting scripture and even learning to locate it in the bible. This week we will be memorizing Isaiah 40:30-31. I hope to see a huge group of kids this week! If you need a copy of The Practice Manual please let me know.



April 21
May 26



Clubhouse Friends

No Clubhouse Friends on 4.17.19! We will return next week and will pick up in Acts 1. Our focus will be, "I can believe Jesus will return to earth someday."



The Point

Our next kids' worship will be Sunday, 4.28, and we will look at **Jesus' death on the cross** from John 18-19! This will be a very important week for our kids! Pray for how each kid processes their salvation and commits themselves to the Jesus way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Hospital

Susan VanWagner
Sharon Mullins

Lila Mears
Carol Whelchel

Home

Martha Cope
Phil Alsbrook
Rosemary Biggs
Sheila Hall
Wilma Burt
Opal Hyde
Nell Smith
JoAnn Davis
Ken Lee
Larry & Cindy Shipp
Tommie Brock
Beth Daughtery

Jerry Gann
Ruth & Brian Wagoner
Pat Medearis
Betty Phillips
Helen Epperson
Mary Ann Jones
Ken & Betty Goodner
John Stewart
Charles Helton
Stephen Mosman
Mike Ulman
Luke Daniels
Bimol Poole
Dean Moore

Assisted Care

Lila Archer
Joetta Roderick
Dale Kinnison
Eunice & Stephen Mosman
Norma Carpenter
Robbie Fletcher

Deaths

The family of
Louise Stinnett

Pastoral Emergency Line - 423.708.5303

BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Smith (18th)
Pierce Pennington (20th)
Erie Stookey (20th)
Bobbie Allison (21st)
Jeff Scott (21st)
Barbara Miller (22nd)

Ollie Rogers (22nd)
Cheryl Arnold (23rd)
Fred Colwell (24th)
Alexis Greene (25th)
Kay Buff (26th)
Carrie Payne (26th)
Sarah Delzell (28th)

Lauren Parrish (30th)
Morgan Trotter (30th)
Brian Born (1st)
Al Hutchison (1st)
James Lee (1st)
Eddy Trotter (1st)

WEDNESDAY MENU

April 24

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw

May 1

Oven Baked Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Broccoli Salad

ANDY ATKINSON

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God's truth never restricts you; it always sets you free!

But typically our reaction to God is that he is restrictive. Are you discouraged? Is there a sense of bondage in a particular area of your life? A lack of victory over a certain sin? A harmful addiction? It is possible that you do not yet **understand** a truth about God that can release you.

If you feel powerless to meet the challenges before you, take encouragement from the promise of Philippians 4:13: **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** If you are defeated by circumstance, hold on to the truth of Romans 8:28 that God can work your most difficult situation into His good. These are two of the most misused verses in scripture however they are powerful if we put them in the context of **growing in trust of the truth**. If you are enslaved to a particular sin, work the truth of 1 John 1:9 into your life, which promises that if you confess your sin, God is faithful to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. All of these truths await the Holy Spirit's implementation into your life.

It is one thing **to know** about the truth. It is yet another thing **to experience the truth** of God being worked out in your life. God's truth will have no effect upon you unless you trust it and allow it to work. God has given us the freedom to love or reject based on our experiences. He allows so much it is shocking and yet still active in revealing **self-giving redemptive love**. Perhaps you have already read and heard accounts of God working mightily in the lives of others. But have you allowed God to implement those truths into your life? This is **the experience we need**. What truth about God would you like to be experiencing in your life? Ask Him to begin to **implement** that **truth** into your life today.



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. WOJ is fast approaching. We have 43 ladies who have confirmed that they will be going to the conference in Pigeon Forge. Please remember each and every lady and pray for all of us as we use this time to draw closer to the Lord and enjoy some wonderful fellowship and food. FYI: If you plan to go with us in 2020, be sure to give your \$25 non-refundable deposit to Laura Jones (423.605.1816) by 4.21. She will not be purchasing any extra spots this year, other than what we have money to cover. We don't want you to get left out if you would like to go.

Book Club - The first book for Women Only Book Club is Under a Cloudless Sky by Chris Fabry. You don't need to have read our first selection to join us. For further information, please contact Patrice Humphrey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a wedding shower for **Will Montgomery** and **Rebecca Acklan** on Sunday, 4.28 from 2-4 pm in our downstairs Gathering Circle. Will and Rebecca are registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Belk. Please stop by to celebrate their upcoming nuptials and help the couple prepare for a long and blessed life 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**.

FREEDOM MOVIE NIGHT

You are invited to a special night to enjoy a movie and help support our Free to BE countdown. On Sunday, 4.28, we will be showing the hit movie, **"A Dog's Purpose,"** in our Family Life Gymnasium at 5 pm. Donations will be accepted and everyone is welcome.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Pennington Family thanks you for the loving support and visits from Bertha's closest friends over the past few years. We appreciate the warm expressions of love for her that you shared with us. Thank you for the delicious meal that was prepared. Our church family always wraps their arms around you in a time of need.

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CALENDAR

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HOUSEHOLD
ADDRESS 1
CITY, STATE ZIP

Sunday, April 21
7a Easter Sunrise Service
8a Breakfast
9:30a Bible Group Ministry
10:45a Morning Worship
The Practice Kids' Breakout
Wednesday, April 24
5p Wednesday Evening Meal
6p Kids' Clubhouse Friends
Oneighty Student Worship
6:15p Worship Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30p Business Meeting
Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28
Women of Joy - Pigeon Forge
Sunday, April 28
Normal Sunday Schedule
The Point Kids' Worship
2-4p Montgomery Bridal Shower
Wednesday, May 1
Normal Wednesday Schedule
Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4
8a The Big Yard Sale

Pastor - Jason Thomas
Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis
Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson
Student Pastor - Patrick Everett
Kids Minister - Nichole Stookey
Administrative Assistant - Miki Ingram
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Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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John 20:21-22