



# 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**

Mirror Image Series:  
"Our One Sure Thing"  
Psalm 46

### **Next Sunday**

The Mirror Image  
Continues

### **Christ Chapel**

Items for May  
Canned Soup & Veggies

# VOLUNTEERS

## deacons of the week

### **May 19-25**

Kerry Pennington  
Mary Jo Case  
Patrice Humphrey

### **May 26-June 1**

Don Pittman  
John Collison  
Bob Johnson

## wednesday kitchen

### **May 22**

Wayne Rasbury  
Charlie Rasbury  
Sue Hughes  
Cathy Cox

### **May 29**

Betty Parrish  
Harold Parrish  
Charles Tant  
Dolores Tant



## security team

### May 19-25

Jeff Ingram  
Tom Acker

### May 26-June 1

Fred Colwell  
Diedra Smith

### June 2-8

Shannon Born  
Ken Lee

## greeter team

### **May 19**

Joyce Rogers  
Bob Rogers  
Mary Jo Case

### **May 26**

Jeff Wells  
Carrie Wells  
Dolores Tant

### **June 2**

Scott O'steen  
Dana O'Steen  
James Lee  
Alisha Lee

## launchpad

### **Sun. May 19**

#### **Babies & 1yrs**

Brenna Wells  
Brenda Lynch  
Debbie Harp  
Madeline Pittman

#### **3yr & 4yr olds**

### **Sun. May 26**

#### **Babies & 1yrs**

Angie Davis  
Erie Stookey  
Tracy Smith  
Amber White

#### **3yr & 4yr olds**

### **Sun. June 2**

Erie Stookey  
Charles Tant  
Brittany Everett  
Lynn Tyree

### **Sun. June 9**

Stacy Thomas  
Joy Clark  
Pamela Bethune  
Julie Wright



# SUNDAYREPORT

Bible Study Attendance	200
11 am Worship Attendance	260
Annual Budget	596,828.00
YTD Budget Needs	218,072.13
YTD Budget Giving	204,257.94
Total Receipts for the Week:	13,392.60
Weekly Budget Giving	9,820.26
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,839.00
Weekly Missions Giving	202.00

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## The Big Yard Sale!

The BIG Yard Sale is scheduled for June 7-8 at 8a. The sale will begin at 8a on both days, but don't forget early preparations at 6a on Friday. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in our main Welcome Center. All proceeds will go to our Free to Be Building Loan.

## VBS Power Up!

Mark your calendars for our Summer VBS Ministry happening Sunday, 6.9 through Thursday, 6.13. Our theme this year is "Power Up," featuring a unique video-game curriculum to remind kids that it is God who empowers us with everything we need. **Sign up to volunteer at our Main Welcome Center.**

## New Start Times

Beginning Sunday, 5.5, our **Evening Service** will begin at **5p** in the downstairs Gathering Circle. In addition, beginning Wednesday, 5.8, the **Pastor's Prayer Service** will begin at **6:15p**. Thank you for making note of these new start times as we look forward to our gathering moments on Sundays and Wednesdays.

## Women on Mission

The ladies of WOM want to thank our church family for the generous contributions to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for North American Missions. The total offering was \$4,350. A BIG thank you also for all who contributed to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. You gave 140 items and \$170 in gift cards that will go to support children in Palmetto and Meansville, GA.

# JASON THOMAS

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

**A Reason to Shout!** I have to admit that I am as guilty of this as any other rabid football fan during the college football season. When the big games are on, I find myself talking to and sometimes shouting at the television screen as if I were standing on the sideline with the coach! We find ourselves shouting for many different reasons, some positive and some not so positive. But what if making this kind of "joyful" noise could actually be a way to rejoice and glorify God in worship? This kind of joyful shouting brings us to the seventh and final word in our series on the BIG words for worship.

We are not told what Gideon said when his army of 300 men caused the retreat of an enemy army that was too numerous to count. This enemy had become as "thick as locusts," with camels that "could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore" (Judges 7:12). Yet, with only 300 men, God brought about an amazing victory that was against all odds and would have caused Gideon and his troops to shout out victorious praises to God. That is the kind of context where the Hebrew word, "**shabach**" finds its origin as a classic word for worship. It is used only eleven times in the Old Testament, but each time it captures a moment when there is a reason to glorify God with a declaration of victory. The word literally means to raise up a holy roar for the glory of the Lord.

Think about a time when you found yourself joining in this holy roar. Was it a shout of praise when you understood the beauty of your salvation for the first time? Could it have been a shout of praise with the birth of a child or the healing of a loved one? Perhaps Sunday morning could become one of those moments as we celebrate our victory in Jesus and join together with one collective voice for the glory of the Lord. Let our holy roar be heard! -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, from 4p to 5:30p.**



# BRAD LEWIS

worship pastor - [bradl@fbcfo.org](mailto:bradl@fbcfo.org)

Wasn't that a powerful word that Pastor Jason shared this past Sunday! To know that God always sees us, always hears us, always knows us, and always loves us is both encouraging and humbling.

I was captivated by the thought Jason shared that instead of trying to hide from God's presence, we ought to seek to embrace His presence. God wants us to be lovers of His presence! His desire is to be with us *always*. And that should be our desire also: To *always* be in God's presence. Not just for an hour on Sunday mornings, not just for a few quick minutes every morning, but *always*.

We sometimes equate God's presence with something we have to regularly attend, an event to check off our to-do lists. But God desires His presence to be a continual experience for His children. At home, at work, cutting the grass, driving, eating, playing, and even sleeping: God wants His presence to envelop us and be dominant in everything we do!

Instead of seeing God's presence as *have to* we should see His presence as a *want to*, as something to embrace.

May we chase after God's presence, and embrace it as our lifestyle, rather than as an event... **Worship Well!**

-Brad



# 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!

**Next Camp Fund-Raiser Lunch** - The Students will be having their next Fundraiser Lunch for Merge Camp on **Sunday, 6.2**, following the Morning Worship Celebration.

Students, plan to be here at 9a to set-up and stay until 1:30 for clean-up. Bring a dessert! 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!

**The last evening of Oneighty for the semester will be next Wednesday, 5.22**



**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!



# NICHOLE STOOKEY

kids ministry - nicholes@fbcfo.org



*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30*

**VBS Power Up:** Following our awesome Easter *Rise Up* experience, let's keep the momentum going with our VBS Power Up 2019. VBS is only 4 weeks away, and the theme is "Power Up," a unique video game curriculum with this focus: "God's power gives me everything I need." This will be awesome for kids of all ages. We need ALL volunteers to sign up to be able to make this year a success. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main Welcome Center beginning this Sunday! Thank you in advance!!



May 26

**The Practice:** May 26 is the last Practice for the Spring Semester! We will be taking the Summer off and starting back at it in on August 4th! But we will have an amazing incentive for the kids would retain ALL of this semester's verses on August 4! So hang on to your Practice Manual and plant the word into their hearts!



**Clubhouse Friends**

We will finish up this semester on May 22 with an end of year party and then take a break for the summer months to focus on VBS and Camp. We would love to have more help! Pray about ministering to our kids, and contact Nichole to get involved. We would love to have you come by and see the kids worshipping and interacting with God's Word!



**The Point**

Our next kids' worship will be this Sunday, 5.19. We will look at Jesus healing the blind man from John 9! Our main point is that Jesus is the Light of the World and He gives sight to the blind! This is our last Point for the semester! Our next Point will be June 30!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Hospital

Amy Williams

## Home

Nancy Smith

Ron Mullins

Rosemary Biggs

Sheila Hall

Wilma Burt

Nell Smith

Ken Lee

Larry & Cindy

Shipp

Tommie Brock

Beth

Daughtery

Susan VanWagner

Sharon Mullins

Jerry Gann

Ruth & Brian

Wagoner

Pat Medearis

Betty Phillips

Helen

Epperson

Ken & Betty

Goodner

John Stewart

Stephen Mosman

Mike Ulman

Luke Daniels

Dean Moore

Lila Mears

Carol Whelchel

## Assisted Care

Lila Archer

Joetta

Roderick

Dale Kinnison

Eunice & Stephen

Mosman

Norma

Carpenter

Robbie

Fletcher

Barbara Holland

Sarah Delzell

## Deaths

Mary Rose (Betsye Smith's sister)

*Pastoral Emergency Line - 423.708.5303*

## BIRTHDAYS

Susan Key (17th)

Dave Bolling (21st)

Rena Caradine (21st)

Wanda Kitchen (21st)

Dana O'Steen (21st)

Luke Paris (21st)

Magnolia Pittman

(24th)

Truddy Hutchison

(27th)

Jason Thomas (27th)

Brenna Wells (28th)

Michael Long (29th)

## WEDNESDAY MENU

**May 22 - Pork Chops, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans**

**May 29 - Oven Baked Chicken, Broccoli Salad, Potato Salad**

# ANDY ATKINSON

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

**Focus your heart on Christ and allow Him to take care of the results!** It is easy to see why Moses became frustrated with the Hebrew people. They were so **hard-hearted** and weak in their faith that Moses lost his patience and became angry with them. Yet every time Moses shifted his focus away from God, it cost him. When he sought to help his people by taking matters into his own hands, he spent the next forty years herding sheep in the wilderness (Ex. 2:11-15). Later on, his impetuous behavior cost him the opportunity to enter the Promised Land (Num. 20:12). In his frustration at the peoples' irreverence, Moses committed the very same sin, blatantly disobeying God's instructions. **Moses allowed his attention to shift to the behavior of others rather than focusing on the activity of God.** He didn't deal with his emotions well.

This could happen to us as well. God has put people around us who need our ministry to them. We will never be able to properly help them unless our primary focus is on God. If we concentrate on people, their weaknesses, their disobedience, their lack of faith, and their stubbornness will quickly frustrate us. We may, like Moses, commit the very sins we are condemning. If, however, our eyes are fixed on God, we will become more like Him—gracious, forgiving, long-suffering, and righteous. When a friend's behavior disappoints you, go immediately to the Lord. Seek to discern what God is wanting to do in your friend's life rather than concentrating on your friend's sin. Then you will have the strength, wisdom, and patience you need to help your friend in the way God desires. Deal with your emotions straightforward. Let go of them and don't suppress them. Know that we can give the right verbal answer and our hearts still retain seeds of the enemy.



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## WOMENS MINISTRY

**Women's Luncheon** - Tickets are now on sale for the annual Women's Ministry luncheon, happening Saturday, 7.20, from 11:30a to 1:30p. The cost is \$15.00 per ticket. Our theme this year is "A Mission to Haiti." You can purchase tickets from Laura Jones or contact the church office. Table hostesses are still needed. We will have a meeting on Tuesday, 6.4, at 5:30p to meet with the caterer and discuss decorations. If you can be a hostess, contact Laura at 423.605.1816.

**Special Video** - You are invited to a special video presentation in our downstairs Gathering Circle as our Women's Ministry shares one of the featured speakers from the most recent WOJ Conference. This presentation will be Saturday 6.29, from 10a to 1p. Bring a dish and join us for food and fellowship and experience a part of WOJ that makes the event so special!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISCOVER FBCFO LUNCH

We invite all of our guests and new members to a get to know us lunch happening Sunday, 5.19, at 12:15p in our downstairs Gathering Circle. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and get connected. The lunch will last one hour and includes a walking tour of the campus.

### SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Sunday, 5.26, is our annual Heritage Day, and to celebrate, we invite you to a special Senior Adult Luncheon following the Morning Worship Celebration. Make your reservations to the church office by Monday, 5.20, by calling 706.866.0232. Each Bible Study class may wish to make their reservations list and forward them to the church office.

### ECUADOR MISSION TRIP

Pray for our Ecuador Team as we make plans for our annual mission trip to Ecuador this July. We will have a team meeting in the near future to finalize details for the trip.

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# CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 19**

**9:30a** Bible Group Ministry

**10:50a** Morning Worship  
Kids' Worship @ The Point

**12:15p** Discover FBCFO Lunch  
**4p** Summit Meeting  
Atkinson LifeGroup

**Wednesday, May 22**

**5p** Wednesday Evening Meal

**6p** Kids' Clubhouse Friends  
Oneighty Student Worship

**6:15p** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
Pastor's Prayer Service

**7:15p** Worship Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, May 23**

**9a** FBP End of Year Program

**Sunday, May 26**

Normal Morning Schedule  
No Evening Worship

**Monday, May 27**

**Happy Memorial Day**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, May 29**

**5p** Wednesday Evening Meal  
No Kids or Student Ministries

**6:15p** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
Pastor's prayer Service

**7:15p** Worship Choir Rehearsal

*Pastor - Jason Thomas*  
*Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis*  
*Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson*  
*Student Pastor - Patrick Everett*  
*Kids Minister - Nichole Stookey*  
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*"God is our refuge and strength, a  
very present help in trouble."*

*Psalms 46:1 ESV*

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