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# CALENDAR

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**Sunday, June 16**

Happy Father's Day

**9:30a** Bible Group Ministry

**10:50a** Morning Worship

**NO** Evening Worship

**Tuesday, June 18 - Friday, June 21**

**Children's Student Life Camp**

**Wednesday, June 19**

**5p** Wednesday Evening Meal

**6:15p** Worship Orchestra Rehearsal  
Business Meeting & Prayer Service

**7:15p** Worship Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, June 23**

Normal Morning Schedule

**Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 28**

**Student Merge Camp**

**Wednesday, June 26**

**5p** Wednesday Evening Meal

**6p** Bible Studies

**6:15p** Pastor's Prayer Service

Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

**7:15p** Worship Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, June 29**

**10a** Women's Ministry Event

*Pastor - Jason Thomas*

*Worship Pastor - Brad Lewis*

*Discipleship Pastor - Andy Atkinson*

*Student Pastor - Patrick Everett*

*Kids Minister - Nichole Stookey*

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*Open my eyes that I may see  
wonderful things in your law.*

**June 12, 2019**

*Psalms 119:18*



# first baptist church fort oglethorpe **THE SCOOP**

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June 12, 2019

## 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



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## sermon series



### This Sunday

Mirror Image Series  
"The Grace of a Good Father"  
Luke 15:11-24

### Next Sunday

The Mirror Image  
Continues

### Christ Chapel

Items for June:  
Canned Soup & Veggies

# SUNDAYREPORT



**Free to Be**  
GALATIANS 5:1

Bible Study Attendance	246
11 am Worship Attendance	283
Annual Budget	596,828.00
YTD Budget Needs	263,982.06
YTD Budget Giving	242,135.67
Total Receipts for the Week:	13,656.00
Weekly Budget Giving	8,349.00
Weekly Freedom Giving	2,626.00
Weekly Missions Giving	412

# VOLUNTEERS

## deacons of the week

### June 16-22

Jean Stone  
Linda Daniels  
Paul Overlin

### June 23-29

Bruce Underwood  
Luke Daniels  
Marlin Paulson

## wednesday kitchen

### June 19

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

### June 26

Fred Colwell  
Dian Colwell  
Sandra Mullins  
Betty Dunwoody



## security team

### June 16-22

Jimmy Boycott  
Bob Rogers

### June 23-29

Russell Harp  
Kris Kubler

### June 30-July 6

Jeff Ingram  
Tom Acker

## greeter team

### June 16

Pat Medearis  
Mackie Yatooma  
Marlin Paulson

### June 23

Regeania Nicholson  
Luther Nicholson  
Elaine Steele

### June 30

Aurelia Little  
Margaret Box  
Brenda Jones

## launchpad

### Sun. June 16

#### Babies & 1yrs

David White  
Amber White  
Brittany Stone  
Debbie Harp

#### 3yr & 4yr olds

### Sun. June 23

#### Babies & 1yrs

Joyce Rogers  
Brenda Lynch  
Carrie Wells  
Mackie Yatooma

#### 3yr & 4yr olds

### Sun. June 30

Melissa Pittman  
Marge Evans  
Julie Wright  
Callie Stookey

### Sun. July 7

Amber White  
Hailey Emous  
Brittany Everett  
Debbie Harp



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## The Big Yard Sale!

The BIG Yard Sale happens Friday & Saturday, June 14 & 15 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.

## Kids' Student Life Camp

The time has come and we are getting excited as we prepare to make our way to Shocco Springs, Alabama for our Kids' SL4K Summer Camp on, June 18-21. There are 15 people going, including adults. Pray for all of our kids and volunteers, and thank you for supporting our fundraising lunches to help us get there!

## Student Merge Camp

Merge is a high-energy mission camp for our students in middle school and high school. The camp takes place in the greater area of Memphis, Tennessee on the week of Monday, 6.24 to Friday, 6.28. We are planning for over 40 to participate, including adult volunteers. Thank you for supporting our fundraising lunches to help us get there!

## Happy Father's Day

We are looking forward to praising God for all of our grandfathers, fathers, and father-figures on this special Sunday that we call Father's Day. This could be a great Sunday to invite your family to worship with you. We will have donuts Sunday morning in our Welcome Center Coffee Cafe.

# JASON THOMAS

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

**Sunday is coming!** Perhaps as you are reading this article, we are still in the middle of VBS "Power Up" 2019. You will be hearing more about how amazing our VBS has been this year. And yet, as you are reading this, it is also true that Sunday is coming. By now, followers of Jesus should know that worship is so much more than what we experience on Sundays, and yet, there is something special when the church gathers for worship.

In this newsletter series, we have been exploring the seven major Hebrew words for worship. It is interesting that our God is so amazing that one word is not adequate to express our praise for Him. The seven major words cover everything from singing, praying, playing instruments, bowing, shouting, and throwing our hands in the air. And here as we come to the final edition of this series, we consider how we can experience a greater freedom in worship as these words encourage us to do. What would it take for our God awareness in worship to overshadow and eclipse our self awareness?

Consider the anticipation. Jesus promised a day when His followers would worship in Spirit and truth (see John 4:23). There was anticipation when Jesus made that promise, and we live in the reality of worshiping in the presence of the Holy Spirit and the truth of God's Word. Those are the key ingredients for our worship: God's Spirit and God's Word. Yet, you also are a key ingredient and can be better prepared to encounter God's presence through anticipation. What do you expect when you enter our worship center? Have you prayed in advance for this encounter with God? Are you reflective of how God has been working in your life all week long? Sunday is coming. Let's be ready for all that God has for us this Sunday! -Jason



Our leadership **Summit** happens the second Sunday of each month as a way for us to experience greater ministry vision, unity, and collaboration. We appreciate our amazing leaders and the opportunity to grow and work together. Note that our next Summit date will be Sunday, 8.11, as we take a break for the summer.



# BRAD LEWIS

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

**Delighting In God!** Psalm 37:23-24 says: *The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.*

Many times we distill our relationship with God down to simply obeying, where God is the ruler and we are His subjects. Although God does call us to obedience, He does so like a parent who loves their child, seeking to protect, preserve, and shelter. When we step out from under His protection (which is secured in our obedience), we open ourselves to the influence, pressure, and corruption of the world.

God will forgive us when we follow the ways of the world, but He would rather us not have to walk through things that we expose ourselves to through disobedience. We can't call it "trials and tribulations" when we choose to step out from under God's protection and go our own way. It is our disobedience and not God's hand of training and testing.

God wants so much more from us than obedience and rule-following. God desires that we delight in Him: To experience *a high degree of pleasure or enjoyment* in our relationship with Him. When we look at God, do we see the One to whom we cannot wait to spend time with, or do we see the strong-fisted ruler who wants to make our life difficult?

May we constantly delight in Him... **Worship Well!**

-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. We ask you to pray fervently for all the students and adult leaders.

## VBS 2019

The Middle School of VBS has been a great time of focus for our students! We want to say a special thank you to **Robert "Moose" Long, Hillarie Baker, Dana**

**O'Steen and Angie Davis!** It has been a joy to see our students get to know new adults! This is the vision of our Student Ministry! Adults throughout our church investing in the lives of students simply by taking in interest in their lives.

**Ecuador Missions Trip** - Let's pray for students to go to Ecuador this July! One of our goals is for all students to be engaged in International Missions before they finish high school.

**We will not be having Oneighty (6.19.19)**  
**Look at our Student Facebook group or**  
**the weekly email for events this Summer.**



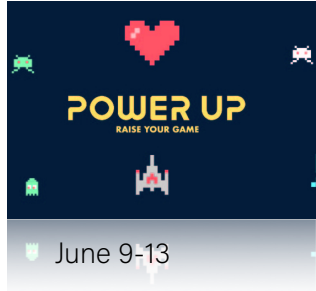
**Oneighty** is a worship service every Wednesday evening at 6 pm, that offers an experience to connect with new people who want to build Christ-centered relationships. If you would like to invest in the lives of our students, there is no better way! Contact Pastor Patrick if you are interested. We need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

# NICHOLE STOOKEY

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"God" power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a



Next: Aug 4

**VBS Power Up:** Wow! The first couple of nights of VBS have been amazing!! On Sunday evening we had 110 kids and Monday evening a record breaking 127 kids! I will report on unique attendance next time, but we are reaching many kids in our community and filling their hearts with the love of Jesus! Thank you to all of those that have been volunteering, you are appreciated!!!! We have had over 80 volunteers this week!!! Let us keep up the momentum and put our energy into this ministry of reaching kids throughout the year!

**The Practice:** The Spring Semester of the Practice was a hit! We learned 6 verses and most of those where multiple verses! Parents, help your kids remember their verses! For the kids who keep these memorized on Aug 4, they will be able to participate in a great surprise!



**Clubhouse Friends**

We are taking 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 will start the Fall Semester off with a bang on August 7! Have a great summer!



**The Point**

Our next Point will be June 30! We will learn about Jesus washing the disciples' feet from John 13. Our Guest Speaker will be Jeff Fletcher! We will wash one another's feet in an effort to realize what it was like! It will be an unforgettable learning experience! Make all efforts to have all of our kids there!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Hospital

George Smith

## Home

Ken Lee  
Carol McDowell  
Barbara Holland  
Rosemary Biggs  
Sheila Hall  
Nell Smith  
Larry & Cindy Shipp  
Tommie Brock  
Beth Daughtery  
Phil Alsbrook  
Susan VanWagner  
Sharon Mullins

Jerry Gann  
Ruth & Brian Wagoner  
Pat Medearis  
Betty Phillips  
Helen Epperson  
Ken & Betty Goodner  
John Stewart  
Stephen Mosman  
Mike Ulman  
Dean Moore  
Lila Mears  
Carol Whelchel  
Amy Williams

## Assisted Care

Sarah Delzell  
Wilma Burt  
Lila Archer  
Joetta Roderick  
Dale Kinnison  
Eunice & Stephen Mosman  
Norma Carpenter  
Robbie Fletcher

**Death:**  
**Barbara Holland & family on the passing of her sister, Sarah Delzell**

*Pastoral Emergency Line - 423.708.5303*

# BIRTHDAYS

Eileen Minghini (13th)	Donna Lindsay (20th)	June Grammer (23rd)
Chloe Leamon (15th)	Joyce Tindall (20th)	Allyson Carlton (24th)
Steve Dowis (17th)	Cathy Cox (21st)	Dean Moore (25th)
Ron Mullins (17th)	Donnie Lindsay (21st)	Brad Robinson (25th)
Nathaniel Wright (17th)	Dolores Richardson (22nd)	
Jack Paulson (19th)	Sara Gillespie (23rd)	
Lois Carlton (20th)		

# WEDNESDAY MENU

**June 19 - Barbecue, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad**

**June 26 - Hamburgers, Chips, Broccoli Salad**

# ANDY ATKINSON

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

**Jesus redefines what is victory.** He shows us His new definition by being our substitute. The Christian life is an exchanged life: Jesus' life for your life. When Christ takes control, your life takes on dimensions you would never have known apart from Him. When you are weak, then Christ demonstrates His strength in your life (2 Cor. 12:9-10). Weakness is **redefined by the cross**. When you face situations that are beyond your comprehension, you have only to ask, and the infinite wisdom of God is available to you (James 1:5). What is foolish is **redefined by the cross**. When you are faced with humanly impossible situations, God does the impossible (Luke 18:27). What is possible is **redefined by the cross**. When you encounter people whom you find difficult to love, God expresses His unconditional love through you (1 John 4:7). What is unconditional is **redefined by the cross**. When you are at a loss as to what you should pray for someone, the Spirit will guide you in your prayer life (Rom. 8:16). Our very language to God is **redefined** by God's grace. When Christ takes up space in the life of a believer, "all the fullness of God" is available to that person (Eph. 3:19) because the fullness of God's love was **revealed by the cross**.

It is marvelously freeing to know that God controls your life and knows what it can become. It is hope redefined. Rather than constantly worrying about what you will face, your great challenge is to continually release every area of your life to God's control. The temptation will be to try to do by yourself what only God can do. **Only God can be God. Allow Him to live out His divine life through you.** He is the only One who can.



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

## 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 person. 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 @ 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 Women Of Joy 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

### VBS POWER UP!

We can't wait to share more with you about the amazing things God has done through our VBS 2019. We lift up a HUGE word of praise & thanks for our VBS Leadership Team and the 80+ volunteers that we've had each night to make everything happen!

### BIRTHDAY INVITATION

Come help us celebrate Raymond Pendley's 85th Birthday on Friday, 6.28 from 6 to 8 PM in the downstairs Gathering Circle. We will have finger-foods, and Mickey Caradine's band, "The Ascots" will be playing oldies.

### ECUADOR MISSION TRIP

Our annual mission trip to Ecuador is just around the corner, 7.5 to 7.12. Our missions team will meet **Sunday, 6.16, at 12:15p** for a final briefing before the trip. Thank you for praying and supporting our team on this important mission.

### CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Our Constitution Team will be presenting the first draft of our updated Church Constitution next Wednesday, 6.19, at our regular business meeting. Copies will be emailed in advance, presented at the meeting, and available otherwise in the main Welcome Center.