



GENERATIONS— *following*

Leaving a Legacy for the Generations Following

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A grayscale photograph of a person from behind, with their right arm raised and hand open in a gesture of worship. The person has dark hair tied back. In the background, a soccer field is visible with a large, faint text overlay that reads "Fire before us, You the bright". The top of the image features several horizontal rows of small, colored dots in green and orange. The overall tone is spiritual and contemplative.

Fire before us, You
the bright

Meet Andrew

Pictured here, with his hands raised in worship, is Andrew. He is a Gordon State College student who is a part of the Thrive young adult ministry of FBC. His intended major is not offered as a full 4- year Bachelor's degree. Believing and trusting that God has called him to Barnesville and to be active in the young adult ministry at FBC and after much prayer, he decided to change his major to a four year degree that Gordon does offer. Andrew is a winsome believer and regularly invites other young men in his dorm to Common Ground (the young adult worship gathering) on Wednesdays.

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¹² Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, ¹³ consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴ that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

Psalm 48: 2 - 14 ESV

INTRODUCTION

A place for generations to grow and flourish in their pursuit of Jesus.

Foundations are the most important part of any building, and that is true both in the world of construction as well as church growth. We at First Baptist Church of Barnesville have sought to build our church on a foundation of biblical truth. We exist *“to love God and to share His love by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.”* That purpose statement was created through a long range planning team for the year 2000, and reaffirmed by our Vision 20/20 planning team in 2014. It is founded upon Acts 2:41-47 and incorporates the five convictions of every New Testament church. Those convictions are:

WORSHIP

Every believer should grow more in love with Jesus!

MINISTRY

Every believer should be serving Jesus!

EVANGELISM

Every believer should be sharing Jesus!

FELLOWSHIP

Every believer should be united in the family of Jesus!

DISCIPLESHIP

Every believer should grow more like Jesus!

As our church has continued to grow through the years, we have seen God's faithfulness every step of the way. In the last several years we have seen many people called into God's salvation. We rejoice in that! We have seen students and young adults boldly obey the call to be teachers, doctors, musicians, missionaries, seminarians, and community leaders for the Gospel.

Our church is blessed to be in an expansive mission field. We are close to our county schools and neighborhoods. Gordon State College is less than a mile away, and through the years our student and young adult ministry has grown. With a younger generation coming in, we have also seen that our contemporary worship gathering has become our fastest growing worship service. It is now increasingly clear that space for our students and young adults is very limited.

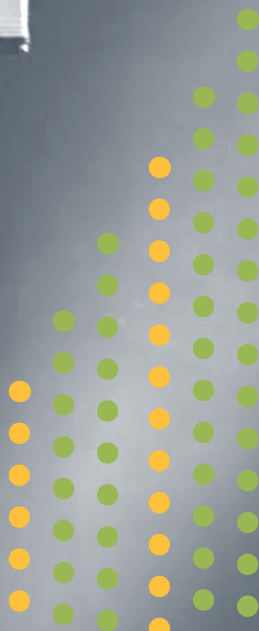


Meet Jackie

Jackie (middle) is pictured here with Alyssa (left) and Sarah (right) at the October 2018 Canopy. Jackie is a sophomore at Gordon State College. She is also active in the Gordon State College's Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM). After a Monday night BCM worship gathering, Jackie approached Jason Teal, the Student and Young Adult Pastor of FBC, who also serves as Gordon State's campus minister, with some wonderful news. She explained to him that after a Common Ground worship gathering she felt the Holy Spirit leading her to become a follower of Jesus. She grew up in church, and like many others, church was just a place to attend on Sundays. It was not until that moment while sitting in a worship service for young adults that she realized her need for a Savior and that Jesus was the only one who could atone for her sins. Following that conversation with Jason, Jackie was baptized at her home church! Jackie is a wonderful young woman who shines brightly for Jesus in all she does.

Meet Karezz

If you have ever met Karezz, you know that he loves music. He loves being able to lead worship and play the guitar. Karezz was a middle schooler when he first started coming to FBC. The middle school minister, Josh, made a connection with him by simply playing football with Karezz. At this point he did not know Jesus, but Karezz kept coming to church. It didn't take long for people to realize that Karezz had a desire for music. Karezz started to learn how to play the cajon. As he grew, Karezz realized he needed a Savior and was baptized at FBC. Throughout his time as a student, he served with the student worship team. Even as a high school student he began to play drums for the young adult worship team. Today, Karezz is a worship leader at a church in Macon, GA. His time at FBC equipped him to serve where he is now making an impact for the Gospel through song.



Our Current *Situation*

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

2 Corinthians 9: 11 - 12 ESV

OUR CURRENT SITUATION

We have been blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our student and young adult ministries.

As our student and young adult ministries continue to grow, it has become increasingly clear that space reserved for these ministries is inadequate in both size and functionality. As we look to the future, we have several needs that will have to be addressed. Our student ministry has already outgrown their space in our CFLC. The Lighthouse, the ministry site for our young adult ministry, had massive structural problems and had to be torn down for the sake of safety. The young adults now share a space with the student ministry. In our current situation, we are over 80% capacity in worship and education space for both students and young adults.

In addition, our 9:45 contemporary worship gathering is now our fastest growing worship service and will likely outgrow our sanctuary in the near future. Other growing ministries, like the Canopy, that reach the women in our community, has increased in number of people at each worship gathering.

As a church we are blessed to be located in a strategic area in Lamar County. We are able to reach a number of people in our community with the good news of the Gospel. FBC ministries such as the Canopy and Equip Missions serves a variety of people in our communities. Our student ministry serves 6 feeder high schools (approximately 4,000 students) and 8 feeder middle schools (approximately 4,300 students). Our young adult ministry serves Gordon State College with an enrollment of 3,500 students and about 850-900 of those students live on campus. Our young adult ministry is not just a college ministry, it serves young adults who are working professionals in the 18-25 age group. According to the last census there are approximately 6,600 young adults in a 20 mile radius that are a part of the young professional demographic. The contemporary worship gathering at FBC hosts a variety of people that cross over many demographics. In our current situation, the space for that service is also at 80% capacity. Research from Lifeway shows that when a congregation fills 80% of the seats in a space, that congregation has reached a plateau in growth.

student ministry currently:

Current space makes up about 2,482 sq. ft. including 4 rooms. Worship area can accommodate 73 students (80% capacity caps growth at 58, accommodation per recommended square footage/person as suggested by Lifeway).



Educational space (2 classrooms) can accommodate 31 students. Gathering space (game room) can accommodate 22 students.



Present average Sunday Small Group attendance is 45-55 students. Present average Wednesday worship attendance is 60-70 students.



young adult ministry currently:



Over half of our weekly attendance are young adults who are not in college. Our weekly worship attendance averages 45- 60 people.



Ministry on Gordon's campus averages 30-40 students. At present location, worship space accommodates 48 people.



At the current location, there is no small group space dedicated to the young adult ministry.

the canopy:



The Canopy reaches women from a variety of different backgrounds and neighborhoods around our church.



The Canopy has seen exceptional growth over a year. October 2017 #76, January 2018 #95, March 2018 #130, May 2018 #178, August 2018 #202, and in October 2018 #208.

equip missions:



Equip Missions is a church associational- wide student week of serving in our local community.



FBC hosts the association's variety of student ministries. Currently, space is very limited for hosting.



Meet Kiley

Kiley's story is one of grace and how the Lord can direct and guide our steps. Kiley first came to FBC's young adult ministry as a Gordon State student, and at that point in her life, Kiley did not know Jesus. But God, had a very special plan for Kiley. As she began to attend Common Ground regularly, she felt the Holy Spirit leading her to Jesus. It also did not take long for Kiley to start wanting to serve. Even then she had a desire to serve people, and God used that to help bring her to Himself. She was baptized at FBC and began to serve even more with the young adults and the church. Kiley graduated from Gordon the same year that she was baptized. She graduated with a degree in biology with the intent to study further in medicine, but Kiley believed that she needed to stay in Barnesville for at least another year before continuing her education. A couple in our church opened up their home and gave Kiley a place to stay for that year. During that year, Kiley was part of the team that began the Canopy. After her year in Barnesville, she moved up to North Georgia to continue her education. Currently, Kiley is hosting a Bible study in her home for students.

Our Need

¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:12 - 16 ESV

■ OUR NEED

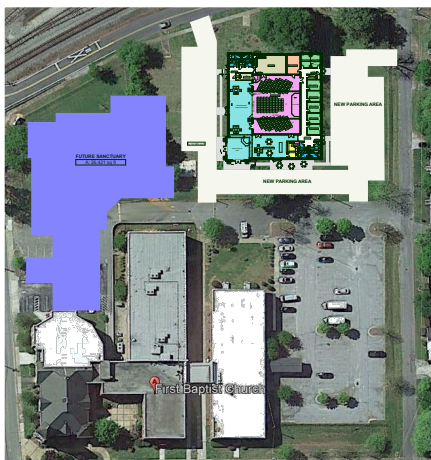
Culture demands more relevancy. Upcoming generations desire a personalized, useful, and friendly space to serve and worship in.

It is time for us to envision a new Student and Young Adult Building on the southwest side of our campus. We recently introduced this project under the theme, *For the Generations Following*, based on Psalm 48:12-14 which says: “Walk about Zion (Jerusalem), go round about her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels; that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.” On September 30, 2018, our church family voted without opposition to pursue this project.

Our plans for this new Student/Young Adult Building, prepared by architect Todd Albritton, include a 12,990 square-foot facility with worship space for 269 (plus an additional 75 seats in an overflow area), 7 small group classrooms, a kitchen and café area, a recreation/overflow area, four restrooms complete with showers, and adequate storage space. The projected cost for this building is \$2,100,000, all inclusive. Building will begin when we have received half of the cost of construction (about \$1,050,000). The building process will take nine months to one year.

This new building will serve following generations for the sake of the Gospel. **Investing in this project is an investment in the future. The children you see in our church today will have an opportunity to grow in their faith.** This building will allow us to better reach our community.

Site Plan



Concept Art of New Building

Prepared by architect, Todd Albritton



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Main Entrance Perspective View



Side Angle of Main Entrance



Interior View of Main Entrance



Building Cross Sections View



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NEW STUDENT/YOUNG ADULT CENTER - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Meet Brittany

Brittany is a Barnesville native. She grew up in the student and young adult ministry at FBC. Even while she was away at college she stayed in touch with the young adults here. Brittany always had a desire for international missions, but never thought of it as a career choice. Brittany is a very intelligent young woman and had hoped to become a doctor, but God had other plans for her. After she graduated from college, Brittany had an opportunity to go on an 11 month mission trip around the world. During that time, God changed her heart and mind. After returning, the desire to serve internationally was even greater. Today, Brittany is serving with her family as a part of Little Children of the World providing sponsorships for street children in the Philippines. She lives over nine months of the year in the Philippines where she works with children and families in poverty stricken neighborhoods.

Our *Response*

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3: 16 - 17 ESV

OUR RESPONSE

As Christians, we are the recipients of the greatest gift ever known that was purchased at the greatest cost.

Our gift of salvation was paid for by the death of Jesus on the cross - thus making it absolutely free for us. We had no merit or worth to earn this gift, instead Jesus paid for our eternal life in the currency of His grace and at the price tag of His blood. Our generosity is part of our response to this extraordinary gift.

Jesus does not take; he chooses to give. We want to embody this lifestyle and allow it to permeate in our church and to leave a lasting impact for the generations following us. **As a generous people, we take great joy in meeting needs, prompting happiness, and seeing the door open for the Gospel.** The new student and young adult facility is so much more than just a building project for our church, it is a creating a where Gospel can be taught and heard by generations.

Knowing this, our response to the needs we see around us will overflow with the joy that salvation in Jesus Christ brings us. God has blessed each of us in different ways, both spiritually and materially. We know that every member cannot and should not give the same dollar amount. It is not equal giving but equal sacrifice that matters. We are calling upon our church members to give with generosity and joy.

**We get to be generous because
God has been generous with us!**

Three Year Commitment Guide

| Weekly | Monthly | Yearly | 3-YR Total |
|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| \$2,000 | \$8,667 | \$104,000 | \$312,000 |
| \$1,000 | \$4,333 | \$52,000 | \$156,000 |
| \$500 | \$2,167 | \$26,000 | \$78,000 |
| \$300 | \$1,300 | \$15,600 | \$46,800 |
| \$100 | \$433 | \$5,200 | \$15,600 |
| \$50 | \$217 | \$2,600 | \$7,800 |
| \$25 | \$108 | \$1,300 | \$3,900 |
| \$20 | \$87 | \$1,040 | \$3,120 |
| \$10 | \$43 | \$520 | \$1,560 |
| \$5 | \$22 | \$260 | \$780 |

Steps Towards Making A Commitment

Only by God's grace and mercy will we be able to answer the direct call that God is placing upon our hearts here at First Baptist Barnesville. You can accomplish a huge impact through:

PRAYER

The only way we will ever accomplish God's purpose and plans for FBC Barnesville and for your life is through prayer. Please pray that God will show you specifically what amount of pledge will be pleasing to Him for you to make.

SACRIFICE

It is not equal giving that counts but equal sacrifice. Each sacrificial commitment should be given in faith after much prayer and with an attitude of generosity.

COMMITMENT

Our commitment is not based upon the world's economy but on God's transcendent Kingdom. Will we trust God's unlimited faithfulness in accomplishing this task? Let our commitment be bathed in prayer, given in faith, and with a willingness to sacrifice for His glory and His renown.

Each of us will be asked to make a three-year commitment to this program. Most will make weekly or monthly gifts out of our regular possible through the practice of lifestyle stewardship.

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HER, NUMBER
HER TOWERS,
CONSIDER WELL
HER RAMPARTS,
GO THROUGH HER
CITADELS, THAT YOU
MAY TELL THE NEXT
GENERATION THAT
THIS IS GOD, OUR
GOD FOREVER AND
EVER. HE WILL
GUIDE US FOREVER.