



EQUIP¹⁹ MISSIONS

Join us as we serve in our community from June 23-26.

Cost \$100

Sign up/Payment due June 9

// Equip Missions is a summer missions camp for students hosted here at FBC Barnesville.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
MOVIN' ON UP CELEBRATION
 EVENT FOR UPCOMING 6TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

MAY 19, 2019 GRADUATION SUNDAY 2019

Graduates will be recognized at the 9:45 worship service. Lunch will be served to graduates and their invited guests at 12:15. Graduating seniors need to contact Jason Teal for more details.



Catch us on Facebook LIVE on Sunday mornings!

You and your family can still be a part of our Sunday worship gatherings if you are unable to make it to a service. LIKE us on Facebook @firstbaptistbarnesville. Be sure to follow us on Instagram too!

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GRADUATION SUNDAY 2019

If you would like to have your graduating student participate in this year's graduate recognition, please contact Jason Teal.

BABY CELEBRATION SUNDAYS

- Mother's Day Sun. May 12th
- Father's Day Sun. June 16th

Register on-line at www.fbcarnesville.com/babycelebrationsundays

In this issue: Generations Following Updates, exciting upcoming church events, and more!



From the Shepherd's Heart

with Pastor Garth Forster

Jeff Foxworthy has made his mark as the most recorded comedian in history. Several years ago, Jeff agreed to lead a group of homeless men in a weekly study at the Atlanta Mission. As Foxworthy tells it, he felt led to teach these men about giving even though they had next to nothing. He proposed giving a \$50 bill to the 250 homeless men and then withdrew \$12,500 from his bank account and distributed the cash to them.

Jeff then told the assembled group of a dire need in a local elementary school at which the teachers were short on supplies and money. Jeff suggested they take up a collection and was shocked as every single man gave up his \$50 bill and then dug into their collective pockets searching for more change to give! Jeff reported that he had to dismiss himself to the hallway and cry. Those men who had nothing gave all they had and did so with great joy.

That story gives us an appreciation for those who give generously and sacrificially. You have given to our **GENERATIONS FOLLOWING** campaign in a similar way, and, on behalf of the entire leadership team, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your awesome generosity. To date, we have **\$1.26 million** in three-year commitments, received **over \$40,000** on our First Fruits Sunday, and presently have **\$550,000 in cash** on hand!

We had a good month in April with 353 in Bible Study. Our women enjoyed the **Priscilla Shirer Simulcast** on Saturday, April 6th. Our Easter Musical, **"Triumph: Victory of the Cross,"** was especially moving this year. We had a great Easter Sunday worship attendance on April 21st of 537! And, as I write, we are looking forward to our women's worship event called **The Canopy** on April 25th and our **Church-wide Picnic** on Sunday, April 28th at The Rock Ranch.

May is filled with some great opportunities. The National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd, beginning at 12:10 P.M. in our C.F.L.C. Mother's Day and Baby Celebration is on Sunday, May 12th. Our Missions Recognition Program is on Wednesday evening, May 15th at 6:30 in our Sanctuary. Our Children's Music Recognition Program is on Sunday, May 19th at 6:30. And Baccalaureate is on Wednesday evening, May 22nd, at the Lamar County Fine Arts Center beginning at 6:30.

May is going to be a great month! COME EXPECTANTLY!
I Love You,

Garth

First, I would like to thank everyone that worked on the prayer and fundraising committees of the Generations Following Campaign. These members stepped up in a huge way to help our church have a successful campaign. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

After much prayer and sacrificial giving, our church members have pledged \$1,260,432 over the next three years to fund the Student/Young Adult building. In addition, we also have received \$500,000 in cash for a grand total of \$1.76 million dedicated to this building that is estimated to cost \$2.1 million! What an amazing God we serve!

For our "First Fruits" Sunday, we received another \$40,676 toward our new building on April 14th. We are off to a great start. Please continue to pray about future opportunities in this new building to share Christ. It's very exciting to see our church embracing the generations that follow us and give to them like others before us gave!

Truly, God is at work at FBC Barnesville!!
Kim Wall, Fundraising Chair

CAMPAIGN
UPDATES

GENERATIONS *following* UPDATE

Received for April: \$77,387.72 | Received Total: \$571,737.88

Upcoming Events

Baby Shower for the Teals: Sun. May 5 at 2p

Coffee and Conversation: Tues. May 7 at 10:30a in the Annex, with Joy Waller, a former IMB Missionary. We are collecting new and gently used blankets and throws. Thank you for your donation!

Grad Sunday: Sun. May 19. Graduate recognitions in 9:45a service

Lamar County Baccalaureate Service: Wed. May 22 at 6:30p in the Lamar County Fine Arts Center. No Wednesday night activities except for supper.

Memorial Day: Mon. May 20, church offices will be closed

Church Conference: Wed. May 29 at 6:30p



We would like to thank our church family for all the love and support shown to us during the loss of our Son Matthew. Your kind words and thoughts remembering Matt as a small child and his growing into an adult are the things that warm our heart. FBC Barnesville is truly a fellowship of love.
The Wright Family



FBC Preschool and Kids

VBS will be here soon! If you would like to serve, please contact Maria Brannen.

Centri-Kid Parent Meeting:
Wed. May 1st at 6:15

Missions Recognition for Mission Friends, GAs, and RAs: Wed. May 15 at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

April at FBC!
#WeGetToDoThis

