

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30



FROM 6:00P - 8:00P



STUDENTS

Updates/Meet our new brand!

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STRENGTH TO STAND: Students, you MUST reserve your spot by October 15 if you would like to go to Strength to Stand 2020. Deposits (\$100) are due by Oct. 15. Full cost is \$200.



Crossroads



Yield



Merge

CROSSROADS: Sunday mornings at 11a in the Student Center. Crossroads is our small group ministry for our 6th - 12th grade students. The name is based from Jeremiah 6:16. The crossroads are a place we come to when we need direction and vision for our next steps. The scriptures gives us those directions.

MERGE: Sunday Nights at 6:30p in Student Center. Merging is the process of coming together as one. We can do that by using the gifts that God has given us. Merge is based from Hebrews 10:24-25 and 1 Thes. 5:11.

YIELD: Wednesday Nights at 6:30p in the Student Center. Based from Luke 9:35 (AMP), "Then the voice came out of the cloud, saying 'This is my beloved son, my chosen one, listen and obey and yield to Him!'" Yield is a time for students to gather together and lift up the name of Jesus.

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THE WITNESS

A WORSHIP
GATHERING
FOR MEN
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 15

THE SUMMIT

TAILGATE AT 6P | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30P | WORSHIP AT 7P

FBC BARNESVILLE GYM, 200 ZEBULON ST., BARNESVILLE, GA 30204

CALLING AND ENCOURAGING MEN HIGHER TO
FULLFILL GOD'S PURPOSES FOR THEIR LIVES



FROM THE SHEPHERD'S HEART



Garth Forster, Pastor

Persecution is always Satan's attempt to silence the truth. That great American hero, editor, schoolteacher, and Presbyterian minister **Elijah Lovejoy** left the pulpit in Alton, Illinois, and returned to the press in order to be sure his words reached more people. The Civil War might have been averted and a peaceful emancipation of slaves achieved had there been more people like him. After observing one lynching, Lovejoy was committed forever to fighting uncompromisingly the sin of slavery.

Mob action was brought against him time after time; neither this nor many threats and attempts on his life deterred him. Repeated destruction of his presses did not stop him. **"If by compromise is meant that I should cease from my duty, I cannot make it. I fear God more than I fear man. Crush me if you will, but I shall die at my post..."**

And die he did, four days later, at the hands of another mob. Not one of the ruffians was prosecuted or indicted or punished in any way for his murder. Some of Lovejoy's defenders were prosecuted! One of the mob assassins was later elected mayor of Alton!

However, note this: Lovejoy's convictions about slavery were never silenced, for one young man was around who was deeply moved by Lovejoy's martyrdom. He had just been elected to the Illinois legislature. His name was **Abraham Lincoln**, and as our sixteenth President he would one day set the slaves free through **The Emancipation Proclamation**. The truth cannot be silenced! Therefore, do not fear those who would attempt to silence you!

September has been a good month with 359 in Bible Study. **Speaking' with My Deacon** was well attended once again this year, and the ordination of **Mark Smith** to Deacon Ministry was an especially meaningful part of it. Our **Preacher Swappin', People Hoppin' Revival** with Antioch Baptist Church and FBC Thomaston was a great event this year. Both the physical food and the spiritual food that we enjoyed was wonderful! Our **Buggy Days Homecoming Lunch** was delicious, thanks to **Tom Speziale** and crew, and thanks to all those that served in the Photo Booth at Buggy Days! And our **Student/Young Adult Building Fund** ended the month of August at **\$757,000!**

October has some very special emphases:

- **THE HOPE TREE MINISTRY CHICKEN Q** that was postponed from Buggy Days weekend will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at the corner of Elm and Warsaw streets beginning at 1:00 P.M.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF** will be on Sunday evening, October 13th, beginning at 6:30 in our gym. Remember that **CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS** for lower income families in South Georgia are due back by October 20th.
- **THE SUMMIT** is our new men's ministry worship event that launches on Tuesday evening, October 15th. Tailgate begins at 6:00, with doors opening at 6:30 and, worship beginning at 7:00.
- Our **FALL FESTIVAL** will take place on Sunday evening, October 27th, from 6:00 to 8:00 on our west side parking lot.

October is going to be a great month! COME EXPECTANTLY!

I Love You,
Garth

TAKE NOTE!

Coffee and Conversation: Tues., Oct. 1 at 10:30a in the Annex, with special guest, Carmenia Benosa from Little Children of the Philippines.

LCHS Football Team Lunch: We have the opportunity to feed the football team on Frid., Oct, 4 2-4p in the gym. If you would like to serve, please contact Jason Teal.

Hope Tree Ministry's Chicken Q: Sat., Oct. 5 beginning at 1p at 209 Elm St. All proceeds go to feed the hungry in our community.

Church Conference: Wed. Oct 9 at 6:30p

Sunday School Teacher Training: Sun. Oct. 13 at 12:15 (lunch will be served). RSVP with Maria Brannen.

Discovery 101 Class: Pastor Garth will host a Church Membership class on Sun., Oct. 20 from 5:30-7:30. Contact the church office to sign up.

Christmas Backpacks: Backpacks are due *by Sun., Oct. 20*. Remember to fill the backpacks with toys and other gifts a child would like to receive at Christmas time.

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING UPDATES

I hope that you are excited about what God is doing at our church! **As of the end of August, our total giving for our GENERATIONS FOLLOWING campaign has reached \$757,000, with \$68,346 given in August alone!** (Our reporting of figures is normally a month behind as it takes some extra time to close the month financially.) Our plans are to break ground when we have received half the cost of this new building, which is \$1,050,000. Thank you to all of you who have made financial sacrifices so that this vision might become a reality.

In the meantime, know that our Design Team, chaired by Carson Selph, has secured the services of Thomaston architect Todd Albritton to complete the plans for our new building and add all the details that will be necessary for construction. When we get closer to our goal of \$1,050,000, our Construction Team, headed by Ryal Siem, will put those architectural plans out for bids from various contractors. Thank you for helping us achieve this dream for the Generations Following! With Gratitude, Pastor Garth

OCC KICK-OFF CELEBRATION! #WeGetToDoThis at 6:30p
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Join us on Sunday, October 13 in the gym as we begin our Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off. We are going to celebrate all that God will do through this amazing ministry opportunity!

STUDENTS, THERE WILL BE NO SPOTS AVAILABLE AFTER OCTOBER 15, RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

COST: \$200 DEPOSIT: (\$100) DUE OCT 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING
 JAN 18-20 2020

STRENGTH TO STAND
 January 18-20, 2020

SCOTT DAWSON
 ALGERNON TENNYSON
 HILLSONG YOUNG & FREE

JOHN CRIST
 WADE MORRIS
 RUSH OF FOOLS

Tuesday, October 22

CENTENNIAL FALL MEETING

From 4:30- 8p at The Rock Church
 Hwy 36, The Rock, GA 30285
 (across from the Post Office)

Centennial BAPTIST ASSOCIATION