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COLLECTIONS WEEK BEGINS MONDAY NOV. 18!

LAST DAY TO BRING YOUR BOXES IS MON. NOVEMBER 25 BEFORE NOON!

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THE WITNESS



ALL THINGS THANKSGIVING HERE AT FBC AND IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Thanksgiving Office Hours: FBC will be closed Nov. 28 -29

Thrivesgiving for our Young Adults is happening on Thurs. Nov 14 (more info inside!)

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Illumination Service is Wed. Nov 27 at 6:30p at the United Methodist Church in town with the Illumination Service right after the Thanksgiving Service.

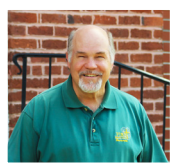
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A CHRISTMAS CANOPY

a thrill of hope

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From the Shepherd's Heart

Garth Forster, Pastor

What does it mean when the Bible says that Jesus is able to "empathize" or "sympathize" with our weaknesses? Years ago, a man put up a sign in his yard that read: "Puppies for Sale." Among those who came to inquire was a young boy. "Please, Mister," he said, "I'd like to buy one of your puppies if they don't cost too much." "Well, son, they're \$25."

The boy looked crushed. "I've only got two dollars and five cents. Could I see them anyway?" "Of course. Maybe we can work something out," said the man. The boy's eyes danced at the sight of those five little balls of fur. "I heard that one has a bad leg," he said. "Yes," said the salesman, "I'm afraid she'll be crippled for life." "Well, that's the puppy I want. Could I pay for her a little at a time?"

The man responded, "But she'll always have a limp." Smiling bravely, the boy pulled up one pant leg, revealing a brace. "I don't walk too good either." Then, looking at the puppy sympathetically, he continued, "I guess she'll need a lot of love and help. I sure did. It's not so easy being crippled." "Here, take her," said the man. "I know you'll give her a good home. And just forget about the money."

Hebrews 4:15 tells us that, like the boy with that puppy, our Lord Jesus can empathize and sympathize with us because He experienced every kind of difficulty which we ourselves experience, yet He never sinned! He experienced every kind of temptation and tribulation, every kind of hardship and heartache, every kind of sadness and sorrow, yet He never sinned! What a wonderful and compassionate Savior we have!

October has been a good month with 349 in Bible Study. **Hope Night** to benefit the ministry of Little Children of the World was an inspirational night for us all. Our kick-off for **Operation Christmas Child** gave us much to look forward to as we prepare for National Collection Week. We took 150 backpacks for children in South Georgia to the **Fall Meeting of Centennial Baptist Association**. The first gathering of **The Summit** was a great event with lots of help from lots of people, and Hutch Matteson did a great job as our speaker. We ended the month of September with a total of **\$788,084** given toward our **GENERATIONS FOLLOWING** campaign!

November has some very special emphases:

- **UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEER LEADING** is now registering through Friday, November 15th, for players ages 4 through 14 (up to 8th grade). Evaluations will be Thursday, November 7th, from 6-8 PM and Saturday, November 9th, from 10AM – Noon. All games will be here in our gym on Friday nights and Saturdays from January through February.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD'S NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK** is November 18th-25th. We are looking for any volunteers will help our church pack 1,000 shoe boxes as we again serve as a collection center for our area.
- Our **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** and **DOWNTOWN ILLUMINATION** take place on Wednesday night, November 27th, beginning at 6:30 at First United Methodist Church.

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

I Love You,

Garth

The Forsters have moved! Here's their new address:
235 Grape Creek Rd, Milner GA 30257

Feeding LCHS Football Team: Fri., November 1 at 3p. If you'd like to serve, please contact Jason Teal.

Coffee and Conversation: Tues., November 5 at 10:30a in the Annex. Robin Duncan from Community Ministry will be sharing.

What a Way to Say Thank You: Young adults, join us for a new teaching series beginning on Nov. 6 at Common Ground.

FCA Fields of Faith at Trojan Field: Thurs. November 7 from 6-8:30p. If you'd like to serve please contact Jason Teal.

Upward Evaluations: Thurs., November 7 from 6-8p and Sat., November 9 from 10a-12p. Upward registration deadline is Friday, November 15. www.fcbarnesville.com/upward-sports/

Thrivesgiving: Young adults, join us for our annual Thrivesgiving dinner on Thurs., November 14 at 7p in the gym. Sign up sheets are available during Common Ground.

Quarterly Fellowship Lunch and Senior Adult Revival: Thurs., November 14 at 12p at Maynard Baptist Church (1195 Juliette Rd, Forsyth, GA 31029)

OCC Packing Party: Driven students, join us on Nov. 20 for an OCC Packing Party at 6:30p. Students need to bring stuff to pack at least one box.

Driven Parents' Council Meeting: Sun. November 24 at 5p

GENERATIONS following UPDATES
FBC Friends,
I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather we have experienced the last few weeks. God continues to provide our needs even if it may not be on our timing. We are grateful for His blessing on our "Generations Following" campaign. He has provided giving guidance to our congregation that now totals \$788,084. In September \$31,084.26 was given towards our initiative. We continue to be thankful for everyone's bold support. Please continue to pray for the project teams and our church as we continue to press forward.

God Bless, Steven Bacon

OCC Pack and Clean Up: All students are encouraged to come out and help from 9-12 on Mon., November 25

Save the Date! Our annual Christmas program will be Sat. December 7 at 7p and Sun. December 8 at 7p. Dress rehearsal for the choir will be Fri., December 6.

Make note: If you have lost an item over the last few months at church, please stop by Laura's office.

Church App: Please download our church App. As the cooler months are now approaching we will send out alerts through our App if we need to cancel any events or gatherings. To get the app, download the Sharefaith App in either the Apple Store or Google Play Store and select FBC Barnesville as your church. Be sure to allow for notifications.



A Word of Thanks

Thank you everyone for supporting Hope Tree Ministries this year through the BBQ fund raiser! We had one of the best years! I appreciate your flexibility when we had to change times. Thank you again for supporting Hope Tree. You are helping make a difference in our community.

- Jimmie Fambro