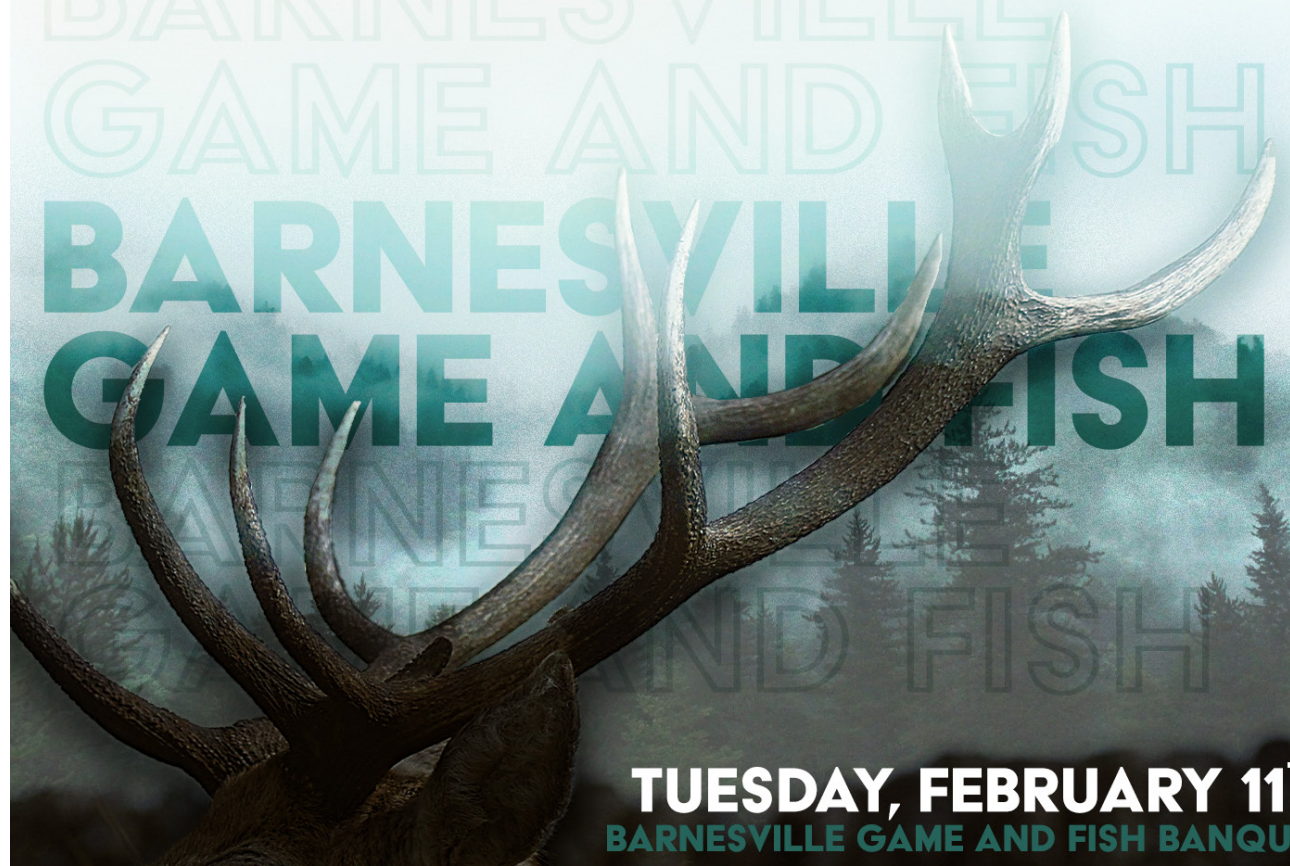


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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
BARNESVILLE GAME AND FISH BANQUET

Our banquet speaker is legendary professional bass fisherman, Hank Parker!

\$10 per ticket or \$80 for table of 10

Seminars begin at 6p / Banquet begins at 7p



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FBC WORSHIP GATHERING TIMES

9:00a Classic Worship

11:20a Contemporary
Worship

SUNDAY SMALL GROUP TIME

10:10a till 11:05a

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINNING SUNDAY JAN 5, 2020



We get to do this.



From the Shepherd's Heart

with Pastor Garth Forster



Why not make the new year of 2020 a year of devotion? Start or end each and every day talking to God and listening to God speak to you. We talk to God through prayer. We listen to God by reading His Word, the Bible.

Find a place for your devotional time – a place that will be available to you each time you come to God. Make it a quiet place where distractions will be minimal. Satan will seek to distract you, especially from praying, so you'll have to learn to focus on your conversation with God. Developing a passionate prayer life demands two things: concentration and consistency!

Find a readable translation of the Bible that is faithful to the original text. There are more options for that today than ever before. I use a hard bound **One Year Bible** in the New International Version that I have marked through years of reading. I like it because each day I get a couple of chapters of the Old Testament, a chapter of the New Testament, a passage from the Psalms and a Proverb or two. There are many other choices out there in hard copy, online and in the form of apps.

The important thing is to take the time to be with God! The story is told that on one New Year's Day, in the Tournament of Roses parade, a beautiful float suddenly sputtered and quit. It was out of gas. The whole parade was held up until someone could get a can of gasoline. The amusing thing was this float represented the Standard Oil Company. With its vast oil resources, its truck was out of gas.

We have vast spiritual resources through our relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a shame when we "run out of spiritual gas" because we don't spend time with God. Jesus said in **John 15:5, "I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."**

December has been a good month with 350 in Bible Study. **Dr. Robert Pepper**, former missionary to West Africa, did a great job sharing at our Lottie Moon Emphasis on December 1st. Our Christmas program, "**The Wonders of His Love**" performed by our **multi-faceted Music Ministry and The Cross Ties Band**, was one of the best we have ever had! Many hands were busy setting up for **The Christmas Canopy** in our gym, which was a very special event for the women of our community. We also voted on our 2020 Church Budget as well as voted to implement a new Sunday Morning Schedule on January 5th, 2020.

The new schedule will be:

9:00-9:55 Classic Worship combining the Traditional & Blended services

10:10-11:05 Sunday School for Everyone!

11:20-12:15 Contemporary Worship Service

Our **24th ANNUAL BARNESVILLE GAME & FISH BANQUET** is scheduled for **Tuesday night, February 11th**. Seminars will take place from 6:00 to 6:55, with the banquet beginning at 7:00pm. Our banquet speaker is legendary professional bass fisherman, **Hank Parker**. I've had the opportunity to hear him before, and this is the **ONE BANQUET** you'll want to bring your unchurched friends to! Tickets are again \$10 per person or a table of ten for \$80. Tickets go on sale Sunday, December 29th.

January is going to be a great month! Come EXPECTANTLY!
I Love You, Garth

Upcoming Events / Good to Know

PASSION CONFERENCE 2020

Please pray for our Thrive Young Adults and leaders as they attend this year's Passion Conference in Atlanta with 60,000 other young adults.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tuesday, January 7 at 10:30a in the Annex

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday, January 8, all regular scheduled Wednesday evening activities will resume.

STRENGTH TO STAND

Driven students will be attending the Strength to Stand Conference on January 18-20. Please pray for our students and leaders.

UPWARD PRACTICES & GAMES

Please contact your child's coach for information.

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday, January, 20 at 11a in the gym.

CANOPY FEB 2020

Ladies, save the date for our next Canopy happening on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

NEW SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

A new flower calendar will begin on January 5 on a first come, first serve basis. If you want to place flowers in the sanctuary during 2020, you must call Laura at the church office (770-358-2353) or email laura@fbcarnesville.com

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Bible Emphasis WEEKEND 2020

MARCH 7, 2020 | DOORS OPEN AT 8A
COME EXPERIENCE ISRAEL NOW WITH REV. ANDY COOK!
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

CALL OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.FBCBARNESVILLE.COM/BEW2020/

WHAT CAN YOU DO ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE?

www.fbcarnesville.com

- Online sign ups for big events (such as the Bible Emphasis Weekend and VBS)
- Read the monthly Witness
- Get information about upcoming events
- Explore the different ministries at FBC and find places you could serve (even sign up to serve)
- Access information about our various small groups
- Sign up for Wednesday night suppers

GENERATIONS following

\$45,455.83

Given in November

\$866,084.86

Given in total

#WeGetToDoThis

Dear FBC Church Family,

As we just celebrated Christmas and the beginning of the New Year, I can't help but reflect at all that God has done through our church. It is amazing to see how He uses us to do His work in our communities. We are truly blessed, especially in our Generations Following Campaign that we began in March 2019. Please continue to pray for this process. Our Design Team is now busy finalizing the layout. Please pray for the team as they plan for a beautiful building that will serve the purpose of the church for generations to come. We get to do this.

- Garth Forster