

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2020



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - THURSDAY, JULY 23

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to gather
together

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19
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From the Shepherd's Heart

From the Shepherd's Heart continued

with Pastor Garth Forster

A man was walking along the street one day when he saw a black cat crossing the road. He thought to himself that he was going to have bad luck that day. Worried about seeing the black cat, he asked his friend what was going to happen to him. His friend replied, **"That will depend on whether you are a rat or not."** In the same way, knowing who we are in Christ will conquer fear in our lives!

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted and altered every aspect of our society, including our churches. Locally, it began to turn our world upside down about the middle of March. Sunday, March 22nd, was our first live-streamed service for the primary purpose of offering our church family the opportunity to worship with us by way of our website www.fbcarnesville.com, Facebook, or our FBC app. The week before that, we began our efforts to stay connected with our people through postings on various channels of social media. Those who do not have the devices that give them access to those channels can receive a free weekly DVD of our Sunday morning services and Sunday School lessons. Simply call the church office and make that request.

Everything we are doing during this time of crisis falls under the title of **TO GATHER TOGETHER**. I want to thank our church staff for their tireless efforts in working to stay connected to our people, as well as ministering to others in our community during this stressful time. We are committed to observing Georgia Governor Brian Kemp's order of not having more than ten people in a worship/teaching/fellowship space at any time. That, of course, means that we are having to do ministry differently than we have ever done it before!

Everything from weddings to funerals to Easter Sunday services are likely to be impacted by this crisis. At this writing, there are only two events that we are relatively sure will happen. Our **MISSION TRIP** to Cowley, Wyoming, is scheduled for July 18th - 24th. We still have 8 seats open for this trip. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is that same week of July 19th-23rd. At this point, per President Trump's order, all on-campus events for April have been canceled. We cannot predict whether events that have been scheduled for the month May will be able to take place.

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A Word of Thanks

Mighty Madeline Sunday was awesome! So many did so much to make this day special. We are so appreciative of the prayers, love, and generosity for our

granddaughter and family. We are praying for a miracle. God knows what is best for Madeline and we are accepting of that. A heartfelt thank you to all. We love you and ask for your continual prayers.

Love, Earl and Dianne Forston
Hebrews 13:5

SERVE AT A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN
COWLEY WYOMING

FBC MISSION TRIP SUMMER 2020
JULY 18-24 | \$1000 PER PERSON
\$200 DEPOSIT TO SECURE YOUR SPOT (ONLY 9 SPOTS LEFT)

Besides the live-streamed worship service Sunday at 11:00 A.M., I am also live-streaming my Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30 P.M. We will also post a series of inspirational devotions called **The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross** each of the seven days starting on Palm Sunday (April 5th) and going through Saturday, April 11th. In addition, our other staff members are streaming and/or posting studies and worship services for their ministries.

Allow me to say a quick word about giving. Our church staff is still working full time, and our salaries make up about half of our church budget. Therefore, your regular giving is vital to the continued ministries of our church. You may continue to give online, by bank draft, through the mail or by bringing your tithes and offerings to the church. We ask that if you are bringing your offering to the church, that you call and let us know that you are stopping by. Simply ring the door bell and we will meet you at the door and maintain the 6ft recommended distance. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Should you need any of our staff, I have posted our numbers below:

Garth Forster (770) 584-2051	Greg Burrell (770) 584-3297
Russ Jenkins (478) 365-8719	Jason Teal (912) 978-1449
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April is going to be a DIFFERENT month, but don't fear!

Worship with us VIRTUALLY!!

I Love You, Garth

WAYS TO GIVE:

ONLINE Visit our website at www.fbcarnesville.com and click on the GIVE icon.

BANK DRAFT/BILL PAY You may do this through your bank. Call Melinda at 770-468-4735 for more information.

MAIL IN You may mail your offering to the church.

GENERATIONS

following

\$27,726.54
Given in February

\$981,012.10
Given in total

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CHANGES ARE COMING TO OUR WITNESS DISTRIBUTION BY THE END OF APRIL

- If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy please contact the church office to ensure it gets put in the mail.
- If you would rather receive an email copy, please contact the church office as well.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AS WE CONTINUE TO STEWARD OUR RESOURCES WELL!