



welcome home.

FBC BARNESVILLE

our doors are open. Hey church family! We are so excited about what God will do through our church in the upcoming year. God was faithful to us in 2020 and we know He will be faithful to us in 2021. We invite you to join us for worship on Sundays! Find our more info at www.fbcarnesville.com

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NEW YEAR SAME GOD

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A Note from Greg Burrell

Not long after Garth announced his retirement, we happened to be walking down the hall together. I slapped him on the back and said, "Remember when we were the bright, young staff running this place? Where did THAT go?"

It has gone quickly. By the time you get this newsletter the strong, wise leadership of Garth Forster will be something we will remember, not experience. They have been great years, years we will all treasure.

The best news in all this is that Garth and Suzanne are still here with us, just a few miles down the road. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to give them a quick phone call to let them know they are loved and appreciated. And I happen to know that Garth likes to eat lunch at one of our many fine Mexican restaurants.

And the First Baptist Church of Barnesville continues serving the Lord in this community. I told the staff the other day that this is the best church staff we have ever had. We have no shortage of caring people up here, people that are here when you need us. COVID-19 has not changed that; even our leader's retirement has not changed that. This church is alive and well and ready to serve the Lord and you. So, we hope to see you Sunday; and if the virus is keeping you in, we hope to see you online. We are a family, and we prosper together; you need this church, and this church needs you. And pray; "ask and it shall be given to you." Let's start asking God for a great future for this church family!

a special thanks

It is with hearts filled with thanksgiving that Suzanne and I write this short note to you. Your presentations at our final service on Sunday, December 27th, were both generous and heart-touching. The wonderful plaque from our church, made from three of my favorite woods (Mahogany, Walnut and Maple) will be treasured for years to come. The special basket to take care of the birds out at the pond will be well used. Thanks also to Jason Teal for presenting the plaque from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. And a special thanks to Mayor Peter Banks and the Barnesville City Council for their special Proclamation as well as renaming a portion of Sardis Street "Forster Way." The tributes from family and friends were also most meaningful.

It has been both a joy and a privilege to serve as your pastor and wife over the last 28 ½ years. We are praying that our good Lord will lead you in the search for your next pastor, and that the future of First Baptist Church of Barnesville will be "as bright as the promises of God."

With Our Love Forever!
Garth & Suzanne



Basketball Camp Schedule
Coaches meeting on January 9th at 10am in the gym
Basketball Camp: January 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Age Group Times:
Pre-K & Kindergarten 8:30am-10am
1st & 2nd 10-12pm
3rd and 4th 12pm-2pm
5th-8th 2pm-4pm

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled time in order to check-in. Only children registered for Camp will be allowed to sign-in.

Cheer leading clinic information will be available soon!

Visit www.fbcarnesville.com/fbckids



The Game & Fish Banquet that normally takes place in January will be postponed until conditions are safer with COVID-19. We hope that will be later this year when we can gather together in large numbers and have barbecue, catfish and all the fixin's!

A Note from Jennifer

Thank you all so much for your support over the last year. This year has flown by with so many new and unusual times. I knew I would have a lot to learn as I followed God's path for my new calling. Little did any of us know that we would have a pandemic on top of the beginning of 2020. I have to say that the staff and ministers here have been amazingly supportive. They opened doors to questions and answers that I probably asked a hundred times. Thank you to each of you for helping me find my way in a crazy time! To our church family, thank you for loving us and supporting us! To the Deacons, you guys have all shown such great support to myself and my family! In short, my first year here has been one for the record books. However, my family and myself are so glad to be here serving with our FBC Family. Thank you again! Here's to many more years of serving together.

Love in Christ, Jennifer

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAYS

TWO ROOMS OF WORSHIP. ONE HOUSE OF FAITH.

9A & 11A | SANCTUARY & GYM