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FBC Family,

It has been some time since an update has been provided in regard to our “Generations Following” campaign. Please be assured that despite the challenges over the last year, activities have continued to press forward the vision God has provided for us: providing a space for our student and young adults that supports the multi-generational ministries in our community.

Although the timing has been delayed due to the circumstances that have impacted so many in the last year, we are grateful for God’s hand in guiding our church members to faithfully raise \$1,292,421 towards this purpose. The planning and design team have acquired the detailed schematics from the architect, and that cost was taken. These plans will allow our construction team, in the future, to effectively work with and select a construction company to make our vision a reality.

In regard to our construction team, we are so thankful for the support Ryal Siem provided to this project. We wish Ryal and Terri the very best as they have moved to another chapter in their life in Mississippi. We are also blessed that Robert Rainey, another member of the construction team, has agreed to step up as construction team lead. He, along with the other team leads, Kim Wall – Fund Raising, Carson Selph – Planning and Design, Mark Smith – Finance, and Joe Andrews – Prayer, still need for you, church family, to faithfully pray as we continue forward with the “Generations Following” vision. In this uncertain period of timely material supply and rising building costs, please pray specifically that God’s will be done and that we will be good stewards of the finances.

From scripture, we read that “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” – Psalm 127:1 and “In their hearts humans plan their course but the Lord establishes their steps.”-Proverbs 16:9. We know God has led us to where we are now and will continue to pave the way at the opportune time this project will glorify him.

God bless you church family,
Steven

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Since the end of January, the Pastor Search Team has been receiving resumes from potential pastor candidates. Each resume has been prayerfully reviewed and discussed by our team. Through much consideration, evaluation, and prayer, we have identified several highly qualified candidates. Within the coming days, we will be having initial conversations with several of these candidates. We ask that you continue to help with this process by praying for God to lead and guide our team to the man that he has already selected.

Monte McCall,
Pastor Search Team
Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6 at 12:10

Join us in the FBC Barnesville Gym as we pray for our community, nation, and leaders. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

Mother & Son Sports Night

Friday, May 7 from 6-8p

Wear your favorite sports apparel for a fun evening of games, dinner, and dessert!

Baby Celebration!

Mothers Day and Fathers Day

Parents, contact Jennifer for more information.

Our **NEW** FBC P.O. Box

Our new **BILLING ADDRESS IS:** *First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 507, Barnesville, GA 30304*

Our **SHIPPING ADDRESS IS:** *First Baptist Church, 200 Zebulon Street, Barnesville, GA 30204*



NOTE FROM GREG

I last wrote to you at the beginning of February, and what a difference a couple of months can make. In that column I wrote “And the virus is high.” I’m really glad to be able to say that active cases in Georgia are less than a quarter of what they were two months ago! And Lamar County is now at one active case per 1000 citizens. As far as we know, there are no active COVID cases among our membership. So much to be thankful for!

And there is more good news. Our Sunday morning attendance continues to grow. Brother Reed, our interim preacher, is giving us great spiritual food. The church is financially stable, thanks to your faithfulness. After a hiccup or two our live streams are not only back to their former quality, but we can now stream from either the sanctuary or the gym. Enjoy!

As I type this, outside my window Jim Burnette and a handful of men are repairing the water service to the sanctuary, annex, and educational building. Thank you for your patience, I know this has been inconvenient. By the time you read this the problem will be solved!

Though no one can see the future, I dare to hope that by fall we will be back to our regular full schedule. But let’s not let down our guard; please continue to take precautions. Although it is great to see people returning to church be sure you distance as best you can. It is up to all of us to slow the spread and hasten the day when our lives can return to normal.

Be sure to read the columns from our Generations Following team and our Pulpit Search team. Pray for these committees and let them know you appreciate their hard work. I hope to see you Sunday!