

FBCKids

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
JESUS

PARTY

SUNDAY DEC 5 | 12:30P

baptism
sunday

DEC 12 | 6:30P

a common ground christmas

come behold
HOPE IS HERE

DECEMBER 16, 2021 | 7P

BUDGET
PLANNING

DEC 8 | 6:30P



IN THE GYM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

trunk or treat

Santa
STYLE

FOR THE LAMAR COUNTY FOSTER CARE FAMILIES

Sign up for a trunk at www.fbcbarnesville.com/christmastrunks/

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A Light Has Dawned

JOYFUL SONGS OF JESUS' BIRTH

a christmas musical featuring
the FBC music ministry

DECEMBER 11 + 12 | 6:30P



YOUR PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Rev. Jason Teal

To ponder is to weigh in the mind something of importance. The verb “ponderings” means to think or consider especially quietly, soberly, and deeply. That describes exactly my mindset on this past month. As a church we have looked together intently at Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Our last sermon in this RPT series was focused on the giving of thanks in our lives, IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. Giving thanks is a demonstration of faith in God’s goodness and provision despite what we may see or feel. Gratitude is a heart attitude that we get to grow in day by day. In fact, it can become our deepest expression of our faith in God. The truth is that when we find ourselves aware of who God really is, and the incredible work He did to provide salvation for us, we will have no problem with gratitude towards His goodness and mercy. It is this understanding of the heart towards his goodness that allows us to say with the Psalmist in Psalm 117:17, “I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.”

Speaking of offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, I would like to take a minute to say THANK YOU to you all in our church family that share in the work of the Kingdom here at FBC Barnesville. A friend of mine, also a pastor, posted something on his Facebook recently that caused me to reflect. He posted a picture of an empty nursery room and commented that “most people never see what happens in that room week in and week out”. Yet, every week there is consistency. Nothing fancy or spectacular, just straight forward faithfulness to serve others. This replicates itself without fail all over our church campus pretty much 365 days a year. Babies get rocked. Food gets cooked. Chairs get stacked and restacked. Scripture is taught. Sound, video, and lighting are handled with expertise. Buildings get renovated. Decorations miraculously appear. Things just keep seeming to happen. It is all because of you, the members of our church. “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others” (Romans 12:3-5). Thank you for serving the Lord and each other well.

My last pondering comes as a couple of announcements. First, as you know, we are in that moment that we have to consider a budget for the 2022 year. Our Finance Team has worked tirelessly to provide us with what they fill will best suit our church in the next year. We want our church family to have an opportunity to look this over and discuss anything necessary prior to a church vote. In order to do that, we will have a Budget Discussion on Wednesday Night (December 8) at 6:30P in the gym. Following this discussion, we will have a Called Church Conference on Sunday Morning (December 12) following both services in order that we may vote on the provided budget proposal. Secondly, we will also be having a New Building Discussion to update the church on the current bid process. This will also happen at the December 8 Budget Discussion meeting. After having discussion and prayer about where we are currently, and what it will take to move forward, we will also have a church vote at the Called Church Conference on Sunday Morning (December 12).

There is quite a bit on our plate as a church right now and for that we GET TO offer thanks to God. Please continue to pray for your church, your community, and your ministers. The Lord is active. We can see it. Let’s continue to work with Him as we daily remember to RPT: Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks Everyday.

I love my FBC Family,
Pastor Jason

MEET THE INTERIM STUDENT AND YOUNG ADULT PASTORS



Josh, Remi, and Abby Adams

Josh Adams is a graduate from Gordon College with an associate degree specializing in education. He was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and raised in Georgia for most of his life. He has attended First Baptist for 11 years and has been serving on staff for over 5 years now. Josh is currently praying about where God wants him to attend seminary in the future.

Josh loves to play sports and fellowship with anyone who is willing. As it is written in Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Josh is married to his lovely wife, Abby, and she is also very involved in the youth ministry. Josh and Abby have a daughter, Remi, and a son, Billy.

Josh will serve as our interim student minister.



Alli, Allen, Jill, and Autumn Smith

Allen has been a part of First Baptist Barnesville for the past 12 years and has had the privilege of working within various ministries, including the young adult and college ministry for the past five years. He has been a part of many ministries outside of FBCB ranging from serving as a youth pastor to itinerant ministry. In addition, Allen works with various organizations that work to end human trafficking and to bring the Gospel to those within the darkness of those conditions. Allen holds a B.A. in English from Mercer University and is currently a student at Midwestern Seminary pursuing a M.A. in Theology with an emphasis in preaching and pastoral ministry. Allen has a heart to help people truly see Jesus in a way that grounds their faith while

empowering them to reach out to help fulfill the Great Commission. Allen is married to the amazing Jill Smith. Together, they have two wonderful daughters, Alli and Autumn.

Allen will serve as our interim young adult minister.



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