

### FBC Kids

#### I'm A Christian Now Classes:

Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 23 at 5pm in room C-204. Classes begin on January 30th in C-204 at 5p. For kids through 5th grade.

#### Thank you note from the Foster Care Christmas Party:

We would like to personally thank everyone for participating in the Foster Care Christmas Trunk or Treat "Santa Style". We were able to bless foster families with a fun event and personal touches from our church.

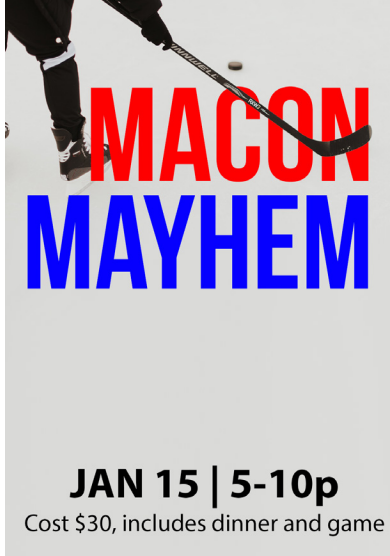
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### Driven Students

**Remind Texts:** Parents and students, we are using texts through the Remind App. Follow the instructions below to stay connected with us.

- *Parents:* Text @drvnparent to 81010
- *Students:* Text @driven911 to 81010



### Thrive Young Adults

**Passion 2022:** the college/young adult ministry will be attending the Passion Conference January 2-3 at Mercedes Benz stadium. Please be praying for this event as thousands of young adults from around the world gather to worship and glorify God.

**Common Ground:** We start back on Thursday, January 6 at 7p



SAVE THE DATE

## Bible Emphasis Weekend

March 5 + 6, 2021

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# GENERATIONS *following*



**In this issue: Generations Following Update, ministry opportunities, and other upcoming church events.**





# MAKING MUCH OF JESUS

with Pastor Jason Teal

To the most incredible Church Family out there, I would like to say THANK YOU for your generosity and kindness that has been on display in our community over these past couple of weeks. I have seen you provide a Christmas experience for 75 foster care kids with great excellence. I have seen you provide Christmas dinner and gifts for 40 of our Lamar County students without hesitation. I have seen you personally provide Christmas joy for 7 other families in our church and community. Your love for Jesus has been on display. Thank you for sharing Jesus and His salvation with our community.

Our Christmas Is Coming Series just finished up. It has been a tremendous encouragement for us these past four weeks. Just to remind you in case you missed any of the weeks: God is “WITH US”, He is “OUR” Prince of Peace, He is Lord of “LOVE”, and He is our “JOY” Fulfilled. On January 9th we will begin a series in 1 Peter. We have a “LIVING” Hope. Just to give you a glimpse into how rich a time we will have over the next several weeks studying the Word, notice 1 Peter 1:3-4: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in

heaven for you...”

I would also like to say thank you church family for making a difficult decision together this past month. True family finds common ground. True family works through difficult decisions together, listening to each other’s concerns, walking away from that decision confident that with Christ, “ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”. Our FBC Family is a true family. After much prayer and careful consideration by our Generations Following Planning Team along with informative and thorough discussion by our Deacons and Church Family, you voted with overwhelming support to move forward with the construction of our new Student and Young Adult Facility.

Psalms 127:1 instructs us that “Unless the Lord builds a house, those who build it labor in vain.”

Please commit to pray that the Lord establishes our way and that our faith would be increased while on this journey. This will take a family effort led by the head of the family, Jesus. Remember, WE GET TO DO THIS!

Much Love and Many Blessings,  
Pastor Jason

## Generations Following Update with Steven Bacon, Chair

By now you may have heard that the church family enthusiastically voted to move forward with the plan to construct a new student and young adult building. The “Generations Following” project was approved back in 2018, but with all the changes over the last two years it was wise for us to review the financial changes to the project. The team is thankful for your support, questions, and concerns raised during the discussions.

The team has been diligently working on various aspects of the project since the decision. Pellicano was selected as the construction contractor to work with our construction team led by Robert Rainey. Please be in prayer for that team as they start their face-to-face meetings with the contractor to discuss the next phases of construction. Our contract with Pellicano will be contingent on an approved financial appraisal.

We have received initial approval for a loan through United Bank pending completion of the appraisal. Once that phase of the process is complete we will be in a better position to determine a construction start date. We ask that you pray for this part of the process and the forthcoming groundbreaking.

God has blessed us with funds in the amount of \$1,502,651.21 through November of 2021. As discussed during the church conference, we will use the majority of our existing funds to begin construction and will only draw from the loan when it is absolutely necessary. You continue to give generously to the campaign and we are prayerful that giving continues to allow us to reduce the amount required to borrow from the bank. Monthly giving in 2021 to “Generations Following” has been in excess of what is needed to make monthly loan payments once that time comes. We pray for continued financial commitment to the progress of reducing our financial liability.

upcoming events + ministry opportunities



coffee & conversation

JAN 4 | 10:30a | Annex

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Sunday School

TEACHERS RECOGNITION

JANUARY 9 | 6:30P IN SANCTUARY

BUDGET UPDATES

Received \$785,473.70

Required: \$905,484.31

Building to date \$1,502,651.21

Lottie Moon Offering: \$4,155.15

## a word of thanks

How can one express thanks for the precious gifts of love, affirmation, encouragement, appreciation and prayers?

Your staff recently invited Jan and I to lunch to “catch up” on the progress of the church. It was a sweet and precious time to remember and renew our relationships that had developed during our time as your interim pastor. To our surprise, they presented us with a small, beautiful chest in which were about a hundred sealed notes that you, the members of the church, had written concerning our time and relationships during our interim of the past year.

That evening, Jan and I sat for about an hour opening the envelopes. They brought smiles and tears. They brought reminders of shared times of worship and service. They also brought a renewed sense of purpose and worth to “an old, retired preacher.” They were an affirmation that we were indeed, serving as God had directed. Thank you!

We do not know whose idea this was, but it was a huge blessing to us. So many of you took the time, energy and thought to express your feelings of appreciation and love to us. Thank you! The small chest containing the notes will remain on my desk as an ongoing source of encouragement and a reminder of the graciousness of God’s people known as First Baptist Church, Barnesville, Ga. Thank you!

We hope to see you and worship with you again soon. Carry on with the work of the kingdom!

With our love and blessings,  
Reed and Jan Crumbliss