

THE WITNESS



February
2024

Philippians 1:3-6 | *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

Paul typically opened his letters to churches with a welcome and encouragement. Those who received the letters were no doubt lifted up. Today, as I remember our FBC family, I am overwhelmed with joy. To quote Paul, I am overwhelmed "because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now." You have been a faithful people. You have been a fervent people. You have been a focused people. Focused on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. This focus is what will continue to allow us to accomplish our vision of seeing His people fulfill His purposes for the Glory of Christ Jesus. The work that we set out to accomplish in 2023 is not complete just yet. Until all have heard the Gospel, we must continue in His mission. No fear and no worry should halt our efforts for we walk in the promise that "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

The good work will continue in 2024 as we commit to our W2's (7 Ways to Win) of value investment. FBC Barnesville has a great vision for the future, and we will continue to embrace our values so that He might be magnified, and others might be saved. Remember Paul's words to Timothy and the impact that they should have on us.

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 | *"Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."*

7 W2's (Ways to Win) to bring us MORE in 2024:

SCRIPTURE: Everyone joins our scripture memory journey by memorizing our monthly passage.

DISCIPLESHIP: Everyone connects with a Sunday School Class or Small Group.

MINISTRY: Everyone volunteers at the church in some capacity this year.

MISSIONS: Everyone participates in at least 1 missional opportunity provided by FBC Barnesville.

COMMUNITY: Everyone leads 1 person to become a regular attender at FBC.

WORSHIP: Everyone commits to a moment of prayer practiced daily.

GENEROSITY: Everyone gives the tithe a try. If you already give a tithe, consider increasing by 1%.

Much Love and Many Blessings,

Pastor Jason



UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

GRIEFSHARE

Navigating grief can be difficult, and we aren't meant to do it alone! Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, GriefShare helps you learn practical ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Meetings are **Sundays at 5:30p** in the gym banquet hall.

CREATIVE TEAM MEETING

Calling all creatives — photographers, painters, writers, narrators, digital designers, and more! We believe God has given His people minds full of creativity and artistry as a tool for glorifying Him and connecting people with the gospel and the local church. With that as our driving mission, we are bringing together a churchwide Creative Team and will have an interest meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 11 at 5p** in the Student + Young Adult building. This team welcomes all ages and all creative abilities!

THRIVE Y/A BEACH RETREAT

Let's go to the beach! The young adults are heading to Jekyll Island **Feb. 23-25** for a multi-church spiritual retreat. The cost is \$60. To secure your spot, please register by Feb. 15 at forms.gle/suRvbkvrQkKnmgxu5

BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEKEND

We live to embrace God's Word as our sole authority. We are excited to welcome Dr. Mike Wilkinson from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for Bible Emphasis Weekend **March 2-3** as he explores with us the sufficiency of scripture and the revelation of God. We will begin Saturday morning at 7:45a with a continental breakfast; the opening session will begin at 8:15a and the event will conclude at 1:45p (lunch provided). Children grades k-5 and students grades 6-12 will have specialized sessions and activities. Dr. Wilkinson will also teach during 9a + 11a worship gatherings on Sunday, March 3.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. — Philippians 4:8-9

REALM ACCOUNT

The Realm onboarding process is ongoing, & we want to thank everyone who has worked towards getting your account set up. If you have not received an invitation email, please click <https://forms.gle/k9tDVPDbangSVvJN9> to update your email address on file and receive your account invitation. Should you run into any issues related to your Realm account, call Carrianna Simmons at the church office: **770-358-2353** or by email: carrianna@fbcbarnesville.com

BUDGET UPDATE

2023 Budget Update as of Jan. 2024

Budget Required: \$1,233,398.59

Budget Received: \$1,157,209.16

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Every person at our church has free access to biblical video series for adults, youth, and kids through RightNow Media – now streaming on your favorite device! Create your account at: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fbcbarnesville>

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: [@FBC Barnesville](https://www.facebook.com/FBCBarnesville)

INSTAGRAM: [@firstbaptistbarnesville](https://www.instagram.com/firstbaptistbarnesville)

REMIND: text @church411 to 81010

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