

# THE WITNESS



March  
2024

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4** | *“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...”*

I could not be more excited to celebrate Easter with our FBC Family this year! The results of a recent study show that 44% of adults are more inclined to connect with God than they were before the pandemic. This is good news. More and more people are being drawn to God. That’s why, this year, we intend on making Easter something special.

Easter Sunday, I will begin a series called *YOU ARE LOVED*. This 5-week journey will take us through 1 Corinthians 15 with a close look at the Resurrection that defeats death’s keeping power. Remember those words quoted by Paul, “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” Because of the efforts, the scriptures, and the prayers, at the end of each Sunday message I will extend a clear invitation to those who want to place their trust in Jesus for the first time, rededicate their life to following Him, or declare their faith publicly through Baptism. As the Lord draws people to Himself through The Holy Spirit, let’s assist by having people present.

This is where our FBC Family comes in. Would you begin, if you haven’t already, praying about who God might have you invite to enjoy Easter Sunday with us. Adrian Rogers once said, *“The Gospel is simply glorious and gloriously simple.”* Easter is a great time to share your trust in Jesus with those around you. Let’s do this together. Now is the time. Send that text, make that call, or have that conversation today. This could be the invitation that changes somebody’s eternity.

As a staff, we have already started the process. Next week, you will have the opportunity to purchase yard signs to place in your yard that simply remind your neighbors that they are loved! These signs will be \$10 each. We have a digital ad going up on the billboard across the street from the old Fred’s building. We have banners that are being placed around our campus for our neighbors to feel welcomed to join us. We will also be providing you with some invite cards in the coming days to make that invite a little bit easier. Your pastor wasn’t joking the other day when I said that I was praying for 1000 people in attendance for Easter. Pray with me on that!

**Here is our Easter Service schedule:**

**Saturday, March 30 | 5p**

**Sunday, March 31 | 8:30a, 9:45a, 11a**

I’m praying for you as you take a step of faith this March by extending invitations to people who need Jesus to heal, restore, and redeem.

**You Are Loved,**

*Pastor Jason*



## UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

### FBCKIDS PARENT MEETING

Calling all FBCKids Parents — it's time for us to catch up! There is a place at our lunch table for you on **Sunday, March 17 at 12:30p** for a time of fellowship, Q&A, policy updates, and a discussion about safety & security. Childcare will be provided during the meal.

Pre-register at [fbcarnesville.com/events](https://fbcarnesville.com/events)

### CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

We hope you will join us for Christ in the Passover presented by Emmanuel Mebasser of "Jews for Jesus" this Palm Sunday, **March 24, at 6:30p in the gym**. This interactive experience shows Christ as the Lamb of God through the ancient Jewish Passover Seder.

Pre-register at [fbcarnesville.com/events](https://fbcarnesville.com/events)

### SPRING FLING!

A bouncy house & slide + popcorn + snow cones + DonutNV = the best Spring Fling EVER! FBCKids is excited to spend an afternoon of fun together on **Sunday, April 14 @ 3-5p at the church**. Families who register upon arrival will receive a \$10 voucher for the DonutNV food truck (additional doughnuts & drinks may be purchased).

### "YOU ARE LOVED" YARD SIGNS

Pastor Jason is starting a *YOU ARE LOVED* sermon series this Easter weekend, and we are inviting our church family to leverage your front yards for the gospel by displaying the *YOU ARE LOVED* message for your neighborhood to see! Yard signs will be on sale for \$10 at the welcome desk after both worship gatherings **this Sunday, March 10**.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

*The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*  
— **Deuteronomy 29:29**

## REALM ACCOUNT

As you explore onrealm.org and the Realm Connect app with your new account, be sure to visit your "profile" and adjust the privacy levels for your contact information. The default is "viewable to people in my groups." This means that your information can *only* be seen by people in your Sunday School class and *will not appear in the digital directory*. To allow the entire church to view your contact information, please click on each piece of information in your profile (i.e. phone number, address, & email), and select "viewable by everyone in the church." For assistance with navigating your Realm account, please contact Carrianna Simmons at the church office: **770-358-2353** or by email: [carrianna@fbcarnesville.com](mailto:carrianna@fbcarnesville.com)

## BUDGET UPDATE

### January 2024 Giving

Required \$99,621.52

Received \$77,890.48

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you church family for your presence and support during this challenging time. Your love, prayers, and acts of kindness have been a source of comfort for our family.

— David & Vikki Trice and Families

## 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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