발WITNESS May 2024

PRAY. GIVE. GO. These words are a synopsis of what many believers consider to be the most important words shared by Jesus to His disciples. Christians call this the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:16-20 | Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

There is no secret, the Lord has given us a command and purpose to make sure that every nation has the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior for their good and for His glory. What does that mean for FBC Barnesville? Well, I am glad you asked. It means that we have a part to play in the PRAYING, the GIVING, and the GOING.

Participating in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is just one way that we partner together to fulfill the Great Commission. This mission-giving effort supports and ensures that missionaries are on the ground and ministering in areas that desperately need to hear about the Lord. According to NAMB (North American Mission Board), many North American cities could reasonably be called pre-Christian. Even in the traditional "Bible Belt," Christianity is being pushed to the margins. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel.

Just recently, Brannon Mercer and myself had the opportunity to spend 4 days in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Our objective was to see what the Lord is doing there with and through the Aspen Network, a partnership of local church planters. From the experience we learned that the nations are present, lostness and brokenness cover the territory, governmental and personal support of the Gospel is non-existent, and the need is overwhelming. It is through the sacrificial giving of His people that missionaries can continue day after day. Would you prayerfully consider giving above and beyond your tithe to further advance the Gospel through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

Giving is just one way that we live out the Great Commission. We must continue on through prayer and through participation as well. May I encourage you in two ways over the next days. First, would you commit to pray for a Church for the City? This is a small church being planted by Chris and Hanna Greenwood in downtown Calgary. The Sunday that we were in Canada, Brannon and I joined them for their first official public gathering. When I tell you that the nations were present, I mean they were present. Out of the 20 people gathered, there were people from Uganda, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, Canada, and America. It truly was beautiful. Pray for favor as they begin to look for more of a permanent location in which to gather. Pray for funding so that they may be able to meet needs for their people. Pray for family as they are raising their sweet child up showing him what it looks like to live out faith every day. Second, would you please consider giving some of your time in the days ahead to participate in missions personally? Our mission team is constantly working on opportunities to go and experience moments of God's work to the world. Maybe the Lord is getting ready to send you next!

Remember church, we get to do this. We get to be a part of God's mission story to the nations.

You are loved!

Pastor Jason

UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We will gather as a community of faith at Ritz Park on **Thursday, May 2 at 12:10p** to link arms and pray as one for our nation and leaders.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching (July 14-18) and we need YOUR help to make it happen! Be a part of our volunteer interest meeting on **Monday, May 6 at 6p** in the Annex.

GSC GRADUATING NURSES

Our WMU is hosting the upcoming Gordon State College graduating nurses on Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30a in the Student + Young Adult Building. We invite all active and retired nurses to join in on the celebration!

GRADUATE SUNDAY

It's that time of year again where we celebrate and honor our high school graduates for their hard work. If you have a child or grandchild that would like to participate on **Sunday**, **March 26**, please contact Josh Adams by May 5 at josh@fbcbarnesville.com or 770-584-3657

END OF MIDWEEK

Our last night of regular Midweek activities until the Fall is **Wedeneday, May 22.**

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The next regularly scheduled church conference is **Wednesday**, **May 29 at 6:30p**.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Join us on **June 2, 2024** as we celebrate and honor Greg Burrell for his retirement following 40 years of faithful service to FBC Barnesville. He will be honored in both worship gatherings that morning, and a celebration luncheon will follow the 11a gathering. Lunch is by reservation only. Please visit <u>fbcbarnesville</u>. <u>com/events</u> to reserve your place for lunch.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in cthe work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord dyour labor is not in vain.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Many "thank you's" for the letters, food, prayers phone calls, visits, and any other expressions of caring. You have made this difficult time easier. Please pray for my family - that they will experience the Peace that passeth understanding. I don't know how anyone can walk through this valley without God.

Love.

Jane Nimmer

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

FBC cookbooks will be on sale at the welcome desk May 5 before and after both morning worship gatherings for \$15 each. All proceeds go toward the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

BUDGET UPDATE

March 2024 Giving

Required: \$323,769.81 Received: \$255,714.19

SYA Building gifts as of March 2024

\$2,073,635.17

CHURCH TEXT UPDATES

Want to stay in the loop on important church updates like weekly prayer guides, event reminders, and church funeral details? Text "@church411" to the number 81010 to sign up for our Remind updates!

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: @FBC Barnesville

INSTAGRAM: @firstbaptistbarnesville

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Susan Byars Gibson Jones Stanley Jones Joe Peters Dwight Smith	20 Veronica Hester Steven Lisius	River Evans Scott Leverett Britney Potts	22 Hollie Brazas	23 Mitzi Brown Scott Worth	24 Mike Fulghum Gabe Parker Bob Wiggins	25 Sirena Garcia Brian Mangham Jacquelynn Windle
26 Barbara Dye	27 John Griner Michaela Johnson Madelyn Piper	28 Zachary Claxton Wendy Tilson	29 Truitt Pitts	30 Yvonne Mangham Ellis O'Neal Josh Swatts	31 James Boatfield Scott Mayfield	