

# THE WITNESS



September  
2024

Dear FBC Family,

As a body of believers, we have affirmed together seven core values by which we hope to be ***Living Proof of a Loving God***. We have an exciting evening coming up that will provide you and your family the opportunity to be equipped to follow Christ (**DISCIPLESHIP**), find a place for Christ-centered togetherness (**COMMUNITY**), and identify your niche to joyfully serve others (**MINISTRY**).

On Sunday, September 15th from 6p until 8p the gym will be set up to highlight the ministries of our church. Each ministry will have a table set up with information about the ministry, and a representative from the team/ministry will be available to share further information and answer any questions you might have about how you can get involved. This is a drop-in event and light refreshments will be provided. This is a great opportunity for you to see a more complete picture of all that we do as a church and discover where you would best fit into serving God at and with FBC Barnesville.

A ministry booklet composed of all of our ministries and service opportunities will be distributed to every member who comes to the Ministry Fair. This booklet will help you see the purpose of the ministry, when it meets, activities the ministry is involved with, and a contact person to reach out to. Along with this booklet, each table will have a signup sheet to indicate your interest in a particular ministry.

God desires His people to serve Him by meeting needs of others. This is your chance to find your place of service in the ministry movements of FBC.

In Christ,

***Russ Jenkins***

*Associate Pastor, Education & Administration*

## UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

### GRIEF SHARE

Navigating grief can be difficult, and we aren't meant to do it alone! GriefShare helps you learn practical ways of coping with grief and gain solid support each step of the way. The next session begins **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5:30p** in the gym banquet room.

### DEACON ORDINATION

We hope you will join us on **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 6:30p** in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, worship through song, and the ordination of 2 of our incoming deacons.

### CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

We are gathering at Camp Kaleo from **4:30-7:30p on Sunday, Sept. 29** for fishing, swimming in the pool, canoeing & kayaking, and dinner served at 5:30p. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks, and we are asking each family to bring something to share. Last names A-Q bring sides and R-Z bring sweets. It's going to be a great evening for our church family to spend time together in God's creation. Don't forget your chair or picnic blanket!

### UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Registration is now open for the upcoming season of UPWARD basketball & cheerleading! Both sports are available for K4-6th grade. Evaluations are held on Nov. 11 from 5:30-7:30p for 3rd-6th grade basketball participants only. The season will run from Dec. 9—Feb. 15. See more details and register your children today at [registration.upward.org/UPW86955](https://registration.upward.org/UPW86955).

### REFUGE SUPPORT GROUP

There can be many barriers for our exceptional children and those who care for them every day. Our heart is to create a safe space for ALL of our children and their caregivers to feel loved, supported, encouraged, and engaged in Christian community. Caregivers of children with special needs are invited to join our support group on the last Monday of each month at 6:30p in the gym banquet room. Our first meeting of the Refuge Support Group will be Sept. 30 with childcare provided. For any questions regarding Refuge, you may contact Harold Blevins at 770-468-0923, or Tricia Blevins at 770-584-1864.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

— *Titus 2:7-8*

## BUDGET UPDATE

### Giving as of July 2024

Required: \$747,161.10

Received: \$695,623.14

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Gain FREE access to 20,000+ Bible study resources, faith-based kids' shows, and discipleship resources through RightNow Media at <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fbcbarnesville>

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Everyone in the church may now access the church calendar online at [fbcbarnesville.com/calendar](https://fbcbarnesville.com/calendar) or by clicking [here](#).

## REMINDE MESSAGING

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!

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 2** in observance of Labor Day.