

THE WITNESS



December
2024

Isaiah 9:6 | *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

The origins of the Christmas tree date back to 16th-century Germany when Christians began the tradition of bringing evergreen trees into their homes. Decorated with candles and ornaments, the tree symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world, illuminating our lives. This powerful image serves as a reminder of the enduring heart of Christmas: to celebrate the birth of our Savior amid the beauty of creation.

As we reflect this month on Jesus being the light of the world, can we just acknowledge the names that the prophet Isaiah used to describe the prophesied Messiah. He will be called Wonderful Counselor. The comfort that comes daily knowing that our Savior is a counselor to our burdens and brokenness. How about Mighty God? Goodness, we have a Savior that has fought for us and continues to do so. Then, there is the Everlasting Father. He truly is father to the fatherless. We all need to know we are covered by the love and care of our great God. Prince of Peace reminds us that Jesus brings calmness to our chaos and comfort in our catastrophes. I pray that this Christmas would be a great time of reflection on just how much Jesus should be followed and trusted in our lives. Lord, light our path in 2025.

This December let's invite our friends and family to join in on the celebration of our Savior. Take a look below at some opportunities...

Christmas has come,
Pastor Jason

12.6 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
6:30p | Gym

BARNESVILLE TOUR OF HOMES 12.8
3-6p | Sanctuary | Drop-in

KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER GOSPEL CONCERT
6p | Student & Y/A Building | The Whole Family

12.12 JUBAL BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
6:30p | Sanctuary | The Whole Family

FOSTER CARE CHRISTMAS PARTY 12.13
5:30p | Gym | DFACS Families

12.14 DRIVEN SHOPPING & MACON MAYHEM
11a | Macon | Students

FBCKIDS CAROLING & DINNER 12.18
5:30p | Sunny Grove | Kids
DRIVEN CHRISTMAS PARTY
6p | Student & Y/A Building | Students

12.22 DRIVEN CAROLING
4p | Barnesville + Milner | Students

REED CRUMBLISS & JASON HOARD 12.29
9a & 11a | Sanctuary | Legacies + Bluegrass
5TH SUNDAY KIDS WORSHIP
11a | C-204 | Kindergarten through 5th grade

Christmas
@ FBC



UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

BARNESVILLE TOUR OF HOMES

Our church sanctuary is being featured this year in Barnesville's Tour of Homes on **Sunday, Dec. 8 from 3-6p.** Stop in with the family and see the sanctuary decorated for Christmas!

KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER CONCERT

Six-time Grammy nominated, nine-time GMA Dove Award winning southern gospel group Karen Peck and New River will be in concert on **Sunday, Dec. 8th at 6p** in the Student & Young Adult Building. This is a free community concert, so invite your friends and family to join you for this special evening!

JUBAL BRASS

Get ready for classic Christmas tunes and a family sing-along with Jubal Brass on **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:30p** in our sanctuary. This will be a sweet time of music and Christmas cheer for the whole family to enjoy together!

MIDWEEK EQUIPPING COURSES

A new semester of Midweek Equipping Courses is coming in the new year! Pathways 1 through 4 will have 2-3 studies within that focus area throughout the semester. These pathways will be offered **Jan. 15-May 18**, and are available for anyone in high school or older:

1. **How to Truly Worship** | Greg Burrell (D206)
2. **Facing Trials** | Joe Thompson (D205)
3. **Survey of the Bible** | Jason Teal (D202)
4. **Archeology & the Bible** | Scott Turner (B205)
5. **Men's Studies** | Monte McCall (B201)
6. **Prayer Meeting** | Russ Jenkins (Annex)

REFUGE SUPPORT GROUP

There can be many barriers for our exceptional children and those who care for them. Our heart is to create a space for ALL 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 Refuge Support Group on the **last Monday of each month (Dec. 30) at 6:30p** in the gym banquet room.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

— *Psalms 33:3-4*

BUDGET UPDATE

Giving as of October 31, 2024

Required: \$1,070,930.91

Received: \$957,851.89

HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will close December 23-27 for Christmas, and January 1 for New Year's Day.

NOTE OF THANKS

THANK YOU to all who gave their time, energy, and skills to help the people in Montgomery County, our home county. The destruction from Helene was major and will take a long time to return to "normal." Thank you again for your support.

With love,
Rose Marian and Clyde Dunn
JoDell and Bill Bibby

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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