

THE WITNESS JUNE 2025

Seven years ago, in a season of growth and transition, the leadership at FBC Barnesville made the decision to consolidate our three Sunday morning worship services (8:30a, 9:45a, and 11a) into two—9a and 11a—with Sunday School meeting at 10a. At that time, this schedule best aligned with our vision and mission as a church.

Since then, we've navigated an incredible journey together: the COVID-19 pandemic, which temporarily moved us to four separate services; the retirement of a beloved & faithful pastor; the calling of a new pastor; and the construction of a beautiful new building for our student and young adult ministries, which expanded our campus and ministry capacity in remarkable ways.

With a clarified mission and growing congregation, we believe God is once again leading us into a season of adjustment. After two years of thoughtful evaluation, conversation, and prayer among our pastor, church staff, deacons, and Sunday School leaders, we're excited to announce a **NEW Sunday morning schedule that will begin August 3, 2025:**

**Corporate worship gatherings will take place at 8:30a and 11a
Sunday School will meet from 9:45a to 10:45a**

WHY THIS CHANGE MATTERS:

1. More Time Between Services

Starting the first service at 8:30a allows for a smoother transition between services. This breathing room benefits our worship teams, volunteers, and attendees—especially our guests. This change will encourage meaningful connections and help avoid the common experience of guests feeling unnoticed.

2. A Better Experience for Everyone

From Easter Sunday with over 900 in attendance to regular Sundays with hundreds of families navigating our growing campus, more transition time means our volunteers and ministry teams can serve with excellence and care. Guests and members alike will experience a more peaceful and hospitable Sunday rhythm.

3. Supporting Our Growing Ministries

With worship attendance rising from 262 to nearly 415 over the past four years, we've outgrown our current schedule's flexibility. Adjusting the service times improves parking logistics, classroom transitions, and family coordination across campus—from nursery to students in the SYA building.

4. A Fully Dedicated Sunday School Hour

The new 9:45a-10:45a Sunday School slot is designed to be a rich, uninterrupted time for spiritual growth. Whether you attend the early or late service, you'll now have a clear and consistent opportunity to study God's Word, build community, and grow as a disciple of Christ.

Your Pastor, the church staff, the Deacon Body, and Sunday School workers believe this new schedule is a step forward in fulfilling our vision: to be Living Proof of a Loving God by a total commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We know change requires some adjustment, and we're incredibly grateful for your continued openness and support. Our aim is to create a Sunday morning rhythm that honors God, supports our volunteers and staff, welcomes guests warmly, and strengthens every part of our church family.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing here at FBC Barnesville. We look forward with great anticipation to this next chapter.

You Are Loved,
Pastor Jason Teal

UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

HOT WHEELS & COOL TREATS

FBCKids is kicking off the summer in style! Kids are invited to bring their bike, skates, scooters, and skateboards for a night of fun in the gym parking lot on **Wednesday, June 4 at 6p**. We will have pizza and popsicles as well, so all you need are your wheels, safety gear, and a chair for the parent(s) that plans to stay for the event.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Help us celebrate Elizabeth Hammock in her upcoming marriage at a drop-in bridal shower on **Sunday, June 15 from 12:30-2p** in the banquet room. Elizabeth is registered at Crate & Barrel, Amazon, & Target.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

We have partnered with the Pregnancy and Family Life Center of Forsyth for Baby Bottle Boomerang. Your generosity helps provide women with much needed physical, emotional, & spiritual care as they face unplanned pregnancy. The PFLC encourages women as they choose life for their babies and provides a way for the mothers to have eternal life through Jesus! Please return your filled baby bottle with coins, cash, or checks by **June 15**. Or, give online at pregnancyfamilylifecenter.com/donate.

FAMILY COOKOUT

The FBC Family is getting together Wednesday, **July 2** for a good old fashioned family cookout! The FBC grill team is cooking dinner, someone will take home bragging rights from a homemade ice cream competition, and several teams will provide live music. Meet us in the parking lot and lawn of the Student and Young Adult building starting at **6:30p** with your lawn chair or favorite picnic blanket.

VBS

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify the greatness of God. VBS is Sunday, **July 13 through Thursday, July 17** for 4-year-olds up to those who just completed 5th grade. [Pre-register here!](#)

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

— *John 1:1-5*

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our church membership meets quarterly (on the 5th Sunday of the month) to discuss pertinent church business and pray for our FBC family. The next regular church conference is **Sunday, June 29 at 6:30p** in the sanctuary.

BUDGET UPDATE

As of April 2025

Required: \$479,916.72

Received: \$383,962.75

CHURCH CALENDAR

The entire FBC Family has access to the church calendar online at all times by visiting fbcbarnesville.com/calendar or by clicking [here](#).

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CHURCH STAFF

Jason Teal | Senior Pastor

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