

THE WITNESS



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FBC Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you walking in His joy and strength. Over the past few weeks, we've been journeying through the book of Philippians in our sermon series, "Living The Life." This little letter from the Apostle Paul has been full of rich encouragement and deep conviction. Writing from prison, Paul models a joy that isn't dependent on circumstances but is anchored in his relationship with Christ. *"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8).* That kind of joy that endures hardship, overcomes division, and fuels faithfulness is exactly what we need in our lives and in our church today.

Paul's words to the Philippians remind us that the Christian life is one of joyful partnership in the gospel. *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).* As I reflect on our church family, I cannot help but agree with Paul's gratitude. It is a joy to walk alongside each of you as we worship, serve, and grow together.

One area where we particularly need your prayers right now is in the work of our Personnel Team, who are diligently seeking the Lord's direction as they search for two key ministry leaders: an Associate Pastor of Worship Leadership and an Associate Pastor of Generational Discipleship. These roles will be instrumental in leading us in worship and shepherding our church across generations. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and unity for the team. As James reminds us, *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach" (James 1:5).* Let's be faithful to ask.

In addition to our Sunday gatherings, I want to invite you to reengage with our MDWK Equipping Courses on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. These sessions are designed to help us grow deeper in our understanding of God's Word and how it applies to every aspect of life. Whether you're new to the faith or have walked with Jesus for decades, there's something for you.

We're also excited to bring back our First Wednesday Family Meals that begin at 5:30 PM. This is a time to eat, laugh, and connect before digging into our studies. We ask that you make a reservation so we can plan well. On the remaining Wednesday nights of the month, you are encouraged to bring dinner for your family, and we will provide the drinks and desserts. Childcare and age-based discipleship options will be available each week.

Finally, let me leave you with the encouragement that you are WELCOME, WANTED, and NEEDED. In **Ephesians 4:16**, Paul writes, *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* Every part. That means you. Whether you serve in a visible role or support quietly through prayer and encouragement, your presence in the body of Christ is a gift. Don't underestimate how God can use your faithfulness to strengthen others.

Let's press on together in joy. Let's grow in love. And let's be found faithful in all that God has entrusted to us as a church family.

You are LOVED,

Pastor Jason

UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

MDWK

We are BACK for Midweek on **Wednesdays at 6:30p** with discipleship opportunities for the entire family with FBCKids, Student Worship, Prayer Meeting, and new Equipping Courses:

- **Grandparenting Matters** | D-105
- **Living a Life of Prayer** | D-206
- **Believing in VS. Following Jesus** | D-205
- **Heaven: Our Eternal Home** | D-202
- **Spiritual Warfare** | D-209 (*new location*)
- **Mens' Studies** | B-203
- **Womens' Studies** | B-205 (*new location*)

CHURCH GROUNDS WORK DAY

On **Saturday, August 23 from 8a-12p**, we'll gather to work side-by-side, sprucing up our church grounds so they reflect the love and welcome we want everyone to feel when they arrive. This is more than just yard work—it's a chance to serve together, build friendships, and honor the Lord by caring for His house. Bring your shovels, rakes, & pruning shears and join us as we care for the beautiful space God has entrusted to us!

HOMEBOUND

The Homebound Ministry meets the **first Monday of each month at 10:30a** to minister through visits, cards, and prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love with those who aren't able to attend in person. There is a *great* need to add to the team! Contact Glenna Waller at 770-584-5578 to serve.

GRANDPARENT'S MINISTRY

Grandparents, your influence matters! Join Grandmothers at Prayer on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30a** as they pray for the salvation of all of our grandchildren, or be part of our new Grandparenting Matters Equipping Course on **Wednesdays at 6:30p** in Room D-105. For details, contact Peggy Puckett at 404-803-0129.

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. 7 at 5p** in the banquet room.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 4:6-7*

NOTE OF THANKS

The Pregnancy and Family Life Center of Monroe County thanks you for your contribution to the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising campaign this summer. FBC Barnesville raised \$3,337.24, almost one thousand dollars more than last year!

I am thankful to be part of a church that values the unborn and their mothers!

Blessings,
Cindy Walker

DEACON NOMINATIONS

It is time to elect new Deacons to serve and offer insight into the the leadership of our church. Nomination forms are available at the entrances of the sanctuary, and are due on Sunday, August 24. Forms received after this Sunday will not be counted.

BUDGET UPDATE

As of June 2025

Required: \$693,213.04

Received: \$577,234.37

CHURCH STAFF

Jason Teal | Senior Pastor

Russ Jenkins | Executive Pastor

Allen Smith | Young Adult Pastor

Josh Adams | Student Minister

Jennifer Zeager | Children's Minister

Melinda Henson | Financial Director

Carrianna Simmons | Communications Dir.

Sarah Kingry | Pastor's Admin. Assistant

Audrey Topel | Ministry Admin. Assistant