



# CANOPY

08.23.18 / DOORS OPEN AT 6:30P

200 Zebulon St. / FBC Barnesville Gym

## FBC KIDS

**Children's Choirs:** Beginning Aug 8 on Wed. nights at 5pm

**Mission Friends, GAs, and RAs:** Beginning Aug 8 on Wed. nights at 6:30pm

## FBC STUDENTS

**Top Golf:** Sat. Aug 2 at 6pm

**Crash Night:** Sun. Aug 3 at 6pm, at the Callaway's Pool

**Wednesday Night Worship:** Weekly at 6:30pm

**Parent Talk:** Aug. 8th at 6:30pm

## THRIVE (18-25)

**Thrive Worship Night:** Wed. Aug 1st at 8pm in the FBC Courtyard

**GSC Move-In:** Sat. Aug 4th from 8a -12. We will be helping with the move-in day and connecting with college students.

**Common Ground:** Wed. 8pm  
**Cultivate:** Sun. 11am

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# MISSIONS

# FEST

**AUG. 12 // 6:30P**

Hear from our summer missionaries as they share about their experiences.





## FROM THE SHEPHERD'S HEART

Garth Forster, pastor

Jesus said in **John 15:5: "I am the Vine, and you are the branches; He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth MUCH FRUIT: for apart from Me you can do nothing."**

In 1886, a well-known baseball player was converted to Christ. And when that ball-player was baptized and joined the church, an older Christian put his arm around his shoulder and said, "**Billy, there are three simple rules that I can give you, and if you hold to them I can promise you that you will never be a 'back-slider.'** Take 15 minutes each day to listen to God talking to you through His Word; take 15 minutes each day to talk to God through prayer; and take 15 minutes each day to talk to others about God."

The young ball player was deeply impressed and determined to make those the three rules of his life. For the first 30 minutes of each day, he allowed nothing to interrupt his time with God. The young ball-player's name was **Billy Sunday**, and by the time he died in 1935, he had led **300,000** people to Jesus! What a fruitful life Billy Sunday lived! Jesus promised that all of us can live fruitful lives if we will abide in Him!

August has, among other things, some great evening opportunities:

**PRAYER WALK FOR SCHOOLS** takes place on Sunday evening, August 5th, beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Lamar County Schools Fine Arts Center. We'll begin with some refreshments and then progress to praying for our schools.

**MISSION FEST** will take place on Sunday evening, August 12th, beginning at 6:30 in our C.F.L.C. We'll hear exciting stories from those involved in Summer missions from our church as well as enjoy a western meal.

**TEAM NIGHT**, a chance for our church teams (committees) to get together and plan for what they want to accomplish in the coming year, will take place on Sunday evening August 19th, beginning at 6:30 in our C.F.L.C.

**THE CANOPY**, a worship event for women in our church and community, will be held in our C.F.L.C. on Thursday evening, August 23rd beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**Come expectantly! I love you, Garth**

We had a good month in July with an average attendance of 343 in Bible Study. As I write, we are in the middle of **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** that will run through July 26th. Thanks to **Russ Jenkins** and all who have volunteered to help him put together a great VBS this year! In addition, I want to thank **Jason and Honey Teal** for leading our children to **CENTRIKID CAMP** at Gardener Webb College July 9th through the 13th. Both Russ and the Teals went above and beyond the call of duty in taking on assignments normally performed by our children's minister. **Greg Burrell's** annual **DINNER THEATER** takes place at the end of VBS, on the evenings of July 27th-28th.

We are also excited about the progress that **Chairman Steven Bacon** and our **STUDENT BUILDING PLANNING TEAM** are making. Carson Selph, Chairperson of the Design and Planning Team is working with his team to finalize the design of our new student facility. In addition, Chairperson **Kim Wall** and our Fundraising Team heard three presentations from potential fund-raising companies during the week before VBS. Please continue to pray for the vital work of these important teams.

## a FBC summer



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Campus Move- In Day:** Saturday, Aug. 4th from 8am- 12. Connect with college students and their families as you help them move in. This is a great opportunity to share the Gospel. For questions, contact Jason Teal.

**Wednesday Night Life Groups:** Life Groups and the missions team will be hosting a preview day starting at 9:30am on Sunday Aug. 5 between the worship gatherings. Stop by the CFLC and check out which Life Groups you may be interested in this Fall.

**Coffee and Conversation:** Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 10:15, with special guest Wendy Sauley- Simmons. Wendy will be sharing about her summer mission trip to Scott CO, Tennessee.

**Wednesday Night Schedule:** Wed. Aug 8th we will begin our regular school year activities, which include Wednesday night supper with Chef Tom Speziale.

**Meet and greet for Libby Burrell and her fiance Paddy Zibro:** Sunday, Aug. 26th in the CFLC at noon. Bring a covered dish for your family, plus 5 more.

**Church Conference:** Wednesday, Aug. 29th at 6:30pm.

Meet at the Fine Arts Center

lamar county schools

**PRAYER WALK**

SCHOOL BUS

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> / 6pm

## A SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts through Bob's illness. Thank you for the comforting prayers, visits and care shown to me in his passing.  
- John Veatch