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THE WITNESS



SUNDAY, APRIL 14 | 6:30P

TRIUMPH

VICTORY OF THE CROSS

FBC EASTER PROGRAM

Join us this evening as we celebrate the victory of the cross and the empty tomb!
 Featuring our Adult Choir and Praise Team, Thrive Young Adult Worship Team, Student Choir, and Children's Choir.

a worship gathering for all women

CANOPY

Thursday, April 25

Worship begins at 7pm | Doors open at 6:30p
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From the Shepherd's Heart

with Pastor Garth Forster

For the five Sundays in March we focused on our **GENERATIONS FOLLOWING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN** for the purpose of raising the monetary commitments to build a new Student/Young Adult Building. But, a campaign like the one we have participated in is about more than just raising money for a particular project. It is about raising the spiritual climate of our church family so that each and every life is challenged to live more for the Lord and give more to the Lord!

In one of my messages, I told the story of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. He was the founder of the Standard Oil Company. He is widely considered the wealthiest American of all time. To give you some idea of his vast wealth, Jeff Bezos of Amazon is the richest man in America today and worth \$112 billion. That sounds like a lot of money, doesn't it? But by comparison, John D. Rockefeller was the richest American of all time and if his wealth was brought into today's dollars, he would be worth \$409 billion!

The great thing about John Rockefeller is that as one of the richest men in the world he was also one of the most generous. He gave away millions of dollars and there are buildings all across America with his name on them. What is interesting is that from his very first paycheck until his death he tithed on his earnings. The story is told that at one point he thought he was dying, so he began giving away his wealth. An amazing thing occurred, he lived, and he attributed his living to his having become a more generous person!

Now, I'm not promising you that if you live a lifestyle of generosity that you will live longer, but I can promise you that if you live a generous lifestyle others will be glad that you lived longer! In his last meeting with the elders of the Church of Ephesus, the Apostle Paul said to them, **"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the needy, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "** (Acts 20:35).

We had a good month in March with 380 in Bible Study. We enjoyed the **Bible Emphasis Saturday** with Andy Cook of **Experience Israel Now** on March 2nd and then our **Creation Seminar** with Steve Levinson on March 10th.

April is filled with some great opportunities:

- Our ladies are looking forward to the **Priscilla Shirer Simulcast "GOING BEYOND LIVE"** that takes place here at our church on Saturday, April 6th.
- The **"FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY"** of our Generations Following Campaign will be on Palm Sunday, April 14th, at all three morning services. We are asking our folks to give generously to this first official offering for our new Student/Young Adult Building. We'll also celebrate the Lord's Supper that day.
- Our **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT** at Summers Field is from 2:00 to 3:30 on the afternoon of April 14th. We are putting on this community event this year in conjunction with First United Methodist Church of Barnesville.
- April 14th is also the date of our **EASTER PROGRAM** which will take place at 6:30 in our Sanctuary.
- The women's worship event known as **THE CANOPY** will take place on Thursday evening, April 25th, beginning at 7:00 with doors opening at 6:30.
- An old favorite, our **CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC AT THE ROCK RANCH** will take place on Sunday, April 28th, from 5:00 to 7:30.

April is going to be a great month! **COME EXPECTANTLY! I love you,**

Garth

Mark Your Calendars!

Lift Lamar: April 1- April 3, pray for the teams as they serve our community! Remember, if you signed up, there is a team meet-and-greet worship night on Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 in the CFLC.

Coffee and Conversation: Tues. April 2 at 10:30 in the Annex. We will focus on North American Missions!

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer: April 1-April 5. We will take up the offering as a church in June. Let's pray together as a church that the Gospel changes lives here in our local community and across the country!

Going Beyond Live Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer: Sat. April 6 from 9:30a till 5:30p.

Church Landscape Workday: Sat. April 13 from 8a-12p.

First Fruits Offering: Sun. April 14 in all three worship gatherings. Let's celebrate this Sunday as we begin our giving for the new student and young adult building. We get to do this!

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Sun. April 14 from 2pm-3:30p. Join us for this fun-filled family event!

Young at Heart: Thurs. April 18 at 11a, reservations required for lunch.

Elevate Church Strategy Summit: Tues. April 30 at 4pm at FBC Barnesville. ELEVATE is designed to serve the church by providing tools for a strategy driven approach to ministry and missions. Every church member will benefit from attending. For more information and to register for the event, please visit:
<http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/elevate>



THRIVE YOUNG ADULTS

New series called **Gender Revelation** begins Wednesday, April 10 at Common Ground. This series will focus on the specific biblical roles of man-hood and woman-hood as defined by the Holy scriptures. We will also take a look at what the world says in regards to homosexuality, trans-genders, feminism, and relationships and compare it to what the Bible teaches. This series will end in a celebration on Wednesday, May 1st as Jason and Honey open the envelope and find out the gender of their fourth child! We want to invite you to journey with us as we dive into these topics. **#revealtheTeal #GenderRevelation**

GENERATIONS

FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

SUNDAY APRIL 14
8:30a | 9:45a | 11:00a



MAY 19, 2019

GRADUATION SUNDAY 2019

If you would like to have your graduating student participate in this year's graduate recognition, please contact Jason Teal.