

a worship gathering for all women

a thrill of hope

A CHRISTMAS CANOPY
AT FBC BARNESVILLE | 200 ZEBULON ST | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30P

Ladies, join us for our first ever Christmas Canopy!

BE SURE TO GET THERE EARLY SO YOU CAN GET A GOOD SEAT! FOLLOW THE CANOPY ON INSTAGRAM @THRIVE121_THECANOPY FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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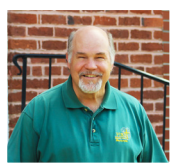
The Wonders of
HIS LOVE

A SERVICE OF JOY

SAT. DEC 7 & SUN. DEC 8
AT 7P IN THE SANCTUARY

FEATURING FBC CHOIRS
AND THE CROSS TIES BAND





From the Shepherd's Heart

Garth Forster, Pastor

In 1988, Anissa Ayala was sixteen years-old and diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia. The doctors said that if she did not receive a bone marrow transplant after chemotherapy and radiation treatment she would die. Neither her parents nor her brother was a match, and they could not find a donor elsewhere. Her parents, both in their forties, conceived another child and hoped that its bone marrow would be compatible with Anissa's.

To their great delight it was determined that this new baby was a compatible donor, and when Marissa Ayala was fourteen months-old they took some of her marrow and gave it her older sister, Anissa. Anissa made a full recovery from the Leukemia and both sisters lead healthy lives today. In a very real sense, Marissa saved her sister's life. She says, **"Without me being a perfect match for my sister, she would not be here."**

Jesus was born into this world for the express purpose of saving us. His very name, **Yeshua** in Hebrew, means **"The Lord is Salvation."** That is why the angel that appeared to Joseph told him, **"...you shall call His name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."** (Matthew 1:21) He is the one and only Savior that can save all those who put their trust in Him. Christmas marks the day we celebrate His birth, and without Him there would be no salvation for us!

November has been a good month with 374 coming to Sunday small groups! Thanks to our new Children's Minister, **Jennifer Zeager, for a great Trunk or Treat! Upward Basketball & Cheerleading** has been conducting evaluations during November, will be practicing through December with games starting in January. Thanks to **Chuck & Kim Bankston** for their passion for this ministry. **Operation Christmas Child** collected shoe boxes during the last week of November. Thanks again to **Nancy Cloudt** for her leadership in this wonderful international ministry. We had a great **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Wednesday, November 27th, at the First United Methodist Church, followed by a very festive **Downtown Illumination Service**.

December has some very special emphases:

- Our first Sunday in December, the 1st, will be a busy day. We will launch our **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS** with a goal of \$25,000 this year. **Dr. Robert Pepper**, former missionary to West Africa, will be sharing with us in our morning services. Then, the **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY** will take place at noon with children caroling at Heritage Inn following.
- Also, on the 1st we will vote on our **2020 PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET** in all three morning services. In addition, that evening at we will have a **CHILI SUPPER** in our C.F.L.C. as we discuss our **NEW SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE** recommended by our Service Schedule Team and our Deacons. Supper begins at 6:30 with childcare provided for children up to 5 years old. We will then vote on this new Sunday service schedule in a Called Church Conference at all three morning services the next Sunday, December 8th.
- The **CHRISTMAS CANOPY** will be Tuesday evening, December 17th, beginning at 6:30 in our gym. Our ladies have been looking forward to having a special Canopy at Christmas!
- Our Christmas program, **THE WONDERS OF HIS LOVE**, will take place on Saturday and Sunday evenings, December 7th and 8th, at 7:00 P.M. This year, Greg has arranged for The Cross Ties Band to join our choirs and musicians for a wonderful celebration!
- This is the year for us to do our **FAMILY LORD'S SUPPER** on Christmas Eve, December 24th, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Suzanne and I look forward to sharing that special time with you!

From all of our Church Staff, may you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
I Love You, Garth

Budget Vote: In all three worship gatherings on Sun. December 1

Happy Birthday Jesus Party: For kids and preschoolers! Sun. December 1 right after church. The kids will also have an opportunity to sing carols at Heritage Inn at 2:45p. Bus transportation will be provided.

Service Schedule Discussion and Vote: Sun. December 1 at 6:30p in the gym. Child care provided for babies through 5 year olds. Chili dinner will also be provided.

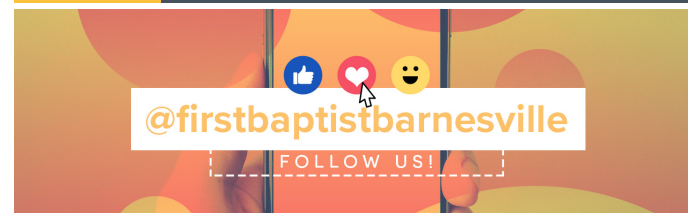
Called Church Conference: Sun. December 8, we will vote on the new service schedule in all three worship gatherings.

A Common Ground Christmas: Young adults, join us for our last Common Ground gathering of the year on Wed. December 11 at 8p.

Driven Christmas Party: Students, join us on Wed. December 18 at 6:30!

Church Holiday Office Hours: The offices will be closed December 24-26 and on January 1.

Garth and Suzanne's new address:
235 Grape Creek Rd. Milner, GA 30257

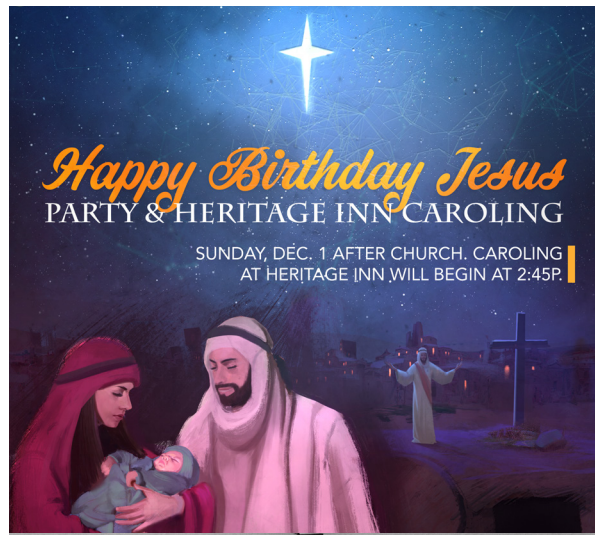


GENERATIONS following UPDATES

With Thanksgiving just passing, I'm reminded of how truly blessed we are as a church family. I'm thankful for each of you and for your continued giving to the Generations Following campaign. **As of the latest update, we have a total of \$820,629.03 given to the building fund with \$32,608.03 of that given in October!**

What an exciting time for our church! Please continue to pray about the opportunities God has in store for us. Also, pray for the committee members as they make decisions regarding the building and timelines. I hope each of you has a very blessed, joyous, and Christ filled holiday season!

Merry Christmas!
Kim Wall



SERVICE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

Sunday, December 1 at 6:30pm in the gym.