



BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEKEND
kids edition!

**MARCH 7, 2020
DOORS OPEN AT 8A**

**FROM BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN (CHILD CARE AVAILABLE)
1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADE (MOVIE DAY AND BIBLE SKILL ACTIVITIES)**

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Call or register online at www.fbcarnesville.com/bew2020/

COME EXPERIENCE ISRAEL NOW WITH REV. ANDY COOK!
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

From the Shepherd's Heart

with Pastor Garth Forster



The Fifth Beatitude, **"Blessed are the merciful, for they, and they alone, shall receive God's mercy,"** teaches us that our forgiveness is contingent upon our forgiving others. When the poet, Edwin Markham, was ready to retire at age 60, he discovered that he had been swindled out of his life's savings by his best friend, a banker. He was penniless, but he began to lecture on poetry and remade his fortune. Yet, after some time on the lecture circuit, he found that he could no longer write poetry.

And when the first flood of bitterness began to sweep into his soul, he cried to himself, **"No! I shall not let you in! There shall be no hatred in my heart! Love shall outlast the stars!"**

Out of that experience Edwin Markham wrote one of his most famous lines of verse:

**He drew a circle that shut me out –
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.**

Friend, that's what we did to Jesus. He came to earth to teach us and heal us and love us. But we treated Him like a thing to flout. We rejected Him and mocked Him and, ultimately, we crucified Him. But there on Calvary's Cross, in dying love and bleeding mercy, He prayed, **"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."** And, in that moment, He drew a circle that took us in. The Savior simply waits for us to step into that circle of redeeming love.

February has been a good month with 345 in Bible Study. Our new Sunday morning schedule has been very well received, with our **"Classic Service"** at 9:00, Sunday School for everyone at 10:10 and our **"Contemporary Service"** at 11:20. In addition, our **Annual Barnesville Game & Fish Banquet** with Hank Parker was the best-attended event of its kind! The **Upward Celebration** with magician Joe Turner capped off a fine season of basketball and cheer leading at our church. The February **Canopy** was a great time of worship for the women in our community, and for those wondering, the giraffe did make an appearance!

March has some great events waiting for you:

- Our **BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEKEND** with Andy Cook takes place the first full weekend in March, the 7th and 8th. Doors open at 8:00 Saturday morning with a continental breakfast. That morning will be split between meetings with Andy in the Sanctuary and breakout sessions with other teachers in various classrooms. We will also include lunch on Saturday. Sunday morning we'll host Andy in both services (9:00 & 11:20) and during Sunday School (10:10) in the Sanctuary.
- We will celebrate our first incredibly successful year of fund-raising for our **GENERATIONS FOLLOWING CAMPAIGN** on Sunday, March 22nd, in both worship services! March is going to be a great month! Come EXPECTANTLY!

I Love You, Garth

Upcoming Events / Good to Know

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Tues., March 3 at 10:30a in the Annex. Robin Duncan will be sharing about Community Ministry.

WOP SPRING BANQUET
Sat., March 28 at 6:30p.

CRAFTING FOR MISSIONS
This ministry is in need of some supplies: old t shirts, standard shoe boxes, shower curtain rings, & plastic table cloths.

Save the Date! The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Summer's Field will be on April 5 from 2-3p. The FBC Music Ministry will have the Easter Musical on Sunday, April 12 in both worship gatherings in the morning.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Save the date for Sunday, July 19 through Thursday, July 23!

Thrive Young Adults

Send Me Now Launch Weekend: April 3-4. Pray for our summer missionaries as they get commissioned this weekend!

Secret Church: April 24, details to come!

Driven Students

DNOW: April 17- 19 / Cost \$75!

Bored? Game Night! Bring your favorite board game and enjoy some fun with North Georgia Univ. BCM mission team! No fear, food will be provided! From 6-9p, on Friday, March 27.

CAN I GET A WITNESS?

Changes are coming to our Witness distribution by the end of April. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy please contact the church office to ensure it gets put in the mail. If you would rather receive an email copy, please contact the church offices as well. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to steward our resources well!

FBC Kids

VBS Volunteers, be sure to sign up for the VBS dinner meeting happening on Sunday, March 8 at 5:00p. We get to "taco" about VBS!



GENERATIONS following

\$34,497.43
Given in January

\$953,285.56
Given in total

#WeGetToDoThis



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I am so excited about the way the members of First Baptist Church have responded to our Generations Following Campaign. Through the month of January, we have raised an incredible \$953,285 toward our goal of \$1,260,432 to fund a new Student/Young Adult building. That means that instead of raising 33% of our three-year total in the first year, we have actually raised more than 75% of the three-year total in just 11 months!

Our architect, Todd Albritton, is finalizing our plans as we anticipate groundbreaking on this project once we reach the goal of \$1,050,000! Thank you for your generous giving. I couldn't be prouder of you!
Pastor Garth