

THE WITNESS



July
2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Words fail to express the gratitude I feel to you all for the love poured out on myself at my retirement celebration. The kind words, the wonderful gifts, and the cards and written recollections that you shared will always be treasured and will never be forgotten.

Perhaps greatest of all was the opportunity to direct that huge choir of old friends; what a wonderful way for me to close out my ministry here. I'm astounded at how many people put their lives on hold to come to Barnesville and celebrate the end of our era together.

And what an era it has been. Four decades of working together to humbly serve the Lord and this wonderful church. Four decades of love and cooperation, of singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God. Four decades of learning and trying, of searching and designing music that will speak to people.

I have loved it all. I have loved our singers, players, listeners and worshipers; our services, our ministries, our buildings and especially our sanctuary; our staff and especially our people. Being called to this ministry and this church has been a blessing of epic proportions in my life.

Thank you so much. No one has ever had a better retirement celebration than what you gave me; but then, no one has ever had a more pleasant ministry than I have, thanks to you, my friends.

Please accept my heartfelt love and gratitude. I'll see you in church!

Your brother,

Greg Burrell



UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It has been a great week at Breaker Rock Beach VBS! We had up to 125 kids each night, and we are looking forward to our Family Celebration tonight where we will celebrate all God has done at VBS 2024! Please pray in the days ahead that the gospel seeds that were planted this week would take root and grow in each of these children and their families.

BABY SHOWER - ABBY GIBBS

The Young Married Sunday School Class invites you to a baby shower for Abby Gibbs on **Sunday, July 21 from 2-4p** in the Banquet Room.

MIDWEEK AT FBC

The nearing start of the Fall semester means that Midweek is BACK! **August 14 at 6:30p** will kick-off our Midweek schedule of discipleship opportunities for the entire family: FBCKids, Student Worship, Prayer Meeting, and brand new Equipping Courses. We have determined 5 Pathways of Equipping Courses to help you and your family make Jesus the priority in every area of your life: Parenting, Finances, Spiritual Growth, Men's & Women's Studies. Click [here](#) to find out more about Equipping Courses + registration for your Pathway!

THE CANOPY

Hey ladies, The Canopy is coming on **Monday, August 12 at 7p!!** Our Canopy nights are for women of all ages in our church and community to be equipped, encouraged, and to encounter Jesus in very real and personal ways. Doors open at 6:30p.

YOUNG ADULT RAFTING TRIP

Thrive (ages 18-25) is going whitewater rafting down the Ocoee River on August 10. The trip is \$60/person and transportation is included. Click [here](#) for more info + registration!

JULY MEMORY VERSE

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

— *Hebrews 12:11-14*

BUDGET UPDATE

Giving as of May 2024

Required: \$523,012.77

Received: \$446,716.59

CHURCH CALENDAR

Everyone in the church may now access the church calendar online at fbcbarnesville.com/calendar or by clicking [here](#).

REMINDE MESSAGING

Want to stay in the loop on important church updates like weekly prayer guides, event reminders, and church funeral details? Text "@church411" to the number 81010 to sign up for our Remind updates!

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