

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) | "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."

When was the last time that you decided to take a trip somewhere? By somewhere, I mean somewhere you have never been before. To get there, you would need to travel roads that you had never traveled before. In fact, the only thing you know about the trip is where you are starting and where you are supposed to end up. Believe it or not, people used to travel this way. They had an idea of where they were going and with a quick glance at a map, off they went. I don't believe many people travel this way anymore. In fact, I am confident that for most of us, traveling is assisted by GPS. This pastor doesn't even drive home most days without putting his home address in the WAZE App. Sounds absurd, I know, but I like seeing the path that I am about to travel.

This is exactly why it is important that we just shared a Vision Sunday with each other on January 26. We need to be confident in the path that we are about to travel. Sure we could go through the year fulfilling God's purposes for His people without direction, but what if we knew the roads that must be taken. What if we knew the best places to stop along the journey. Obviously, we cannot tell the future, but we can determine our direction. For now, we have set the destination in our GPS with 5 priorities that will shine a light on our journey.

Let's **CULTIVATE** the desire and determination to reach the next generation for Jesus with whatever it takes.

Let's **ACCENTUATE** our historic heritage as we fully engage in creating a lasting legacy of future faith.

Let's **REVERBERATE** salvation and baptism conversations every week across all generations.

Let's **ELEVATE** a consistent & meaningful prayer life, deepening our relationship with & reliance on God.

Let's **SUBSTANTIATE** our commitment to the Great Commission by expanding our Gospel impact beyond our walls to the world through new local + global mission partnerships.

In the coming days and months, as a family, we will work together on this trip around the sun in an effort to become Living Proof of a Loving God. Let's work together to show the world that **FBC C.A.R.E.S...**

You are loved,

Pastor Jason



UPCOMING EVENTS + INFO

STUDENT AUGUSTA MISSION TRIP

6th-12th graders have an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Augusta area this month. Students will be helping with hurricane clean up and remodeling at the new missions center. The trip cost is \$30 to cover the cost of food; students must <u>register</u> here. Please contact Josh Adams with any questions at 770-584-3657.

E3 CONFERENCE

As the whole-church equipping conference of the Centennial Baptist Association, our focus is on the role the Bible plays in ministry through our churches as we seek to embody Christ, edify the Church, and empower believers. Join us Saturday, **March 1 from 8a-2p** for a full day of exploring God's Word and strengthening your biblical literacy. Buy your tickets <u>here</u>. *Childcare is available for birth–5th grade by purchasing a kid's meal ticket and calling the church office at 770-358-2353.*

KIDZ BLITZ

KIDZ BLITZ is a high-energy event that uses games & shouts to teach the entire family about Biblical principles. Parents and their child/children play games together to have fun as a family while learning about the Gospel. All families in the community are invited to this FREE event on **March 15 at 6p** in the Student + Young Adult Building. Register by March 3 at fbcbarnesville.com/events

MIDWEEK EQUIPPING COURSES

A new semester of Midweek Equipping Courses is under way! There is is still time to find the right course to strengthen your daily walk with God.

- How to Truly Worship | Greg Burrell (D206)
- Facing Trials | Joe Thompson (D205)
- Survey of the Bible | Jason Teal (D202)
- Archeology & the Bible | Scott Turner (B205)
- Men's Studies | Monte McCall (B203)
- Prayer Meeting | Russ Jenkins (Annex)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Everyone in the church may now access the church calendar online at fbcbarnesville.com/ calendar or by clicking <u>here.</u>

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

— 1 Corinthians 10:13

BUDGET UPDATE

2024 Giving

Required: \$1,295,079.43 Received: \$1,230,915.32

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Received: \$14,475

Generations Following Building Received: \$2,191,372.78

NOTE OF THANKS

December 2024 was a very rough month for our family with my surgery and the passing of my mom. The one thing that sustained us through it all was the prayers of our church family. Thank you so much for holding us up in prayers during both of these times. We could not have made it through without your prayers, your cards of encouragement and support, and your constant caring concern. It is truly a blessing from God to have a church family like you!! Again, thank you for your sustaining love during a time when we needed it the most.

In His love, Russ and Pat Jenkins

CHURCH STAFF

Jason Teal | Senior Pastor Russ Jenkins | Executive Pastor Allen Smith | Young Adult Minister Josh Adams | Student Minister Jennifer Zeager | Children's Minister Melinda Henson | Financial Director Carrianna Simmons | Communications Dir. Sarah Kingry | Pastor's Admin. Assistant Audrey Topel | Ministry Admin. Assistant