



The Barnesville Lantern

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The Pastors' Spotlight:

Greetings!!

Have we told you lately how much Pastor Randy and I enjoy serving you here at Barnesville Baptist Church? We have grown to love you and are so appreciative of your support and encouragement over these past months. It seems incredible that in just a few days, June 17, it will have been one whole year since the Church voted to call us here as your Pastors. Your kindnesses have been expressed in so many ways: wonderful gifts during Pastor Appreciation Week and at Christmas time, your many kind words and faithful prayers, your participation in Sunday Worship, your willingness to prepare and share food for many occasions, you loving care of June and Sandy, and the friendship you have extended to us as you embrace us here in your faith community. Thank You! Thank You!

We will try to keep you up to date on church news, outreach ministries, opportunities for you to minister to others, and special concerns and needs of the congregation. The *Barnesville Lantern* will be mailed each month and the weekly church bulletin will be chocked full of information. Let us know if you would like a weekly bulletin mailed to your home.

PLEASE contact us whenever you have questions, prayer requests, or just need to receive information. Pastor Randy and/or I spend some time every day in the church office and we check voice messages many times during the day.

We are excited about being here and hope that you will join us in praying for God to day by day reveal His will for Barnesville Baptist for the next months and years. He has a great vision and plan for all of us.

In Love and Gratitude,

Pastor Joe



Upcoming Events

Jun. 15: Family Night, pizza and games, in the Fellowship Hall at Church. 5:00 p.m. RSVP to Sharon Engle 301-874-2784 if you can attend.

Jun. 16: Hymn Sing 6:00 p.m. "Home Grown Talent".

Jun. 23: "Bring a Friend" Sunday. We want others to experience the JOY of worshipping at BBC.

Jun. 29: Community Picnic on the church grounds. 12:00 til about 2:00. Food, music, games, friends. This is a Community Get-To-Know-You day.

(A full calendar that has the schedule of meetings is included with the newsletter.)

Pastor Joe will begin a series of three messages on the "The Bible" beginning July 7.

"VBS"

July 29-Aug. 2

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tell all of your neighbors and plan to attend.

Classes for children from nursery through 7th grade and Adults!!

Thoughts About 9/11

Paul Meissner

The shocking and tragic events of September 11, 2001, have given all of us a new awareness of the threat of evil forces at work in our nation and in the world. We see this as a challenge to seek divine intervention, and to recommit ourselves to the high principles upon which this nation was founded. (No king but King Jesus!)

Do you have a church home? Are you presently attending a church where you regularly hear the gospel message proclaimed clearly and convincingly? The word "gospel" means "good news". This good news is that God really exists, and He sent His son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. As Christians, we are convinced that every person who ever lived has a soul (a spiritual counterpart) that lives forever. When our physical life ends, this soul is relegated either to a heavenly paradise, or to eternal condemnation. For those who are condemned, the Bible says there will be "wailing and gnashing of teeth". But God's plan of salvation is clear and simple. Come and worship with us, and learn how you can shape your eternal destiny. You can be part of a supportive fellowship of friends and neighbors who enjoy the blessings of this life, and look forward to eternal joy in the life to come.

Big 'Thank You's To:

Our Friends at Watkins Cabinet for the beautiful cabinet they made and donated to BBC to house the new sound equipment. A perfect match to the other furniture! Thank you.

The Men of A-Shift at the Upper Montgomery County Vol. Fire Department for fixing our bell so the Wedding Couple could have the bell ring at their wedding on June 8. Thank you.

Dot and Charles Fowler for hosting the *Rushing Wind* quartet at dinner during their stay in Barnesville. The Concert was Outstanding!!

Important Notes

All of the Sunday School and Fellowship areas were carpeted thanks to the kindness of Carole Shreve. The cost was more than covered by a generous gift in memory of Earl Shreve who passed away Dec. 28, 2001. Thank you, Carole. Earl would be pleased.

A beautiful mural has been painted in the BBC baptistry in honor of Mrs. Anne Yates by her family. The mural depicts a scene near Stape Shields' home where a baptismal service was held. Anne passed away Oct. 8, 2001. Thank you, Joe and Mary and all the Yates family.

New Arrival. Zachary Michael was born to Luke and Lisa Fedders on April 9, 2002. Zach weighed in at 8 lb 15 oz and was 21 ½ in. long. Congratulations to big sister, Megan, and grandparents, Jack & Kitty Cooley.

Congratulations to Lois Carroll! Lois graduated as Valedictorian of the Brunswick High School Class of 2002. Lois will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall. Way to go, Lois!!!!

The Women's Ministry Group at BBC hosted a seminar for women on May 18, "Being Real". It was an excellent seminar and enjoyed by all. Watch for the next seminar/fellowship for women coming soon...Thank you Joyce Dunn and the Women of BBC.

Larry Michael was elected to serve as a Deacon at Barnesville Baptist Church. He is receiving training from Pastor Joe. His ordination service will be held on July 14 in the morning worship service. This is a high and holy calling. Please make prayer for Larry and the other Deacons a regular part of our prayer life.

June Birthdays

David Bennett (9th), Sharon Engle (10th), Lisa Fedders (8th), June Ivey (23rd), Edith J. Luhn (16th), Sandra Oden (27th) (Did we miss one?)

Welcome New Members!

We would like to extend a very warm and heartfelt welcome to Matthew and Janice Cole, who recently joined our Church Fellowship. We hope that each of you take the opportunity to say hello and get to know this wonderful couple. They have three children: Nicholas (10), Jackie (almost 4), and Ashlinn (2). Welcome to Barnesville Baptist Church!!

If you would like to send a card, their address is 9134 Gue Rd. Damascus, MD 20872.

Prayer Concerns

Margie Stream, recovering from hip surgery
Laura Bennett, recovering from surgery
Kirsten Hammarlund, recovering from surgery
Kaitlynn Langstaff, a young friend of the Meissner's very ill in California
Tiffany Gamble, bone marrow transplant
Junior Collins, lung cancer
Virginia Magaha, cataract surgery 6/13/02
Virginia Shreve, at Beverly Health Center

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need." Hebrews 4:16

VBS

JUL 29 – AUG 2

Encouragements

Pastor Joe and I believe that the joy and strength of a Christian life are made sweet and powerful by prayer and Bible study. We encourage you to search the Scriptures, as Pastor Joe would say, "to mine nuggets of gold and truth for yourself". Add to your Bible study daily prayer and quiet time with the Lord. Whether you are a new Christian or have walked with the Lord for many years, there will always be something new to discover about God and His will. *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23*

We want the BBC Fellowship to reflect God's love to the communities around us as "JPT" Christians live their faith. (J=joyful P=prayerful T=thankful) *I Thess. 5:16-18*

God Bless each of you.

Pastor Randy

God is good all the time!

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**"On Expedition with the one true
God"**