



# The Barnesville Lantern

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## The Pastors' Spotlight:

Your Pastors greet you with enthusiasm and excited anticipation of things that are happening at Barnesville Baptist Church in August. Of course coming up Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Friday, Aug. 2, is the 2002 Vacation Bible School. We are beginning to see lots of parrots, vines, flowers, and bamboo as decorations for the "Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition with the One True God" start going up. You and your family should plan to attend and enjoy this time of fun and Bible Study. Since I will be teaching the Adult Bible class, I am just compelled to tell you that if you miss this week, you will miss some truly rich study about the nature of our Wonderful God and Savior. The themes and scriptures for the week of study are: One Amazing Creator, *Gen. 1:1-2:3*; One Miraculous Provider, *2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-44*; One Powerful Healer, *Matthew 9:1-8, 18-31*; One Living Savior, *Luke 23:44-55; 24:36-49*; One Lord of All, *Acts 10:24-43*. We will have a great time in study, praise and fellowship, and relaxed fun.

Then, on Aug. 18, there will be a truly exciting baptism service. At least four new members will be immersed in Christian baptism. This is "an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus". What a thrill it will be to share this experience with new believers! The Lord will be honored, the church will be strengthened, and the message will be proclaimed in word and symbol that there is a risen, living Savior who is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah! God bless each one of you.

Pastor Joe

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## Upcoming Events

July 29-Aug 2: Vacation Bible School. 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Tell all your neighbors and plan to attend. Classes for children from nursery to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Adults!!

Aug. 7: Fellowship Dinner 6:30 pm and Monthly Business meeting at 7:15 pm.

Aug. 18: Baptism Service during morning Worship; 3rd Sunday Hymn Sing with Ed Talley 6:00 pm.

Aug. 26: Public school begins in Frederick County.  
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Aug. 27: Public school begins in Montgomery County.  
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A calendar with the full schedule of meetings and services is attached.



## Why a Lantern? The Story Behind the Masthead

Lee Michael

In response to several queries about the reason for the lantern theme for the newsletter, here is the “rest of the story”:

Pastor Randy and I discussed themes relating to light, a common symbol in contemporary church culture. The two contending images were that of a lighthouse and a lantern. There are two main reasons why the lantern was chosen: practicality, and symbolism. The first reason was that it was rather difficult to find a good picture of a lantern that was not surrounded by a lot of background images, and was also simple and clean enough to mass-reproduce. In contrast, images of solitary lanterns were much easier to find on the Internet.

However, there were more compelling symbolic reasons to choose a lantern over a lighthouse. As a result of the popularity of light in religious imagery, lighthouses have been used to the point that it is no longer unique or identifiable with one group or church. Lanterns, however, have been overlooked as a symbol, and would be distinctive for Barnesville.

Beyond these artistic concerns, the book of Matthew offered a verse about light that described Barnesville Baptist both as a location and a church body:

*You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)*

Barnesville is indeed a city on a hill, (which we are reminded of when the wells run low.) When our church welcomes a visitor on Sunday morning, or delivers holiday food baskets, or holds VBS during the summer, we shine forth God’s light to our friends and neighbors.

Furthermore, the light described in these verses is a small one. A lighthouse would not fit under a basket, or rest on a lampstand. Imagine a lighthouse in Barnesville. Its light would be obscured by trees and blocked by mountains and hidden from the valleys. Travelers in low areas or in the woods would have a hard time even locating the lighthouse.

Before automobile headlights or street lamps, people used lanterns to guide their way. Lanterns illuminate the path just ahead of you, and help you get home step-by-step. In many ways, the lantern on our newsletter masthead is representative of Barnesville. Like the lantern, Barnesville is small in size, and old (131 years this September). Both are associated with rural environments. But the most important similarity is that both Barnesville and a lantern still put off a lot of light. It is my hope that the lantern symbol will remind us of our duty to “shine our light before men” as the newsletter is printed month after month.

## Library News

What do the following titles have in common?

Guide for the College Bound

The Ultimate Handbook: How To Get Into The Bible

The Children’s Encyclopedia of Bible People

Be Anxious For Nothing

Becoming A Contagious Christian

Growing Strong In The Seasons Of Life

The answer: All of these books and scores of others are housed in the Library at Barnesville Baptist Church and are available for you to borrow. There are wonderful resources for children, teens, adults and Bible teachers. There are Bible study helps, videos, contemporary literature, commentaries, even humor, e.g. Holy Hilarity: Inspirational Wit and Cartoons. These are only the beginning! Our Librarian / Historian, Laura Bennett, has some very exciting ideas and plans for the library so keep watching the Barnesville Lantern for a monthly update on Library News. In fact, word has it that there will be a “Grand Opening” to display new library acquisitions sometime this coming winter or early spring. Until then, Laura will try to have the library open every week before and after Sunday services and on Wednesday nights.

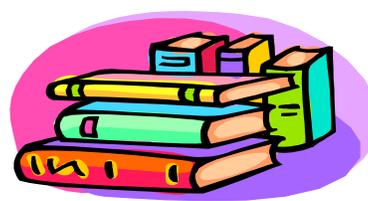
If anyone would be interested in working with Laura on a Library committee, please contact her (301-972-8177) or Pastor Randy (301-407-0500). There is a lot of cataloging, classifying, inventory taking to be done in addition to being in the library during open times. Also, if there is a carpenter reading this, the library will need additional (higher) shelf space soon.

Two requests from the librarian: 1) If anyone has suggestions for books or resources to be purchased for the library, please pass those titles on to Laura; 2) If anyone has books from the library that you have finished reading, please drop them by the library any day. We really need to get a complete inventory of materials before the Grand Opening.

Thank You...

## Welcome New Members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Kevin and Michelle Becraft, who recently joined our church fellowship. Kevin and Michelle will be baptized on Aug. 18 during the morning worship service. Their two daughters Samantha and Paiten are enrolled in Buddy and Anna's Sunday School class. If you would like to send a card or greeting, their address is 812A E. South St. Frederick, MD 21701.



## August Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> John Michael Williams  
12<sup>th</sup> Madison Marsh  
19<sup>th</sup> Kyle Marsh  
26<sup>th</sup> Shayna Campbell  
26<sup>th</sup> Ann Carroll  
26<sup>th</sup> Lee Michael  
28<sup>th</sup> Robert Normoyle  
29<sup>th</sup> Paul Meissner

(Let us know if we have missed someone!)



## Prayer Concerns

Margie Stream, at home recovering from surgery  
Laura Bennett, at home recovering from surgery  
Patty White recovering from surgery  
Margery Lillard  
Robert Winfield, Mary Ann's brother-in-law  
Kaitlynn Langstaff, very ill in California  
Tiffany Gamble, bone marrow transplant in Ohio  
Virginia Shreve, Beverly Nursing Home & Rehab.  
Jim & Kathy McKamey, friends of Gilliam's in Ohio  
VBS all students, teachers, helpers, other volunteers  
Our Nation and its Leaders

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

"A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing."



## New Deacon Ordained

On July 21 Larry Michael was ordained to the office of Deacon in the morning worship service. There was a very strong sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We felt that He was pleased with the selection and ordination of Brother Larry. The order of the service is printed below. All of the active Deacons and Pastor Joe and Randy participated in the service. A special thanks to Paul and Leslie Foster who provided special music, "Written In Red", about the love of Christ for us all, and to Mary Yates for organizing a delicious luncheon following the ordination service.

Presentation of the Candidate	R. Gilliam
Prayer	D. Bennett
Scripture Reading	Eric Engle
II Tim. 2:1-13, John 17:20-25	
Congregational Singing "Oh for a Thousand Tongues"	
Reading	Paul Meissner
Special Music	Paul & Leslie Foster
Charge to Candidate	R. Gilliam
Ordination Message	J. Ivey
Call for Laying On Of Hands	Ralph Cooley
Ordination Prayer	J. Yates
Benediction	R. Cooley

*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom...and the saying pleased the whole multitude...and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly.... Acts 6:3, 5a-7a*

Your Pastors want the membership to know that Barnesville Baptist Church is very blessed to have such a godly group of men to serve as the Deacon Body. Each of you can have a mighty influence on the life and mission of our church by holding your pastors and deacons up in prayer. Pray that there will always be Christian love, forgiveness, a desire for unity, and a humble spirit at all times in all situations. Thank you.

*...Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1a-3*