



# The Barnesville Lantern

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*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).*

## The Pastors' Spotlight

I don't know about you, but sometimes I just like to shout praise to our great God and Savior! Take a few minutes each day and read a Psalm or other favorite Scripture and meditate on the Lord.

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles" (Psalm 103:1-5).*

Our prayer for all of you who read the Lantern and share it with others is that you experience the peace of God when things are going well and even when they are not going so well. We are aware of many needs and concerns and illnesses and situations that make life difficult sometimes. But, the wonderful truth is that God is full of love and mercy and grace and He is more than able to meet any need you have. Like Paul we encourage you to, *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).*

In the Old Testament Nehemiah was a great man of prayer. He comforted the people of Jerusalem with these words: *"Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10b).* May you be comforted knowing that you can pray to such a wonderful God.

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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## Upcoming Events

**August 4** Business Meeting  
**August 12** Baptist Men's Father-Child Banquet  
**August 21** Sunday School Picnic at Black Hills Park



*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Starting in August, the men of Barnesville Baptist, *as a group*, will become more visible and active. This is not to say that the men of our Church have been idle; but rather that they have participated as individuals. Already, there is a nucleus of men who have been meeting for the last several months, searching for opportunities to serve. Why is it important that the men of the Church join together in service? In the Old Testament, Solomon explains that, *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up"* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). In the New Testament, Paul similarly exhorts group service: *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"* (Hebrews 10:24-25). Cooperation is a good idea; but to what end? Again, Paul supplies an answer: *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality"* (Romans 12:10-13). The Bible, through specific exhortations and in the life stories of the heroes of faith, calls men, *as men*, to service and leadership in their homes and in the Church. These principles of love, service, encouragement, prayer, and hospitality are bedrock principles of faith-in-action that the Baptist Men desire to show forth in our own lives. Just as Jesus taught, clinging to these principles will guide men and their families throughout the storms of life. *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock"* (Matthew 7:24-25).

In the future, you will see, or at least notice the effects of, the Baptist Men's efforts to serve the Church and our community, and to build up and encourage the men of the Church in their faith. Our first activity will be the Father-Child Banquet on August 12, when we will model Christian fellowship and encourage the fathers and children in our congregation to grow in their devotion to the Lord and participation in His work through the Church. The Baptist Men invite all the men of Barnesville to participate in our common endeavor to grow together as Christian men.

## Faith of our Fathers

*This month we conclude the story of how our Fellowship Hall and Sunday School facilities came to be. The following is a minimally-edited account of the construction, taken from our Church archives.*

The week, or so, following this [groundbreaking] service, Wilson Magaha worked with the bulldozer in digging the hole for the basement. Other men worked to tear off the back portion of the Church. At different times, men worked to cut down trees and trim off the brush. The R.A. boys helped to clean up the grounds, round about so as to make them usable.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1954 the Congregation met at the Church to discuss the matter. After considerable discussion a written ballot was taken. Those present and voting agreed that the Church should build at two story building with a basement for S.S. purposes.

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1954, at the regular monthly business meeting, those present passed a motion changing the extent of the building to be built. It was moved that the Building Committee be authorized to change the plans as agreed upon at the Special Business Meeting, Oct. 13, 1954, reducing the building from a two story building to a one story building with a basement and the addition to the Church auditorium. The plans were taken to Chas. Bowers in Frederick for alterations.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1955 Dick Brown and his man, with men and boys of the Church, hauled the logs to Marshall White's for cutting. The latter is to cut them for cost, as his contribution to our building project. This may be considered the first bill for building material. The handling of the logs and the lumber afterward is to be D. Brown's contribution to our project.

On Jan. 17, Wm. Webb came and with the assistance of some Church men, squared up the basement in preparation for the digging of the footings. An order for additional building materials—blocks, etc., was given this day. On Jan. 18, Webb's men began digging for the footings and had them ready for the pouring of concrete by Wednesday. On Jan. 21, the footings were poured. On Jan. 24, the first blocks were laid. (No work has been done on the building since Jan. 31).

The first bill for material was paid Feb. 9 to Rockville Fuel & Feed Co. for 9 yds. of concrete \$137.25. No work has been done on the building since Apr. 1. Lumber for the rafters and roof needed. Ground was filled in around the building and stumps removed—Apr. 20. Roof completed—July 1955.

Application of loan from Citizens Bldg & Loan approved Aug. 26. Completion of loan held up because of technicality in deed. Mortgage completed Jan. 11, 1956. Work resumed Jan. 14. First loan advance made Jan. 17; received Jan. 23. Contract for heating Jan. 16. Completed Feb. 21. Wiring begun Feb. 11. Plastering begun Feb. 20, finished Mar. Chairs, desks, etc received from School Board Feb. 22. Well digging begun Feb. 16. Completed Feb 22. 103 ft. depth. Plumbing started Mar. 9. Trim work begun Mar. 13. Addition to Church finished sufficiently for use Easter Sunday Apr. 1.

## August Birthdays

**3** John Michael Williams  
**5** Susanne Neal  
**12** Madison Marsh  
**14** Will Pleasants IV  
**19** Kyle Marsh  
**21** Edith Fowler  
**26** Lee Michael  
    Shayna Campbell  
**28** Ann Bennett  
    Robert Normoyle  
**29** Paul Meissner  
**30** Matthew Cole



## Prayer Concerns

Charles & Dot Fowler  
Ben & Laura Bennett  
Pat Elam  
Annie Cooley  
Pastor Joe  
Virginia Shreve, at the Sunrise Retirement Center  
the Rohwer family, friends of the Michael family  
Margie Stream, recuperating from hip surgery  
Mike & Debbie Dennis, missionaries in Guatemala  
Manuel & Cindy Batres, missionaries in Guatemala  
Steve & Emily Ruffner, Campus Crusade missionaries  
Lena Wright, Margie Stream's sister, lung cancer  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Frankie Hurd, Dot Fowler's sister, heart problem  
John Shreve, broken foot  
Lee Luhn, Tod's brother, diabetes & kidney failure  
the Van Houtens, relatives of the Michael family  
Eleanor Vest, blood disease  
Stephanie Rice  
June Schaum, Flora's sister, lung cancer  
Eileen Schull, June Ivey's mother  
Howard Stanley Williams, leukemia & kidney failure  
Craig Rice, cancer (uncle of our friend Todd Rice)  
our nation and its leaders  
All of our military men and women



*"The LORD is righteous in  
all His ways,  
Gracious in all His works.  
The LORD is near to all who  
call upon Him,  
To all who call upon Him in  
truth.  
He will fulfill the desire of  
those who fear Him;  
He also will hear their cry  
and save them"  
(Psalm 145:17-19).*

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee's recommendations regarding fiscal planning.
- A motion to appropriate an honorarium for two missionaries who will speak in September was referred to the Worship Committee.
- A motion to appropriate an honorarium for our October revival speaker was referred to the Worship Committee.

*Expected at the August Business Meeting:*

- The Pastor will announce his appointments to the Select Committee on Nominations.
- The Standing Committees will report on Church officer authorizations for the 2004-2006 term.
- The Education Committee will offer motions to adopt bylaws creating the positions of Nursery Coordinator and Children's Church Coordinator.
- The Outreach Committee will offer a motion to adopt a bylaw creating the position of Bereavement Coordinator.
- The Worship Committee will report on two motions regarding honorariums for two missionaries who will speak in September, and our October revival speaker.



*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).*

## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School well-attended.* Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School 2004 (Far-out Far East Rickshaw Rally: Racing to the Son) a success—to those in the classroom, crafts, recreation, snack, and behind the scenes. Your service in building God's Kingdom is appreciated. We had great kids and adults and the consensus is that everyone enjoyed the week! The total enrollment for VBS this year was 97 (including children, adults, and workers). An offering of \$434.00 was collected and will be presented to missionaries Manuel and Cindy Batres, who are currently serving in Guatemala, when they speak to Barnesville on Sep. 12 during the Morning Worship. We are already looking forward to VBS 2005!

*Baptist Men to hold Father-Child banquet.* Don't forget--on Aug. 12, those fathers and children who have RSVP-ed will join the Baptist Men for a time of fellowship at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Make your checks payable to Barnesville Baptist Church.

*Celebrate with the Sunday School.* A Sunday School Picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at Black Hills Regional Park in Boyds. The Church has reserved Pavilion B starting at 12:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share. The Church will provide fried chicken and drinks.

*Thank you, Rebecca Umstead.* For the past several years, Rebecca Umstead has served Barnesville Baptist and the Lord through her card ministry. Be there a birthday, graduation, funeral, birth, wedding, or other special event, Rebecca has made sure that a card of encouragement, congratulations, or sympathy was sent on behalf of BBC. Now, Rebecca is retiring from her card ministry and moving to Frederick. The entire congregation sends best wishes and a big thank you to Rebecca. June Ivey will succeed Rebecca in the card ministry.

*Sunrise Service time changed.* The start time for the service at the Sunrise Center in Frederick has been changed. Starting in August, it will begin at 3:00 pm. It is still scheduled for the second Sunday of each month.

## "Sing a Song of A-B-C"

Paul Meissner

1. Now ev'ry one listen, and I will explain:  
God's plan of salvation is perfectly plain;  
It's already paid for, it's totally free;  
All you really need to know is A--B--C
2. Now ev'ryone's welcome, there's room for each one;  
So come to the Father through Jesus the Son;  
The Savior is waiting for you and for me;  
All you need to keep in mind is A--B--C

"A" is for Admit: Admit that you're a sinner;  
Admit that you are lost and must be saved;  
"B" is for Believe: Believe with all your heart;  
Believe that Jesus triumphed o'er the grave;  
"C" is for Confess: Confess your faith in Jesus;  
Confess your faith in Jesus as your Lord;  
Let His Holy Spirit fill you, and bring you life anew,  
And keep your heart filled with His Living Word,  
And life eternal will be your reward;  
Life eternal will be your reward!

## Baptist Press Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I think you're sitting in his place."

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