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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 [Jesus] am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

One of the great blessings of allowing God to make us 'fruit bearing' Christians is that we learn how to abide in His love and remain in His will. The fruit that we bear might be the godly traits of character that the Holy Spirit develops in us to be shared with everyone we meet *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (Galatians 5:22-23).* The fruit might be good works that obedience to God leads us to attempt. *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8).* Fruit might also be new believers that come to a saving faith in Jesus through our testimony or witness. *"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers...and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42, 47b).*

God is the great vinedresser. If you ever get the feeling that you are not being fruitful for Him, let Him lift you up, clean you off, prune away those things that keep you from abiding in Him, and set you in the light of His love and Word. When we make an effort daily to abide in Christ, He not only abides in us but He brings forth the fruit, pleasing to God. Amen!

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

September 1 Business Meeting
September 6 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
September 12 Manuel & Cindy Batres speak at BBC
September 17 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Men
September 18 Baptist Men's Pig Pickin'
September 24 Parents' Night Out



"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame" (Joel 2:26).

As a Sunday School teacher, I have found that you often learn as much as the students you are teaching. Not only do you have to understand the text yourself, you have to be able to explain it to someone else. My class recently concluded the book of *Genesis*—all 50 chapters of it. One of the advantages of going through an entire book, rather than starting and finishing a new episode each week, is that you start noticing broad themes and patterns. What I noticed as a key theme in *Genesis* is the faithfulness of God across the generations, which I shared with my students, and now will share with you in this space.

Starting in the Garden of Eden, after Adam and Eve willfully chose to sin against God, a promise was given which is the first messianic prophecy in the Bible: *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between you seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Genesis 3:15)*. God was faithful to keep His promise of redemption alive throughout earliest generations, preserving Noah and his family through the Flood even when He drowned a world full of wickedness and immorality. God’s faithfulness was evident when he spoke to a man named Abraham, and told him to, *“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 12:1-3)*. God here promised three things to Abraham: an unseen land, a large family, and a worldwide blessing that would come out of his progeny. God kept this promise to Abraham and renewed this covenant with his son Isaac and grandson Jacob, and also the descendants of Jacob we know as the nation of Israel.

Throughout *Genesis* and the Old Testament, God is repeatedly referred to as the “God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob”, a title which reminded the children of Israel that God had created and preserved this family out of all the peoples of the world for a purpose, first mentioned in *Genesis 3:15*. From our vantage point in history, we know that the Seed of the woman is none other than Jesus Christ, who was born a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Judah. The great blessing promised to Adam and Eve and to the patriarchs was fulfilled when Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins, and when he was resurrected to give us eternal life. Just as God kept his promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, He is also faithful to us in the modern day. I hope this theme of God’s faithfulness found in the book of *Genesis* encourages you to trust in God and know that He loves you and will take care of you.

We are starting the book of *Exodus* next in my Sunday School class—I am sure this part of Scripture will also impart some more knowledge about the great God we serve.

Faith of our Fathers

This month we found some information on one of Barnesville’s most beloved pastors, Rev. Horace C. DuBois (1953-1969). Our sanctuary is dedicated in his honor with a plaque on the balcony façade. The following comes from the bulletin for Rev. DuBois’ memorial service and a letter in the Church archives.

Rev. Horace C. DuBois was born May 10, 1903, in Philadelphia, PA to Nellie and Clifford DuBois. He was educated in the public school system of Philadelphia, graduated from the Philadelphia College of the Bible in 1931 and the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1933. As a young man he dedicated his life to the Lord but, not able at that time to pursue full time Christian service, he became active in the Christian Endeavor movement in the Delaware Branch and served as president of that organization.

He began his ministry at the Heary Memorial Chapel in Philadelphia (1929-1934) and in 1932 he also became the pastor of the South Broad Street Baptist Church. April 23, 1938 he married Edith Wiest Ross and took on the responsibility of a ready-made family; Robert R. Ross and Muriel Irene Ross. September 24, 1943 a daughter was born to Horace and Edith and together they accepted the challenge the Lord had given them; to raise a very special child, Grace Myra.

In the same month he accepted a call to begin a full time ministry with the Gunpowder Baptist Church, Freeland, MD and the Turnpike Baptist Church, Hungerford, PA; serving until 1947. From January 1948 through July 1953 he served the Greensboro Baptist Church, Greensboro, MD. In August ’53 he was called to the Barnesville Baptist Church and served until the completion of his active ministry, October 1969.

Rev. DuBois, Edith and Grace moved to Glen Burnie, and became active in the Glen Burnie Baptist Church and the Association of Retarded People. They rejoiced in Grace’s progress at the Provident Center and enjoyed visiting former members of their congregations and taking part in the family celebrations of Bob’s and Muriel’s families.

In March 1986, after Grace Myra moved to her own home under Alternative Living, Inc., they moved to the Charlestown Retirement Community, Baltimore, MD and became members of the Shelbourne Baptist Church.

Rev. DuBois was called home by his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, January 16, 1992. Many will remember his hearty laugh, his gentleman ways, his ability to quote scripture, and his beautiful manner of “talking with the Lord”.

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September Birthdays

- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 10 Carroll "Ben" Bennett
- 11 Shirley Yates
Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden Jr.
- 14 Duane Yates
- 25 Gale Cole



Prayer Concerns

Charles & Dot Fowler
the family of Laura Bennett
Annie Cooley
Pastor Joe & June Ivey
Virginia Shreve
Margie Stream
Joyce Dunn
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.
John Shreve, broken foot
the Van Houtens, relatives of the Michael family
the Rohwer family, friends of the Michael family
Eleanor Vest, blood disease
June Schaum, Flora Gilliam's sister, lung cancer
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Howard Stanley Williams, leukemia & kidney failure
Craig Rice, cancer (uncle of our friend Todd Rice)
Dale Willis, Joe Yates' cousin, pneumonia & blood clot
Linda Gilliam
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 August:

- The Pastor appointed Ann Bennett, Nancy Cooley, Flora Gilliam, Paul Meissner, and Joe Yates to serve on the Select Committee on Nominations.
- The Church adopted bylaws creating the positions of Bereavement Coordinator (Outreach Committee) Nursery Coordinator and Children's Church Coordinator (Education Committee).
- The Church approved officer positions for the 2004-2006 term, for which the Nominating Committee will solicit those members willing to serve. The nominees' names will be presented to the Church in mid-September, and will be voted on in October.
- The Church voted to appropriate honorariums for two missionaries who will speak in September, and our October revival speaker.
- A motion to increase the budget allocation for Building Improvements by \$1000.00 was referred to the Internal Administration Committee.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- The Pastor will nominate five members to serve as messengers to the Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on October 16, 2004.
- The Internal Administration Committee will report on the motion to increase the budget allocation for Building Improvements by \$1000.00.
- A motion to allocate \$500.00 from the Outreach Budget to the Baptist Men for their activities will be offered.

Pig Pickin' Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a
Pig Pickin'*



*Saturday, September 18 on the Church grounds
Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Men! Enter a homemade cake into the Cake-Making
contest. Dessert will be served after judging by a select
group of ladies.*

News You Can Use

Father-Child Banquet a success. A wonderful time of fellowship was held on Aug. 12 at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont. Thirty-one fathers and children gathered for a delicious meal. Afterwards, Larry Michael, Dave Thomas, Joe Yates, Lee Michael, and Joe Ivey spoke and shared their perspectives on the importance of making church a priority in one's life.

Laura A. Bennett, 1937-2004. Our sister Laura Bennett passed away on Aug. 13 at the age of 66. She served her Church and her Lord by singing in the choir, and was the Church Librarian and Historian. We mourn Laura's death with her son David and his brothers Steven and Scott, her husband Ben, and all of the Bennett family. We pray that the Lord will give comfort and strength to her family in the days and weeks ahead.

Great time had at the Sunday School Picnic. Forty people gathered at Black Hills Regional Park on Aug. 21 to celebrate the upcoming Sunday School year. Despite the rain, this was a fun time of fellowship for all.

Friday activities to start up again. Starting this month, two of our activities resume. On Sept. 17, lunch with the men of Watkins Cabinet will be served at noon, and on Sept. 24, Parents' Night Out starts at 7:30 pm.

Missionaries to speak on Sept. 12. Manuel & Cindy Batres, missionaries in Guatemala, will be speaking to BBC during the Morning Worship. The VBS missions offering collected in July will be presented to them during this service.

Baptist Men to sponsor Pig Pickin'. The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a pig roast on Saturday, Sep. 18. Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm on the Church grounds. Bring a side dish to share and your appetite. Men! Enter a homemade cake into the Cake-Making Contest. (This event will take the place of the men's monthly breakfast & meeting).

Revival coming in October. Service for revival and renewal will be held Oct. 10-13. There will be five services: Sunday morning and evening, and evening services Monday-Wednesday. Rev. Doyne Cantrell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Damascus, and newly elected moderator of the Montgomery Baptist Association, will be our lead speaker.

Montgomery Baptists to meet. The Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2004, 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Global Mission Church, 13421 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. The guest preacher will be Dr. David Lee, the Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. Barnesville will send five delegates to attend this important meeting.

Faith of our Fathers, *continued*

June 21, 1953

Barnesville Baptist Church
Barnesville, Maryland

Brethren;

This is to certify that Rev. and Mrs. Horace C. DuBois is Pastor and members of the Greensboro Baptist Church and are hereby, upon request dismissed from us to become your Pastor and members of your Church.

Done by order of the Church, May 24th, 1953 to become effective June 21st, 1953.

We dearly love both Rev. and Mrs. DuBois as they have been an inspiration to our people while in our midst in the past years. We trust and pray as Rev. DuBois and his wife become your Pastor and leaders that much will be accomplished in enriching the ministry of your church and the advancing of God's Kingdom, as it has been in the past years. May God richly bless each one and may there be many souls won to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Evelyn Howard—Church Clerk

Baptist Press Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“And now, we will recognize our guests”

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