



# 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

It seems that in this fall season our spirits flood with praise and worship and thanksgiving consciously or unconsciously, believer or non-believer. Someone said just this week, "I love this time of year because of the weather and the season." The weather brings us cool mornings and evenings and Technicolor landscapes with the leaves changing. The season brings us a spirit of thanksgiving, love for family and friends and the desire to share with others. This surely is a time to be in awe and to be humble before our great God and Savior.

How do we preserve this seasonal desire to give thanks and to love and share and to put aside anxieties and fears? In *Luke 12:15-21*, Jesus uses a parable to teach a healthy perspective on physical possessions. He then uses illustrations in nature to help His listeners understand why they should not be anxious about day-to-day concerns (*15:22-33*). When we reflect on who Jesus is, on how much He loves us, and on the authority of His Word, we know we are blessed beyond all we might ask. We love others because God first loved us. These verses indicate God's care for us and His desire for us to have all things:

*"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. **But seek the kingdom of God**, and all these things shall be added to you. Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"*  
*Luke 12:29-32.*

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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## Upcoming Events

**November 2** Election Day  
**November 3** Business Meeting  
**November 11** Veterans' Day  
**November 12** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends  
**November 19** Parents Night Out  
**November 20** Thanksgiving Potluck, 4:00 pm  
**November 25** Thanksgiving; Church Office closed



*"We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near"*  
*(Psalm 75:1).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

This month, I do not offer the traditional essay, but rather a poem of sorts: selections from Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation, and corresponding Scriptures.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

*"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God"*  
(II Corinthians 9:10).

In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed...

*"I love you, O LORD, my strength.  
The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.  
He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,  
and I am saved from my enemies"*  
(Psalm 18:1-3).

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things.

*"Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,  
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!"*  
(Psalm 107:21-22).

They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

*"Remember His marvelous works which He has done,  
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth..."*  
(II Samuel 22:12).

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

*"Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name;  
Make known His deeds among the peoples!"*  
(I Chronicles 16:8).

## Faith of our Fathers

*In this installment, we publish a relatively recent record in the Church archives; an article recording our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration held back in September 1996.*

*"Barnesville church celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup>". Poolesville Community News, September 27, 1996, Pages 1-2.*

As trombonist Gary Cooley warmed the pew-packed congregation through the mournful gospel tune "Precious Memories", Barnesville Baptist Church members started a day-long journey down memory lane through pictures of the past and a vision for the future.

"I guess we're still making history today," pronounced member Bob Lillard.

Whether it was the little candy boxes Barbara Umstead and Mary Shaw Williams remembered receiving as children at Christmas or the church bells Jim Cole said rang out "go to church", everyone had stories to tell and friends to hug.

Long-time member Barbara Umstead remembered a time when the room wasn't so warm and the faithful were few. She pointed to where a pot-bellied stove sat at the church's altar keeping two or three people warm.

"How does a church last 125 years?" she asked. "It's had its ups and downs".

Gathering at the church for one of its 'up' times, were a church[-]full of present and past members celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Rev. Jeddie DeFries pastored the church for 25 years and remembered "the faithful, dependent and giving" members that helped the rural church to grow.

Jim Cole held up a 50-year [old] get well card he received from thirteen members of his Sunday School class to explain what the church meant to him. "What a wonderful life!" he exclaimed.

Returning for the celebration with her childhood friends, Barnesville Mayor Elizabeth Tolbert told what the neighborhood church meant to her. "Every child in Barnesville came to church here for Sunday School...I don't care what religion you were."

## November Birthdays

- 1 Dorine Shields
- 4 J.C. Cooley
- 5 Randy Gilliam, Clark Brown
- 8 Loraine DeFries
- 9 Lindsey Baumbaugh
- 10 Joe Ivey
- 11 Holly Crowe, Lisa Musser,  
Tali Normoyle
- 12 Cris Driver
- 13 Faith Shive
- 18 Todd Rice
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley, Tod Luhn
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream
- 28 Cheryl Shive



## Prayer Concerns

Charles & Dot Fowler  
Annie Cooley  
Virginia Shreve  
Margie Stream  
Joyce Dunn  
Pastor Joe  
the Dennis & Batres families, 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.  
the Van Houtens, relatives of the Michael family  
the Rohwer family, friends of the Michael family  
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother  
David Stull, June's nephew  
Dale Willis, Joe Yates' cousin  
Jim & Linda Gilliam  
Kitty Cooley, breast cancer  
Donald & Doris Jeffers  
Jim McKamey  
Mike Kinderdine, motorcycle accident (Damascus Baptist)  
the repair of our bell tower  
our nation and its leaders/November 2 Election  
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 Annual Business Meeting in October:*

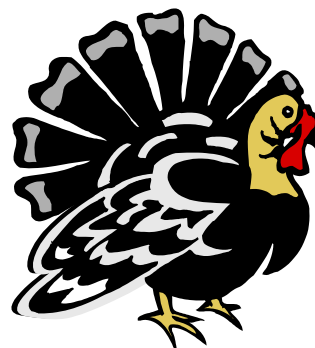
- The Church approved a motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 5.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2005 was adopted by the Church; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 7.
- A bypass motion to accept the gift of cabinets and countertops from Watkins Cabinet, to be installed in the Church basement, was approved.
- A motion to review lawn treatment services was referred to the Internal Administration Committee.
- The Select Committee on Nominations reported six motions to fill church offices for 2004-2006, all of which were approved by the Church.

*Expected at the November Business Meeting:*

- A motion will be offered to nominate Randy & Sandy Gilliam to serve as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Meeting, being held on Nov. 15-16.

## Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a  
Thanksgiving Potluck*



*Saturday, November 20  
in the Fellowship Hall  
A Turkey Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm  
Bring a side dish to share*

Ladies! Enter a homemade pie that you have made by yourself into the Pie-Making contest. Dessert will be served after judging by a select group of men.

## News You Can Use

*Revival/Renewal services well-received.* We were blessed to have Rev. Doyne Cantrell deliver challenging and inspirational messages Oct. 10-13. Pastor Doyne is a singing pastor who plays the guitar and shared those gifts with us. He challenged all believers to allow God to “loose the chains” that hinder us from becoming the people God wants us to be. He also reminded us of the power of God to heal as we pray in faith asking for God’s intervention. You will see the effects of this spiritual experience ripple through our church in the weeks to come. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet and befriend Doyne’s wife, Debra. Continue to pray for Doyne and Debra as they minister at the First Baptist Church of Damascus.

*MBA Annual Meeting Report.* Four messengers from BBC attended the MBA annual meeting held at Global Mission International Church in Silver Spring on Oct. 16. Dr. David Lee, Executive Director of the BCM/D, was the featured speaker. Five new churches were approved for full membership affiliation in the MBA. Two additional churches are under watch care for future membership. Dr. Ron Blankenship, Director of Missions, was recognized for his fifth anniversary of service to the Association. Also, Sherrie Riggs, MBA Office Manager, was recognized for her tenth anniversary of service.

*Get ready for Operation Christmas Child.* Again this year we have the privilege of sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world. This wonderful shoebox ministry has been a blessing to needy children and a blessing to those ladies who pack the boxes for the children. The WMU has information brochures about how to do this. Gift-filled shoeboxes should be brought to the church by Nov. 14. Last year BBC collected more than 40 boxes! Folded shoe boxes for you to use can be picked up at church beginning Sunday, Oct. 31.

*Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 5.* The Outreach Committee invites friends and families of BBC to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Cozy Restaurant on Sunday Dec. 5, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. We will enjoy a 10-entrée-dinner buffet in a private room at Cozy, 103 Frederick Rd, Rt. 806, Thurmont, MD. The cost is \$13.29 for adults (includes tax and gratuity). Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. You may purchase tickets from Sandy Gilliam from Nov. 14-28.

*Special music coming Nov. 21.* BBC is very happy to announce that Mike Callahan will be sharing his musical gifts with us at the November hymn sing. Mike is a very talented musician and vocalist who has several years experience in music ministry in churches, youth campaigns, missions activities, and in non-traditional settings where he boldly proclaims and witnesses to the gospel of Christ. Your pastors met Mike when he presented a musical program at a pastors’ luncheon. We are very pleased that he is coming to Barnesville to share his ministry. Mike is currently working toward a seminary degree through Regent’s University.

## “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Henry Alford

*Come, ye thankful people, come  
Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in  
Ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied  
Come to God’s own temple, come  
Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God’s own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

## Baptist Press Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**“Our stewardship campaign is almost over,  
but we are meeting pockets of resistance...”**

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