



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

*"Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it" (I Corinthians 12:27).*

The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf coast of the U.S. has inspired an outpouring of love and compassion toward those who are hurting. The body of Christ, the Church, from around the nation is becoming the Church as it was intended to be. Because of God-given compassion for the needy, believers have become the hands of Christ ministering to the physical needs of those affected, the feet of Christ going to those in despair, the words of Christ bringing comfort and hope and encouragement in a situation where many feel helplessness and hopelessness.

The Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Agency (the third-largest disaster relief operation in the nation) has been asked by the Red Cross to get ready to serve 300,000 meals per day to hurricane victims. SBC Disaster Relief teams from at least 25 states were moving on Aug. 30 to devastated areas. This relief includes mobile kitchens, shower units, cleanup and recovery units and communication equipment. According to Robert Reccord, Director of NAMB, "At this moment [9/1/05], more than one thousand, trained compassionate volunteers...are mobilizing for a mission of mercy. They are preparing to provide hot meals, remove fallen trees, offer hot showers, clear mud from homes—and give comfort in the name of Jesus Christ."

Many other Christian groups and denominations are sacrificially participating in this compassionate ministry of Christ's Church. Please pray for those suffering because of Katrina, for the volunteers who are ministering, and for the emergency personnel on the ground.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25:35-36).

God Bless,

Your Pastors

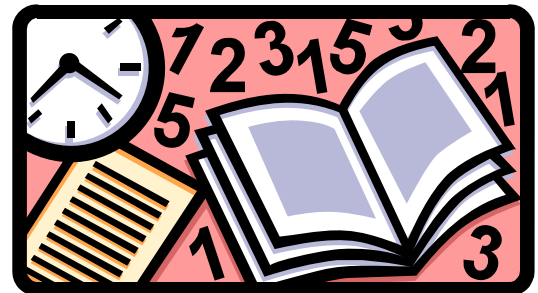


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Upcoming Events

- September 5** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 7** Business Meeting
- September 9** Parents' Night Out
- September 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Men
- September 17** Baptist Men's Pig Pickin'



"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Proverbs 9:9).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

As I shared with those in attendance at the Father-Child Banquet, the account of four young men in *Daniel 1* is a story of encouragement for parents as well as young people: even though they may not show it all the time, young people who have been raised with godly values will rely on and uphold them as they grow up, even in the face of adversity.

In the year 597 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon lay siege to Jerusalem, plundering the Temple, toppling the Davidic dynasty, and carrying off the best and brightest of Judah's youth to serve in captivity, never to return home again. Among these captives were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, approximately 14 years old. They were to be trained as servants of Babylon. Daniel and the other Judean youths were given the best education Babylon had to offer, learning the language, customs, and culture of their new masters. This also included religious indoctrination and brainwashing to the extent of giving them new names that honored Babylonian gods. Thus, Daniel, whose name means "God is my judge", was renamed Belteshazzar, translated as "Bel protect the king"; Bel being a Babylonian god. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were given the names of Shadrach, Meschach, and Abed-Nego, changing their names from ones that honored Jehovah God to those that glorified pagan idols.

In spite of this training and indoctrination, these four young men, permanently separated from family and homeland, remained true to the values and God they were raised to respect. Daniel and his companions even went so far as to request a plain diet that respected Mosaic law, instead of enjoying the bounty of the king's table, which violated kosher requirements and was dedicated to Babylonian gods. Tested in this matter, the Babylonians found these four Jewish boys to be healthier and stronger than those on the Babylonian diet, and allowed them to follow Jewish culinary practices. God blessed them for this and other acts of obedience and faith in spite of adversity, giving *"...them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams"* (*Daniel 1:17*). The king himself inspected Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, and found them, *"... ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm"* (*Daniel 1:20*). This story hopefully will encourage parents, and especially fathers, to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, teaching them that a life pleasing to God will also be a life of superior quality, purpose, and meaning.

Editor's Note: With the purchase of our new laser printer, the publishing staff and I are pleased to announce that we will be able to include more and higher-quality pictures to illustrate our articles, as can be seen in this month's "News You Can Use". The publishing of the *Lantern* (as well as the weekly bulletin and other items) will now be done in-house at a substantial savings of time and money. The new printer also has a fax feature; the church fax line is (301) 407-2568.

Member of the Month: Margie Stream

- ★ Born: November 27, 1922 in Nacogdoches, Texas
- ★ How long a BBC member: since 1980
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"
- ★ Favorite Pew: the aisle seat on the back pew, right side (as you enter)
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Matthew 7-8*
- ★ Age when baptized: 7 or 8 years old in a pond in Texas
- ★ Childhood church: Saint's Rest Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, founded by her great-grandfather, Baptist minister August Tubbe (1841-1918)
- ★ Personal claim to fame: learning to quilt
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: end of World War II
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Texas
- ★ Story on first name: named after her aunt in Germany
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: the Apollo spacecraft series
- ★ Hobbies: quilting, cross-stitching, crocheting, basket weaving
- ★ Childhood hero: "My grandfather. He would come over and take me horseback riding".



September Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Yates
- 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
Lexi Dorsey

Prayer Concerns

victims of Hurricane Katrina and those helping them
Annie Cooley
Virginia Shreve
Margie Stream
Lena Wright, Margie Stream's sister, lung cancer
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Shawn Michael, recovering from auto accident
Kitty Cooley
Margie Lillard
Gale Cole
Doug Swank, cancer
Mary Barr
Lisa Grant, stationed in Iraq
Sgt. Alexandre Gerena, stationed in Iraq
Madison Straw, 8 year old girl, leukemia
Dean Scoggins
Laura Weller, friend of Sandra Oden
Bill Poole, heart problem
Junior Collins & Butch Thompson, Janice Cole & Sherri
Marsh's uncles
family members of Ron Blankenship with cancer
Our missionary friends: the Dennis & Batres families
(Guatemala); Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade)
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:

- A motion to have worship training for children was referred to the Worship Committee.
- A motion to purchase a multifunction laser printer for use in printing the *Lantern* and worship bulletins, etc., was referred to the Internal Administration Committee.
- A question about cleaning the carpet was referred to the Internal Administration Committee.

Report from the Special Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved a motion to replace the Sunday School roof with a green standing seam metal roof to match the sanctuary roof.

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 1, 2005.
- The Internal Administration Committee will report on the motion to purchase a multifunction laser printer and respond to the question about carpet cleaning.

Pig Pickin' Announcement

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



*Saturday, September 17 on the Church grounds
Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Also! Enter a homemade cake that you have made
by yourself into the Cake Beauty Pageant. Dessert
will be served after everyone votes for the best-
looking cake.*

News You Can Use



Father-Child Banquet a success. A wonderful time of fellowship was held on Aug. 21 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick. Thirty fathers, children, and guests gathered for a delicious meal. Afterwards, the Baptist Men gave three speeches. Lee Michael shared a lesson based on *Daniel 1*; Ralph Cooley shared his thoughts on wisdom and parenting, and keynote speaker Randy Gilliam

spoke about the importance of parents being a role model for children.

The bell tolls for thee. On Aug. 7, our 700-pound bell once again signaled the start of Sunday School for the first time in many months. The bell is now housed in a brand new steeple, and the entire sanctuary roof is covered with a green standing metal seam roof. On Aug. 14, the Church voted in a special business meeting to replace the Sunday School roof and match it to the new roof. Together, the two new roofs will give our church building long-lasting protection from the elements and an attractive appearance.



Church to open early for prayer. Sunday, Sept. 11 marks the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, PA. The church will be open as early as 8:00 am if you want to come and pray.

Fall activities to start up again. Starting this month, three of our activities resume. On Sept. 9, Parents' Night Out starts at 7:30 pm. The WMU will have its first fall meeting on Sept. 12 at Sandy Gilliam's house, and on Sept. 16, lunch with the men of Watkins Cabinet will be served at noon.

Baptist Men to sponsor Pig Pickin'. The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a pig roast on Saturday, Sep. 17. Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm on the Church grounds. Bring a side dish to share and your appetite. There will also be a beauty pageant to select the best-decorated cake. Dessert will be served after voting. (This event will take the place of the men's monthly breakfast meeting).

Montgomery Baptists to meet. The Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2005, 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, 12525 Georgia Avenue, Glenmont. 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.

"Questions"

Martin Buxbaum

*When I grow old, as I someday must
And the past is like a book
Will I open up each page with pride
Or be afraid to look?*

*I'm sure I'll spot each weakness
When the sand is running low
And so today I ask myself
The things I'll someday know:*

*Have I lived each day with gladness?
And lent a helping hand?
Have I paused each day for guidance
And followed as He planned?*

*Have I labored to my full extent?
Helped the weak and poor?
Have I turned away a single soul
Who knocked upon my door?*

*Have I always paid my honest debts?
And never stooped to greed?
Are all men friends of mine in spite
Of color, race or creed?*

*The things I've done and do today
In memory's chest I'll keep
And when I'm old my Maker
Will I laugh or will I weep?*

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