



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

Where are the heroes when you really need one? We have all probably had a real life or a silver screen hero who seemed to be strong and unwavering in the face of calamity or distress. This person (male or female) embodied courage and resolve especially when difficult times or heartache came calling. Our world and our communities need real life, authentic, flesh and blood heroes like that today who encourage others by their steadfast example. This is especially true in the faith community when spiritual health and faith are constantly assaulted by seemingly out of control and irresistible changes in basic social fabric and moral values. Where are the heroes?

They may be all around if you look closely. They are mature Christians who stand strong and unmovable like great trees. Their spiritual roots are driven deep into the soil of God's love by faith and prayer. In good times and bad they possess the peace of Christ and are available to Him to minister His love in service to others. They are not afraid of life events because they trust God completely. They bear spiritual fruit to the benefit of others and intercede for the needs of others.

Such a person is described in *Jeremiah 17:8*:

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

You can be someone's faith hero in these days of challenge and temptation. "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith" (*Colossians 2:6-7a*).

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

- November 2** Business Meeting
- November 4** Parents' Night Out
- November 11** Veterans' Day
- November 18** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
- November 19** Thanksgiving Potluck, 4:00 pm
- November 24** Thanksgiving; Church Office closed



"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)!

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

My Sunday School class has been reading the book of *Matthew* for the last few months. One of the more interesting characters (besides Jesus) is the apostle Peter. He is one of Jesus' inner circle (count the number of times Peter, James, and John are mentioned). Peter is capable of both profound acts of faith, as well as jaw-dropping stumbles and foibles. In *Matthew 14:22-33*, the disciples were sailing on the Sea of Galilee when a fierce squall arose. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were sure they were looking at a ghost. But Peter recognized Jesus, and asked, "*Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water*" (*Matthew 14:28*). Moments later however, focusing on the storm and surf around him, Peter's faith evaporated and he began to sink, crying out, "*...Lord, save me*" (*Matthew 14:30*)!

Peter's next profound moment of faith was when he identified Jesus as, "*...the Christ, the Son of the Living God*" (*Matthew 16:16*). Jesus praised Peter for this heaven-sent insight, calling him blessed. However, seven verses later, in *Matthew 16:23*, Jesus called Peter "Satan" for opposing Jesus' intention to travel to Jerusalem to be crucified.

Matthew 26 described Peter's biggest failure of faith. During the Last Supper, Jesus predicted, with Old Testament prophecy as support, that His followers would abandon Him during his crucifixion. *Luke* records Jesus as saying, "*...Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren*" (*Luke 22:31*). Yet Peter claimed to be the most devoted of all Jesus' followers, saying, "*...Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You*" (*Matthew 26:35*)! Although *Matthew* does not record Peter's betrayal, *Mark* quotes Peter as swearing and cursing that, "*...I do not know this Man of whom you speak*" when he was confronted by those around the courtyard fire (*Mark 14:71*)!

In each of these cases, Jesus blessed Peter when he followed God's will. However, when Peter deviated from God's will, he got into trouble. Peter was not the only apostle to betray Jesus. Judas Iscariot received 40 pieces of silver to identify Jesus with a kiss to the Roman guards in the Garden of Gethsemane. So what was the difference between the two? Judas ran from Jesus and tried to solve his problem alone. Peter, instead, ran to Jesus and let His Lord solve his problem and forgive him. In *John 21*, Peter was fishing on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus appeared to His disciples. Upon recognizing their risen Lord, the apostles quickly rowed ashore. Yet *John* records that Peter "*plunged into the sea*" to get to Jesus first (*John 21:7*). After breakfast, Jesus forgave Peter for his three-fold denial and restored him with a series of three "do you love Me?" questions in *John 21:15-17*, challenging him to "*feed My lambs*"; "*tend My sheep*"; and "*feed My sheep*".

We should not be too critical of Peter for his lapses, for we are very much like him. We likewise often walk in our own direction and with our own strength. Yet our successes only come when we follow Jesus and lean on Him. We can also receive forgiveness and restoration for our sins and shortcomings when we run to Jesus, and not run from Him.

Member of the Month: Virginia Magaha

- ★ Born: July 26, 1928 in Martinsburg, WV
- ★ How long a BBC member: 50 years
- ★ Church offices held: nursery teacher, kitchen helper
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "We moved to Maryland in 1955 and I was a Baptist so I started going to BBC".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Old Rugged Cross"
- ★ Favorite Pew: all of them
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 17 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Leetown Baptist, Leetown, WV
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Alice Roosevelt, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt
- ★ Personal claim to fame: to be a farmer's wife and a mother
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the NASA space program
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Canada
- ★ Story on first name: "I was named after my mother and my two grandmothers".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: computers
- ★ Childhood hero: Miss Camilla Wilshire, her Sunday School teacher at Leetown Baptist
- ★ Hobbies: collecting cookbooks, cooking, baking



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 Anna Michael, Todd Rice
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley, Tod Luhn
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream
- 28 Cheryl Shive



Prayer Concerns

Hurricane victims 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.
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
Joan Watkins
Roy Musser
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 134th Annual Business Meeting:

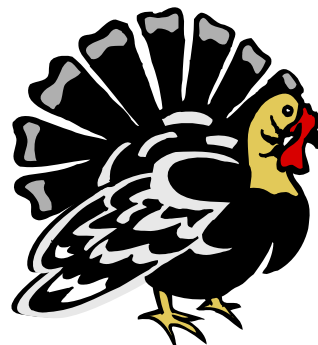
- A motion to create the paid personnel position of Church custodian was approved.
- A resolution to affirm Joe Yates' activities as a Gideon was adopted.
- The Church approved a motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 4.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2006 was adopted by the Church; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 6.

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. 14-15.
- A bylaw to define the duties of the Church custodian will be presented to the Church.

Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

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



*Saturday, November 19
in the Fellowship Hall
A Turkey Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

Enter a homemade pie that you have made by yourself into the Pie-Making contest. Dessert will be served after judging for the best-tasting submission.

News You Can Use

Pastor appreciation month. Since October was Pastor Appreciation month, the Church sent Pastors Joe & Randy and their wives June & Sandy to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a day of relaxation. They watched the outdoor drama *Ruth* and enjoyed a meal at a local smorgasbord.



Movie night a good time. Chaplain Mulvahil of the Clarksburg Detention Center showed "World at War", the third installment from the "Left Behind" movie series on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm. This world premiere was also shown on screens at over 3000 churches across the nation.

MBA Annual Meeting Report. Four messengers from BBC attended the 70th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Georgia Avenue Baptist Church in Glenmont on Oct. 1. Dr. George Arthur, former Director of Missions, was the featured speaker. Two new churches were approved for full membership affiliation in the MBA. Two additional churches are under watch care for future membership.

Baptist Men take note. The Baptist Men will hold their Nov. 19 meeting at 2:30 pm, just prior to preparation for the Thanksgiving Potluck. The breakfast meetings will resume in December.

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 will distribute informational brochures about how to do this on Oct. 30. Last year BBC collected 47 boxes and hopes to collect 50 this year!

Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 4. The Outreach Committee invites friends and families of BBC to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Cozy Restaurant on Sunday Dec. 4, 2005, 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 \$14.39 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. 13-27.

New driveway at parsonage. Fall improvements have started at the church. The parsonage driveway has been repaved, and the church driveway will soon be sealed.

Directory underway. The 2006 church directory will be distributed in early November. If your family hasn't been photographed, see Lee Michael immediately.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

*Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.*

*Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we
ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His
pasture.*

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

*For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.*

Baptist Press Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"You must be doing SOMETHING right Pastor...
the A.C.L.U. has filed suit against you."**

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