



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

January musings from your pastors: Have we told you recently how much we enjoy being at Barnesville Baptist Church? Why do we feel this way? Here are just a few reasons: your kindnesses to us and to our families; your prayerful determination to be a united force for Christ; your continuing expression of love to those in need around us; your sacrificial giving to the ministry of BBC and to missions; your willingness to do the work of ministry whenever you are called on; and perhaps most importantly, your pastors deeply believe that it is God's will for them to minister at BBC in these days. There is an exciting rumbling of spiritual renewal and vitality in BBC. Only God can make this happen. Please continue to pray for us and for each member and friend of BBC. We love you and appreciate the opportunity to minister here in Barnesville.

We are very pleased to report that BBC has again exceeded the WMU goal (\$1320 this year) for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for World Missions. As of the date of this writing \$1535 have been received. Thank you for your faithful support of Kingdom work through missions. God bless each of you in the coming year.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing- Life forevermore" (Psalm 133:1-3).

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

January 1 New Year's Day
January 4 Business Meeting
January 6 Parents' Night Out
January 15 Baptist Men's Day: Breakfast & Service
January 19 Children's Church Meeting
January 20 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
January 29 Fifth Sunday Discipleship Training



*"You crown the year with Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with abundance"
(Psalm 65:11).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2004, and now the year 2005 is almost history. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing?). Here are some of the more important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: the roof fund began, a snowstorm delayed Baptist Men's Day (again)

February: the loss of our brother Charles Fowler

March: missionary Laura Fels visited and our new video camera started recording sermons

April: missionary Erin Poteet visited

May: "Rushing Wind" was in concert, the steeple was removed, and our new library effort began

June: the loss of our sister Maggie Cole

July: we held a "Ramblin' Road Trip" VBS, the Baptist Men sponsored a Fishing Day, and the roof was replaced

August: the Father-Son Banquet was held at Dutch's, roof fund met, the steeple was replaced, and our new laser printer began operation

September: the Baptist Men's Pig Pickin' and Cake Baking Contest was held

October: the "Left Behind" movie was shown and the parsonage driveway was repaved

November: the Baptist Men's Thanksgiving Potluck and Pie Baking Contest were held, and a large number of Thanksgiving baskets & Christmas boxes were prepared for those in need

December: two new members were baptized, a Christmas dinner was held at Cozy Restaurant, the "Gift Goes On" cantata was performed, and we all had a good time at the Parsonage Open House

In general, the last year's headlines indicate that our Church enjoyed worshipping and fellow-shiping together, as well as reaching out to the community through music and evangelistic activities. If 2005 is any indication, 2006 will be a year in which Barnesville Baptist will continue to develop in our love for our community at large and our Church family's fellowship. Look for more new headlines in the coming months to highlight our service together for the Lord's work.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." (Hebrews 10:24).

Member of the Month: Joe Yates

- ★ Born: July 26, 1941 in Jonesville, Virginia
- ★ How long a BBC member: 46 years
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School teacher and superintendent, deacon, usher, R.A. leader, VBS director, choir member, trustee
- ★ How he first came to BBC: "My mom and dad brought me in 1954. It was the first and only church we visited".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
- ★ Favorite Pew: 4th row from the front on the right
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 8 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Friendship Baptist, Jonesville, VA
- ★ Most famous person he's met: Barbara Mandrell
- ★ Personal claim to fame: worked 31 years for IBM
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: Salk's polio vaccine and the 1969 moon landing (& return)
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on (middle) name: named after Lee Horton on his mother's side
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the computer
- ★ Childhood hero: the Lone Ranger
- ★ Hobbies: gardening, working, fishing, four-wheeling with friends and family



January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 3 Annie Cooley
- 4 Bob Lillard
- 5 Dave Thomas
- 8 Flora Gilliam, Hanna Leibrand,
Dan Yates
- 9 Pat Elam
- 10 Lois Carroll, Rebecca Thomas
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 15 Sara Oden
- 19 Nikki Holcomb
- 20 Julia Cole
- 21 Robert Fowler
- 22 Leslie Foster, Michele
Normoyle
- 23 Isaac Madison
- 26 TJ Marsh



Prayer Concerns

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
Mary Barr
Lisa Grant is home from Iraq. Praise the Lord!
Sgt. Alexandre Gerena, stationed in Iraq
Madison Straw, 9 year old girl, leukemia
Dean Scoggins
Linda Gilliam
Braden Smith, Joyce Dunn's grandson, skin problem
Cancer patients: Margie Lillard, Doug Swank, Tim
MacCarthy, Dwayne Nichodemus, Raymond Enright
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (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
December:*

- The 2006 Budget was approved, with \$135,949 appropriated for the fiscal year.
- Jackie Cole and Sarah Marsh were accepted into church membership following their professions of faith and baptisms.
- The Baptist Men received their requested 2005 budget increase.
- The Internal Administration Committee was instructed to propose a recommendation on how to spend a special offering received by the Church.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2005 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint a Select Committee on Auditing to review the 2005 finances, which will report at the March Business Meeting.
- The Deacons will make motions to accept Ralph and Judy Wright as members by letter.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"OK Larry, when I blow the horn,
you yell 'RAPTURE!'"**

News You Can Use

Randy Gilliam

Dec. 4 a busy, happy day for BBC. Barnesville welcomed two young ladies into our church family: Jackie Cole and Sarah Marsh (pictured below), who were



baptized by Pastor Joe Ivey following their professions of faith. (Their membership applications were approved at the December business meeting). Later that evening, the church

gathered for its annual Christmas Dinner at Cozy Restaurant, where over 70 people gathered for a good time of fellowship and singing.

New mailing address for BBC. Please label all correspondence to BBC with the following address: Barnesville Baptist Church, 17917 Barnesville Road/P.O. Box 69, Barnesville, MD 20838. No, our location has not changed but we do now have a post office box.

Men's and Women's groups celebrate Christmas. The Baptist Men assembled 24 gift bags for the children of the Church at their December meeting and distributed them on Dec. 18. The women also assembled 14 Christmas baskets for shut-ins. Consider joining the men's or women's group this coming year as a way to serve the Church and the Lord.

"The Gift Goes On" Cantata performed. Thanks to Paul Foster and the Adult Choir for their excellent music presentation during morning worship on Dec. 18. The lyrics tell how God gave the gift of love to man through His Son Jesus. This gift was passed on through the Holy Spirit, and it's up to believers to pass the gift on to everyone we meet. The Choir has been practicing the

music since September. Suzanne Neal and Scott Foster sang solos. Lee Michael was the



narrator. The Choir also performed the cantata at the Sunrise Service on Dec. 11. Both audiences appreciated the music. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. The Choir will start working on special music for Easter very soon.

Baptist Men's Day scheduled. If the snow doesn't stop us as in previous years, the Baptist Men will cook breakfast and lead the morning service on Jan. 15. Join the men at 8:30 am for a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs, and other good food, and then get ready for the annual singing performance of the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir.

First Discipleship Training series to conclude. If you enjoyed the Fifth Sunday discipleship training we had back in October, your wait is over. On Jan. 29, classes are back in session. The rotation of classes will conclude with this fourth of four sessions. Lee Michael will discuss miracles, Pastor Joe will talk about evangelism, Pastor Randy will speak on the importance of doctrine, and Paul Meissner will lecture on spoken blessings. We will have a pizza dinner afterwards. The second training series will begin on April 30.

Volunteers needed for Children's Church. Dave Thomas, Children's Church Coordinator, and Pastor Randy would like to meet with anyone interested in helping during the Children's Church time on Sunday mornings. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We believe that this is an extremely important ministry. All who have an interest in working with children's worship are invited. Your suggestions and recommendations for Children's Church curriculum and activities are most welcome.

Diamond ring sighted. Congratulations to Jan Lillard and Gary Burdette on their engagement.

Lee Michael spoke on Christmas Day. *Lantern* readers are most familiar with Lee Michael's broad knowledge and insight into various topics through his monthly "Pew Perspective" column. This Christmas Sunday BBC was privileged to hear Lee speak from the pulpit. This young man is a faithful servant and articulate spokesman for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lee, from BBC.

MBA changes address. In preparation for its move from Rockville, the Montgomery Baptist Association's mailing address is now P.O. Box 50, Germantown, MD 20874. The phone number is 301-279-2011.

Call for submissions. As the *Lantern* begins its fifth calendar year, the Editor would like to remind the readership that we accept original poems, song lyrics and other appropriate materials for publication. Please contact the Editor with questions and for more specific guidelines.

Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the church office with any names and dates we may lack.