



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

In April we have the privilege of solemnly remembering the death and burial of our Lord Jesus. We also joyously celebrate His resurrection on the morning of the third day! People sometimes ask, "How can the death of one individual man so long ago affect our lives today?" The answer of course is that if Jesus were just a man His death would have had little effect on people then and no effect on anyone now. However, the reality is that Jesus was not just a man, but also the very Son of God who was born with a human body and died on Calvary's cross! And that makes all the difference. The Lord's death was God's ultimate demonstration of His great love for mankind.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection the Father made it possible for us to be freed from the power of sin, to be reconciled to Him in a new relationship, and to receive a new, unending life in Jesus Christ. That is the good news of the gospel of Christ. The Apostle Paul said, *"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand; by which also you are saved...for I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures"* (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

The empty tomb on that morning and the angelic proclamation that "He is not here, for He is risen as He said", are evidence that Jesus is alive. The news of the risen Christ was the energy of the glorious message of the apostles and of the early church. It is still the central truth of the Christian message today. Jesus is risen! He is alive! Hallelujah!

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

April 5 Business Meeting
April 7 Parents' Night Out
April 9 Palm Sunday
April 14 Good Friday; Service at 7:00 pm
April 16 Easter Sunday
April 21 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
April 22 Baptist Men's Meeting, Church Clean-up Day
April 30 Discipleship Training



*"...He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross"
(Philippians 2:8).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

I would like to devote this month's column to introducing a new program in Barnesville Baptist's Sunday School: the Honor Roll Incentive Program. The Honor Roll program has been planned by BBC's Sunday School teachers to accomplish several goals: 1) to encourage high and consistent Sunday School attendance, 2) to promote personal and group discipleship habits, 3) to establish an expectation of educational excellence in Sunday School, and 4) to increase the enrollment of Sunday School. Each Sunday School class, from the 3-5 year olds to the senior adults, will be participating in this program to recognize excellence and achievement in Sunday School.

Each student who arrives on-time (9:30 am) and is prepared for their Sunday School class by meeting class-specific standards will be able to accumulate points during four periods every 12 months (Apr.-Jun., Jul-Sept., Oct.-Dec., Jan.-Mar.). Students who earn 110 points (requires at least 80% weekly attendance, or 10 out of 13 Sundays) every three months will be recognized each quarter by the pastors and Sunday School leadership. Honor roll students will receive an honor roll certificate and an appropriate prize from the church (Bible, book, DVD, CD, etc.). Students who earn honor roll status during all four quarters of the year will receive special recognition during an annual Sunday School banquet. Bonus point possibilities are also available.

Christian education is so important because when we read and meditate upon the Word, we learn about God, His love for us, and His will for our lives. Christ Himself instructed His disciples in the Great Commission that after they lead people to Christ, they must, "... teach... them to observe all things that I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:20). Paul echoed this thought when he wrote to his young pupil, Timothy, urging him to, "... continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:14-15).

The young people in our church annually spend nearly 1300 hours in the public school classroom. Sunday School is in session 52 hours a year. VBS adds another 10 hours to the annual formal Christian education total. So, attending Sunday School is vitally important, not only because of the relatively modest amount of instructional time, but because Sunday School is the place where our children are taught how to continue to learn about their faith—through personal and family Bible study and prayer—during the rest of the week. Sunday School serves to reinforce and encourage the devotional activities of each student's family. The Sunday School leadership hopes that students and their parents, and indeed the entire congregation, will join us in this effort beginning April 2 (at 9:30 am sharp)!

Member of the Month: Ollie Baumbaugh

- ★ Born: Dec. 29, 1931 in Ligonier, Pennsylvania
- ★ How long a BBC member: three years, plus two years in the early 1970s
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School teacher for 29 years, Awana and VBS leader
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "We moved to Barnesville in 1971".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Out of the Ivory Palaces"
- ★ Favorite Pew: 4th row on the left, up front
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 19 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Ligonier Methodist Church
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Prince Bandar ben Sultan, Saudi Ambassador to the U.S.
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "I've been a soul winner for the Son of God".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Florida
- ★ Story on first name: named after her aunt Olive
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: television
- ★ Childhood hero: Professor Wylie, her neighbor and school principal
- ★ Hobbies: collecting antique dolls, crafts, writing poems



April Birthdays

- 1 Jo Blalock
- 2 Rebecca Umstead
- 4 Ralph Wright
- 5 Hannah Madison
- 10 Mike Driver
- 13 Katie Holcomb
- 16 Dot Fowler
- 24 Mark Williams
- 29 Zachary Fedders



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in March:

- The Church accepted the report of the Select Committee on Auditing on the 2005 finances. The recommendation on special gifts was referred to the Finance Committee.
- Frank & Jane Fowler were accepted as members by profession of faith pending baptism on March 19, as was Brenda Cross, coming by statement.
- The Church adopted a motion from the Internal Administration Committee to accept a bid from Braddock Renovators to refurbish the stone foundation of the sanctuary.

Expected at the April Business Meeting:

- The Education Committee will request the Church's approval of its Sunday School Honor Roll program and an \$800 budget line for the program.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will recommend Cris Driver to serve on the Education Committee as Sunday School Teacher for 3-5 year olds for the remainder of the 2004-2006 term, vice June Ivey, resigned. Mary Yates will also be recommended as a non-committee nursery assistant.
- The Deacons will make motions to accept Ashlinn Cole and William & Iris Rodgers as members by profession of faith. Each was baptized on March 19.

Prayer Concerns

Annie Cooley
Virginia Shreve
Margie Stream
Margie Lillard
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Charles Williams
David Myers, grandson of Pastor Joe, stationed off Bahrain
Christopher Claude, injured in Iraq
Don Barr
Tim Barr
Jeddie DeFries, former BBC pastor
Dawn Shreve, recovering from surgery
Julia, Paul Foster's mother, recovering from back surgery
Cancer patients: Lena Wright, Doug Swank, Tim
MacCarthy, Dwayne Nichodemas, Raymond Enright, Ted
Detrow, June Schaum, Norman Bishop, Bessie Moore,
Madison Straw, Raymond Money (father of Brenda Cross)
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres
(Guatemala); Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade)
our Sunday School
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).*

Church Clean-up Day Announcement



On Apr. 22 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family, to clean up the church building. Contact Head Groundsman Ralph Cooley for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers.

News You Can Use

New members lead to updates for directory, phone tree.



Ashlinn Cole, with Pastor Randy, giving her testimony before the Mar. 19 baptism service

Since December 2005, only four months ago, BBC has welcomed 10 new members, and will vote for three more in April! Of these 10, four have been newly baptized, five have transferred their letters, and one has come by statement. Three more people—William & Iris Rodgers, and Ashlinn Cole—each recently accepted Jesus as his or her Lord and Savior, and has requested

membership. They were baptized along with Frank & Jane Fowler at the Mar. 19 service. Dot Fowler was also re-baptized at her request. In addition to these names, BBC has been blessed with the regular attendance of several additional families that have been worshipping with us for the past several months.



William & Iris Rodgers

All this growth (an “issue” we are happy to have) has required an update to the church directory and phone tree. Look for these supplements to be distributed in the near future.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal set. The WMU has set a goal of \$1210 for BBC. This offering is used to support the 5300+ missionaries serving under the North American Mission Board. The national goal is \$56 million. Receipts to the 2006 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will benefit the following mission endeavors: Missionary Support, 75%; Church Planting, 15%; Evangelism, 10%. Let’s do our part to support missionaries in the United States & Canada. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Services planned. BBC will gather for a Good Friday worship service on Apr. 14 at 7:00 pm. The BBC Choir will present their cantata entitled, “Amazing Grace”, on Easter Sunday, Apr. 16, during the morning worship. The cantata will also be performed at the Beverly Health Center in Frederick on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.

Daylight Savings Time begins Apr. 2. Remember to set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Easter lilies for sale. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of/in memory of a loved one, please see Kitty Cooley. The lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season.

Easter sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain. For early risers, this mountaintop service beginning at 6:00 am is a wonderful way to begin the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection with believers from many local congregations. We all have the Risen Savior in common.

New discipleship training classes begin Apr. 30. The next fifth Sunday of 2006 falls at the end of April. At 4:30 pm, Lee Michael will discuss the Pharisees and Sadducees, Pastor Joe will survey the book of *Malachi*, and Paul Meissner will lecture on “Crying Out”. Pastor Randy will also be teaching. A pizza dinner will follow at 6:00 pm.

VBS alert. “Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage” is this year’s theme. VBS 2006 is scheduled for Jul. 24-28. If you are interested in teaching a class or assisting in other ways, see Mary Yates or Randy Gilliam.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“No, I haven’t seen the verse that way before, but I’m in the middle of something right now.”