



The Barnesville Lantern

Barnesville Baptist Church
17917 Barnesville Road/P.O. Box 69
Barnesville, Maryland 20838

301-407-0500/2568 (phone/fax)
www.barnesvillebaptist.org
barnesvillebaptist@msn.com

July 2006, Volume 5, No. 2

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

The Pastors' Spotlight

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24).

This is the Scripture that inspired the great church hymn by Edward Mote, "The Solid Rock". A line from this hymn was used at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Greensboro, NC by the president of the SBC Executive Committee, Dr. Morris H. Chapman. His comments captured the heart of the messengers to the convention. In the opening remarks of his report from the Executive Committee, he said, "My hope for our Convention is simple. It runs upon one premise. It rides upon one purpose. It rests upon one person. *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.* Our commission for sending missionaries to the ends of the earth is to scatter the seed of the gospel. Our compulsion to scatter the seed is the transforming power of Jesus' death on the Cross."

The SBC is made up of over 43,000 churches loosely associated around one common purpose, i.e. evangelize the world by cooperating together to send missionaries, plant churches, and train pastors so that all may hear the gospel message. With so many autonomous churches there are bound to be differences of style and practice. Leaders of the SBC and leaders from churches around the country encouraged and pleaded with churches to not be distracted from their great mission by differences in minor church issues. Joyce Rogers, the widow of Adrian Rogers, the late pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN, spoke for many of us when she asked the pastors and church members across the country to, "...graciously work for unity in the body of Christ". This is also great advice for all local churches.

God Bless,

Your Pastors

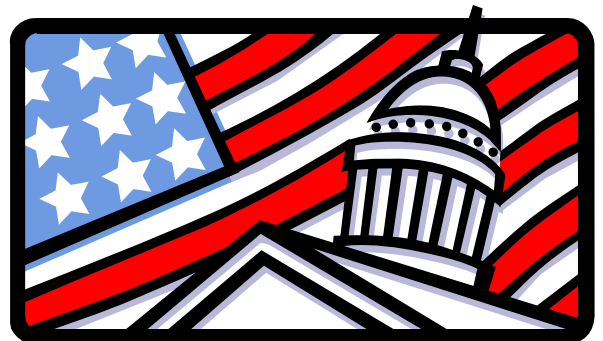


In This Edition:

- The Pastors' Spotlight, Page 1
- Upcoming Events, Page 1
- The Pew Perspective, Page 2
- Member of the Month, Page 2
- July Birthdays, Page 3
- Prayer Concerns, Page 3
- Business Meeting Briefs, Page 3
- A Visit from a Former Member, Page 3
- News You Can Use, Page 4
- COTCD Cartoon, Page 4
- July 2006 Calendar, Page 5

Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day, Church office closed
- July 5** Business Meeting
- July 9** *The Wingerts* in concert, 10:45 am
- July 15** Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:30 am; Sunday School Picnic at Black Hills Park, 12:00 pm
- July 24-28** Vacation Bible School
- July 30** Discipleship Training, 4:30 pm



*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance"
(Psalm 33:12).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

I have gone fishing four days in the past week—a three-day family trip, plus the Baptist Men’s fishing day last Saturday. I will also probably be fishing in Ocean City this coming weekend. I’ve never fished this much in such a short period of time. During that three-day trip, which took place at Smith Mountain Lake near Roanoke, Virginia, we used live bait to catch our striped bass. Our charter boat captain and the local bait sellers used nets to capture the schools of little shad we used to bait our hooks. Only used to seeing fish caught with a hook and line, I was quite interested in watching the local bait seller toss a net out from the dock and haul in a glistening load of silvery fish. I thought to myself, “that’s how Peter and the other apostles must have done it on the Sea of Galilee!”

With fishing so prominent in my thoughts this week, I thought I’d see what the Bible had to say about the topic. After all, it was a great fish that swallowed Jonah. Jesus selected Peter, Andrew, James, and John, all Galilean fishermen, to be among His top apostles (*Mark 1*) and used fish in His miracles for accomplishing everything from feeding massive crowds (*Luke 9*) to paying taxes (*Matthew 17*).

It turns out that fish and fishing are discussed in 69 different verses in the Bible. The Old Testament winner isn’t *Jonah*, which only has three references, but rather *Ezekiel*, with five references. *Matthew* and *John* share the New Testament top spot with nine references each. Fishing is discussed in the earliest chapters of the Bible, with God telling mankind to, “...*have dominion over the fish of the sea...*” (*Genesis 1:28*). Other passages describe fishermen using spears, nets, and hooks to catch their fish. In addition to being Savior of the world, Jesus would make an excellent charter boat captain. “*And He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish*” (*John 21:6*).

Fishing is a good activity for Christians because it requires the use of numerous virtues, such as patience while waiting for the fish to bite (*I Timothy 6:11*); kindness and gentleness—catch and release spares the life of the fish and legitimately allows you to increase the size of the fish you said you caught, year after year; self-control—yelling and screaming, while supposedly appropriate for golfing, will only serve to scare away the fish; and finally joy—celebrating the successful capture of that monster fish. (*Galatians 5:22-23*).

I am looking forward to my next fishing expedition. I just hope the fish remember that Bible verse about men having dominion over them as much as I try to practice the virtue of patience while waiting for the next nibble on my line.

Member of the Month: Mary Yates

- ★ Born: July 23, 1943 in Dawsonville, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: 51 years
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School teacher, VBS director, kitchen coordinator, teller, adult choir member, GA director, children’s choir director
- ★ How she first came to BBC: Tom & Bertha Cole invited her to VBS at the age of 7
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “Amazing Grace”
- ★ Favorite Pew: fourth row from the front on the right
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *John 3:16; Romans 6:1-10*
- ★ Age at baptism: 9 years old—March 14, 1954 at 7:30 pm
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist
- ★ Most famous person she’s met: Joe Yates
- ★ Personal claim to fame: “my precious family that the Lord blessed Joe and I with”.
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the assassination of President Kennedy
- ★ Farthest place she’s been from Barnesville: Florida
- ★ Story on first name: named by her brother who was leaving for WWII
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: computer
- ★ Childhood heroes: her Youth Sunday School teachers Flora Gilliam and Anne Yates
- ★ Hobbies: flowers, cooking, and her family



July Birthdays

- 6 Buddy Baumbaugh
- 8 Nancy Cooley
- 9 Fred Bird
- 18 Laura Musser
- 20 Joshua Madison
- 22 Douglas Cooley
- 23 Mary Yates, Emily Crowe
- 26 Virginia Magaha, Roy Musser,
Joe Yates
- 27 Margery Lillard
- 28 Jacqueline Cole
- 30 Sherri Marsh



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

- A motion to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2006-2008 term was adopted.
- The Pastor announced that the following members will serve on the Nominating Committee to select 2006-2008 officers: Randy Gilliam, Nancy Cooley, Ann Bennett, Lee Michael, and himself.

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- The Deacons will make motions to accept Eddie & Pauline Fowler as members by profession of faith pending baptism on Jul. 30.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will recommend Frank Fowler and Bill Morrison to serve on the Internal Administration Committee as Groundsmen for the remainder of the 2004-2006 term.

Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole and Samantha Cole, recovering from surgery
Annie Cooley
Virginia Shreve
Margie Stream
Margery Lillard
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Don Barr
Mitch & Karen Nikirk, June Ivey's son and daughter-in-law
Dottie Shifflett, Dot Fowler's niece
Dean Scoggins
Joey Runkles, serving in the Air Force
Bill Morrison, heart problems
Rose Furr, the Wrights' granddaughter
Zoie Thomas, broken leg
Madison Shreve
Chris Fleming, friend of Matt & Janice Cole
Emily Thorne, upcoming hip surgery
Rev. Jack Reynolds
Cancer patients: Lena Wright, Doug Swank, Tim MacCarthy,
Dwayne Nichodemus, Raymond Enright, Ted Detrow, June
Schaum, Norman Bishop, Bessie Moore, Raymond Money,
Oscar Summers
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).*

A Visit from a Former Member

Norma (Marks) Beck

As I was visiting my daughter in Virginia, I noticed she had displayed my childhood Bible on the nightstand in the guest room. Inside the cover, in my childish handwriting, I had written verses which most likely had been brought to my attention through a Sunday School Class, G.A. or perhaps Bible School. Those verses were written over 50 years ago and they brought a smile to my face along with precious memories of Barnesville Baptist Church.

When I planned my trip from Missouri to West Virginia and Virginia to visit my daughters, a trip to Barnesville was on my agenda. You know---the typical "take a picture" kind of trip. Little did I know that it would turn into such a sentimental experience.

A crew working on wiring in the church prompted me to seek out the pastor. I boldly interrupted his lunch and he didn't seem to mind at all. Thank you Randy! As we visited, I found that his mother, Flora Gilliam, had been my Sunday School teacher. The memories of her teaching the class in the balcony came flooding back. She certainly touched my life and I am sure her teaching prompted me to write down some of those verses in my little Bible.

There is a picture on the back wall in the church of Rev. DuBois, Mrs. DuBois and Grace. These special people were most likely never aware of how many lives were touched by their obedience to our Lord. I remember the children's choir practice at the parsonage. Mrs. DuBois was so devoted and I am sure she thought each of us had the ability to sing like angels! I smile at that because I can't carry a tune, even to this day. I sing praises anyway!

As Randy and I visited we realized we had been baptized the same day. Imagine my surprise when he went to the file cabinet

continued on page 4

News You Can Use

VBS at Barnesville Baptist Church will be held July 24-28, 2006, in the evenings from 6:30 until 8:30. The theme for this year's VBS is, "Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage!" Contact Pastor Randy or Mary Yates if you would like to participate by serving in a classroom, or in music, crafts, recreation, or snack. If you know anyone who needs transportation in order to come to VBS, please leave a message at the church office so we can make arrangements.



Wingerts in concert. The Wingert family band will perform during the morning worship service on Jul. 9. Invite a friend to enjoy this time of gospel-style praise and worship.

Ethan Richard Cole was born to Julia & Steve Cole on Jun. 19 in Towson, Maryland. He weighs 9 lbs. and is 20 3/4 inches long. Mother and son are doing well. Larry & Anna Michael are the proud grandparents.

Discipleship training continues. The second 5th Sunday of 2006 occurs this month on Jul. 30. On that day at 4:30 pm, Lee Michael will discuss the Pharisees and Sadducees, Pastor Joe will survey the book of *Malachi*, Paul Meissner will lecture on "Crying Out", and Pastor Randy will teach on *Proverbs*. A pizza dinner will follow at 6:00 pm.

Health kits distributed. The WMU wishes to thank those who contributed enough supplies to make 28 health kits for migrant workers, prison inmates, homeless people, and seamen. The Barnesville WMU sent these kits to the state convention headquarters in Columbia, from where the kits were sent out to those in need.

Fishing trip a fun time. On Saturday, Jun. 24, the thunderstorms held off long enough for about 17 children, Baptist Men, and church members to test their fishing skills at Cliff Neal's pond in Barnesville. A large number of sunfish were caught, as well as a few large-mouth bass.



Larry Michael's snapping turtle



Lee Michael & Randy Gilliam with a bass (Lee Michael caught the largest bass!) Larry Michael caught a snapping turtle, but the turtle cut the line. Pizza was

served for lunch. Thanks to Cliff Neal for letting us use his pond and to the Baptist Men for arranging this time of family fellowship.

A Visit from a Former Member, continued

and pulled a copy of the bulletin of that day with our names along with several others who were being baptized that day, March 14th, 1954. I will put a copy with my baptism certificate. Precious memories!

As we walk with the Lord through our lives, I believe we should be thankful for all the people who were obedient to God through their sharing and teaching of the Word. With the Lord's help, they built the foundation. I thank Mrs. Virginia Shreve who first invited our family to church. She was a special person to our family. Thank you Flora Gilliam for instilling God's Word in your students. Thanks to all who were in the church in the early 1950s. Your inspirations live on!

The present day building is beautiful and well preserved. It doesn't look much different than it did in the 1950s. I like that. But, the real church is, of course, the people and I believe Barnesville Baptist is filled with beauty only the Lord can give.

Celebrate with the Sunday School. A Sunday School Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at noon at Black Hills Regional Park, Shelter A. Please bring a covered dish to share. The Church will provide fried chicken and drinks.

Michael Oden a top reader. Congratulations to Michael for reading eight books from the church library and qualifying for a dinner with the pastors!



COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

