



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

Consider the bagel. This baked bread, which dates from 17th- or 18th-century Poland, (depending on the legend you read) became a uniquely Jewish food. Some people say that wherever Jewish people assembled, bagels were there. In the late 19th century, as thousands of Jewish people emigrated from Eastern Europe to the United States, their love of bagels came with them. This food became more popular in the 20th century when machines could produce bagels at the rate of hundreds per hour. By the late 20th century, bagels had found their way into the mainstream of American life. According to Schnuck Markets, (www.schnucks.com) by 1993 Americans were eating bagels on the average of one every two weeks.

The history of the bagel reminds us of something Laura Fels said at BBC in the spring of 2005 when she came to Barnesville as a missionary from Chosen People Ministries. In discussing the growth of Christianity she asked, "How did something so small and so Jewish ever get so big and so Christian?"

God's chosen people received a unique revelation from God, including prophecy of the coming Messiah, to be shared with the nations. His desire was that all nations should honor Him. "*Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples, for great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord*" (Psalm 117:1-2).

Jesus reminded us that, "...salvation is from the Jews" (John 4:22). Since many Jews rejected the Gospel of Jesus Christ, those who did believe, e.g. Paul and Barnabas, said, "*We now turn to the Gentiles, for this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth*" (Acts 13:46b-47).

It was the Lord's command to take this unsurpassed good news of the Gospel, birthed in the Jewish community, to all nations. And for that we humbly express our eternal gratitude.

God Bless,

Your Pastors

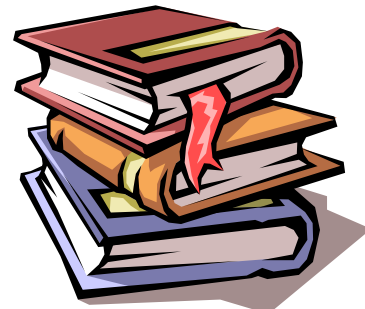


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Upcoming Events

September 4 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
September 6 Business Meeting
September 8 Parents' Night Out
September 15 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Men
September 16 Baptist Men's Pig Pickin' and
Rushing Wind Concert
September 27 135th Annual Business Meeting,
Church Officer Elections



*"Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your
commandments" (Psalm 119:73).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

There's an old saying that goes 'those who can't do, teach'. I was in a similar situation as a speaker at the Father-Child Banquet, where the theme for the evening was "What Fathers Want Their Children To Know". Since I am not anyone's father, I didn't have any great pearls of paternal wisdom to dispense. Luckily, I didn't have to. I just shared some wisdom from a Father with plenty of parental experience, which will be the focus of this month's column.

My introductory comments centered on the patriarchs found in *Genesis*: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as well as Ishmael and Esau. It was to Abraham and his family that God promised His covenant and blessings as His chosen people. Each generation after Abraham had a life choice to make: uphold the family legacy and purpose by worshipping God and following His ways, or to reject the family and its values for a life wasted in pursuit of ultimately empty goals.

Ishmael and Isaac were Abraham's two sons in contention for the status of heir. Ishmael was born to Abraham by Hagar; Isaac by Sarah. *Genesis 16:12* describes Ishmael as, "...a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him". Ishmael went off on his own path in life, associating with followers of false gods. Isaac, on the other hand, was the son of whom God said, "*I will establish My covenant with him*" (*Genesis 17:18*). So it was through Isaac that the knowledge and worship of the one true God was preserved for an additional generation.

Isaac became the father of twin boys, Esau and Jacob, with Esau born just before Jacob. By custom, Esau was entitled to become the family priest, legal heir, and custodian of the covenant during his generation. However, *Genesis 25:34* says that, "...Esau despised his birthright", selling his position to Jacob for a bowl of soup, a very low price for such a high rank. Jacob, on the other hand, wanted the birthright. He risked a curse from his father and his brother's wrath to obtain it. Unlike his uncle Ishmael or brother Esau, Jacob married women who worshipped the Lord and would not lead him away from Him. The author of *Hebrews* used Esau as the antithesis of a spiritual role model, writing, "*Pursue... holiness [devotion to God], without which no one will see the Lord...lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears*" (*12:14-17*). Esau wanted the power and privilege associated with receiving God's blessing without having to respect his family's values or God. Jacob, on the other hand, trusted God throughout a lifetime of trouble and trial, receiving the name of Israel from God and siring the namesakes of the 12 tribes.

In each generation discussed in *Genesis*, the descendants of Abraham had a choice to make: follow the God of their family, or reject both. Those who chose to follow God and uphold the family legacy led lives of purpose, meaning, and blessing, while those who followed their own paths led lives of wandering, suffering, and tragedy. These biblical fathers had something they wanted their children to know, and the wisdom dispensed from the fathers of BBC to their children at the banquet was similarly of great value.

Member of the Month: Trudy Meissner

- ★ Born: February 9, 1925 in Washington, DC
- ★ How long a BBC member: since 1990
- ★ Church offices held: teller, Worship Committee
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "I had both legs in a cast for a year and a half. BBC was right across the road!"
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Now I Belong To Jesus"
- ★ Favorite Pew: none, really--a pew is a pew
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 40-something at Halpine Baptist
- ★ Childhood church: All Saints' Episcopal in Chevy Chase
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Bess Truman—I had tea at the White House with a small group of students from GWU
- ★ Personal claim to fame: None whatsoever—Jesus is my fame!
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the re-establishment of the State of Israel in 1948
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Peru
- ★ Story on first name: named for her father's favorite sister
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: solid-state electronics
- ★ Childhood hero: our faithful household servant, Sadie Green Smith
- ★ Hobbies: enjoying this wonderful gift of life!



September Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole, William Morrison
- 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

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.
Dottie Shifflett, Dot Fowler's niece
Dean Scoggins
Madison Shreve
Chris Fleming, friend of Matt & Janice Cole
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, Jim Gilliam
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres
(Guatemala); Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade);
John Forrester (Alaska)
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:

- Committee officer authorizations for the 2006-2008 term were sent to the Select Committee on Nominations.
- A by-law redesignating the position of Kitchen Coordinator as Fellowship Coordinator was adopted.
- A motion incorporating the costs of the new septic system into the budget as a special appropriation was approved.

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 14, 2006.
- To avoid a scheduling conflict with the revival, a motion will be offered to hold the 135th Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 27th instead of October 4th.

135th Annual Business Meeting Agenda:

- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- A motion to begin the annual budget process for 2007 will be presented to the Church.
- Note: all outstanding motions not acted on at the Annual Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

Pig Pickin' and Concert Announcement

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



*Saturday, September 16 in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Enter an apple-based dessert (pie, cake, cobbler,
turnovers, tarts, etc.) into the Apple Dessert Contest!*

Rushing Wind will perform at 7:00 pm

News You Can Use

October revival services scheduled. Rev. Jimmy Inman of Morristown, Tennessee is our special revival speaker. In addition to morning worship on Oct. 1, there will be revival services from Sunday through Thursday each evening at 7:00 pm. Please be in prayer for this time of spiritual renewal and rededication to our great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Fourth annual Father-Child banquet a good time. A wonderful time of fellowship was held on Aug. 27 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick. Twenty-five fathers and



Joe Yates and his guests

guests gathered for a delicious meal. Afterwards, the Baptist Men spoke on the theme of "What Fathers Want Their Children To Know". Lee Michael presented a lesson based on the patriarchs in *Genesis*; Joe Yates shared his thoughts on being a son, father, and grandfather; Larry Michael gave a top ten-style list; and keynote speaker Randy Gilliam based his comments on *Proverbs 3:1-6*.

Discipleship training report. The second offering of classes in our second rotation was held on Jul. 30. The classes offered were Pharisees & Sadducees (Lee Michael), *Malachi* (Pastor Joe), *Proverbs* (Pastor Randy), and *Crying Out* (Paul Meissner). A pizza dinner was served afterwards. The next 5th Sunday occurs on Oct. 29.

Church to open early for prayer. Monday, Sept. 11 marks the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, PA. The church will be open as early as 6:00 am if you want to come and pray for your nation, its leaders, and members of the armed forces.

Mission report given. On Sunday, Aug. 27, Larry Michael gave a slide presentation on the mission trip he attended to help victims of Hurricane Katrina on Mississippi's Gulf Coast. The pictures conveyed the enormity of the destruction, as well as the even greater love of Christ as shown through the assistance provided by the missionaries in His name.

Baptist Men's Pig Pickin' and Rushing Wind concert together. The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a pig roast on Saturday, Sep. 16. Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish to share and your appetite. There will also be a contest for the best apple-based dessert, all of which will be served after judging. (This event will take the place of the men's monthly breakfast meeting). After the dinner, *Rushing Wind* will perform in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

New address for MBA. The Association's new permanent address is 901 Russell Avenue, Suite 202, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The new phone/fax numbers are 301-740-7144/7146.

Two baptized on Aug. 13. Eddie & Pauline Fowler were obedient to the Lord's command during the service on Sunday, Aug. 13, participating in believers' baptism in front of their family and fellow church members. A luncheon was served in the fellowship



hall afterwards.

Congratulations to the Coles. Peter and Marva Cole are the proud parents of a 7-pound baby boy, Brandon Mason, born Jul. 19.

Marriage enrichment workshop set for Oct. 7. "The Two Sides of Love: Affection & Anger", is the theme of the seminar to be led by Ken & Kathy Jordan of the BCM/D from 9:30 am to 2:45 pm. RSVP your attendance to Joyce Dunn at 301-972-7390.

Directory update planned. Anyone with corrections or updates for their entry in the church directory should contact Lee Michael before the end of September. Supplements will be distributed in mid-October, after the church officer elections.

Montgomery Baptists to meet. The 71st Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2006, 9:30 am-12:30 pm at First Baptist Church of Damascus. The guest preacher will be Rev. Allan Stephens, Director of Missions of the Rankin Baptist Association in Jackson, Mississippi. Barnesville will send five delegates to attend this important meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our tithers back from summer vacation..."