



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

Do you have a ready response for people when they ask you what the Lord Jesus means to you? A retired pastor in Ohio would frequently paraphrase a portion of *Nehemiah 8:10* when asked that question, "...*The joy of the Lord is my strength*". This was always a curious answer since this good man and his wife had more than their share of chronic physical ailments and had suffered the death of a son. In the midst of circumstances either good or bad, he was able to express the strength of inner joy in his life. This is only possible when one experiences a true relationship of love with Christ. Never complaining about his own difficulties, this good man brought joy to the lives of many others. The intimate knowledge of knowing that he was personally loved and blessed by the Lord was a far greater joy than any life circumstance could enhance or diminish.

A similar ability to rest in the knowledge of the Lord's love was displayed by a Xenia, Ohio man whose house was ruined by a tornado in the late 1990s. A pastor friend was taking water and food to tornado victims on the day after the storm had passed through that quiet Midwestern town. The man was sitting in a chair in front of his ruined house. He was a disabled person and had recently experienced death and sickness in his family. When the pastor asked him how he was doing, he said with tears of joy in his eyes, "I am so blessed. The Lord has been so good to me"!

In this Thanksgiving month we encourage you to pursue a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus. You will find in Him the strength to rejoice and to receive His blessings whether you have plenty or little, whether you suffer gain or loss. "...*The joy of the Lord is my strength*"!

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

November 1 Business Meeting
November 10 Parents' Night Out
November 11 Thanksgiving Potluck and Concert
November 12 *Rushing Wind* in Concert
November 17 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
November 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
November 26 Discipleship Training



November 11 is Veterans' Day

"Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked" (Psalm 82:3-4).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

In the wake of the just-concluded revival, I have been thinking about how people sin. Everyone knows what sin is—the failure to obey God’s will—but I have been focusing on the thought process of sinning. No less for Christians than for anyone else, sin is powerful, enticing, alluring, and even fun. If sin weren’t all these things, overcoming it wouldn’t be such a problem! I believe there are (at least) six lies we tell ourselves in order to think that whatever sin our flesh wants to commit is OK. First, we tell ourselves, “It’s not that big a deal. It’s so small and minor that it doesn’t matter”. However, Paul warned of the immediate and eternal consequences of sin, *“For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death” (Romans 6:20-21).*

Second, we justify a sin by comparing it to all the good things we do. What is one little sin measured against the vast number of kind and noble deeds we perform? Yet when God spoke to Ezekiel, He said that even one sin outweighs all of a righteous man’s good works. *“...All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die” (Ezekiel 18:24).*

The third lie is that “no one else will know about it”. Ha! You may be able to hide your sins from friends and family, but not your Creator. *“O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You” (Psalm 69:5).*

The fourth self-deception is that the temporary pleasures of sin are worth it. Yet Paul reminded Timothy that all sins have future consequences, even if not immediate. *“Some men’s sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later” (I Timothy 5:24).*

Fifth, we tell ourselves that we can sin just once and not do it anymore. We can flip the off-switch whenever we want, without any difficulty. However, sin is habit-forming, addictive, and progressive, requiring additional and greater sin to satisfy our desires. *“...Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14-15).*

The sixth lie we believe in is that circumstances grant an exception for not sinning. What people around us are doing, or the environment we find ourselves in, somehow give us a pass for the occasion. This is nonsense for a Christian, who is to be wholly devoted to Christ. *“...Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (I Corinthians 6:19-20).*

How then can we as Christians overcome the temptations of the flesh? Paul, writing about the internal struggle between flesh and spirit, gave the answer: *“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 6:24-25).*

The power of Christ can sustain us and give us victory over sin because, *“...He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted” (Hebrews 2:18).* We can overcome the power of sin when we follow Him.

Member of the Month: Ralph Wright

- ★ Born: April 4, 1942 in Rockville, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since January 2006
- ★ Church offices held: Deacon nominee, Children’s Church Coordinator
- ★ How he first came to BBC: attended the 2005 Thanksgiving Eve service
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”
- ★ Favorite Pew: none
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Psalm 23*
- ★ Age at baptism: 35 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Travilah Baptist Church
- ★ Most famous person he’s met: Linda Carter
- ★ Personal claim to fame: trashman
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: California
- ★ Story on first name: no one else in his family was named Ralph
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the computer
- ★ Childhood hero: Johnny Cash
- ★ Hobbies: playing the piano and accordion



November Birthdays

- 1 Dorine Shields
- 4 J.C. Cooley
- 5 Randy Gilliam, Clark Brown
- 8 Loraine DeFries
- 9 Lindsey Baumbaugh
- 10 Joe Ivey
- 11 Jane Fowler, Brenda Cross,
Tali Normoyle, Lisa Musser
- 12 Cris Driver
- 13 Faith Shive
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Anna Michael, Todd Rice
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley, Tod Luhn
- 24 Stephanie Fowler
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream, Holly Crowe
- 28 Cheryl Shive



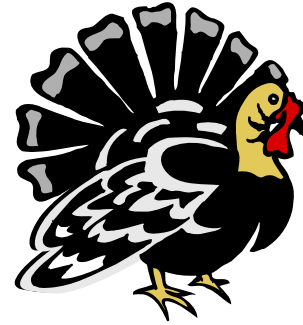
Business Meeting Briefs

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

- The nominations of Bill Morrison and Ralph Wright to serve as Deacons will both be voted on by the Church.

Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a Thanksgiving Potluck



*Saturday, November 11 in the Fellowship Hall
A Turkey Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Enter a pumpkin or pecan-based dessert
(pie, cake, roll, pastry, etc.) into the
Pumpkin Pie Plus Dessert Contest!*

Rushing Wind will be in concert at 6:00 pm after the dinner

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Growing in grace" isn't the ONLY growth taking place in the church!

Prayer Concerns

Annie Cooley
Virginia Shreve
June Luhn, recovering from hip surgery
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, recovering from surgery
Mary Mossburg, recovering from surgery
Marva Cole
the Burgwald family
Jim & Kathy McKamey
Jennifer Lewis
Limor Bregman
Rev. Jack Reynolds
The Gilliams, traveling in Israel Oct. 23-Nov. 3
Cancer patients: Lena Wright, Doug Swank, Tim MacCarthy,
Raymond Enright, Norman Bishop, Raymond Money,
Norman Brandenburg
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).*

News You Can Use

MBA annual meeting report. Four messengers from BBC attended the 71st Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at First Baptist Church of Damascus on Oct. 14. Rev. Allen Stephens, Director of Missions of the Rankin (Mississippi) Baptist Association, was the keynote speaker and preached on *Acts 1:8*. One new church was approved for full membership affiliation in the MBA, and one church was



Dr. Ron Blankenship speaking to Montgomery Baptist messengers

granted watch care status for future membership.

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 needs your donations no later than Nov. 12. In 2005 we collected 40 boxes and hope to collect 50 this year.

Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 3. Friends and families of Barnesville are invited to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Cozy Restaurant on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 pm. The restaurant is located at 103 Frederick Rd./Rt. 806 in Thurmont. We will enjoy a dinner buffet in a private room. The total cost is \$14.79 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. All attendees must purchase tickets from Sandy Gilliam from Nov. 12-26.

Update from Kotzebue. Do you remember John Forrester, our VBS missionary from this past summer? He wrote this in his October newsletter, after receiving our \$850.00 missions offering: "We give a special thanks to the many churches throughout the lower 48 and even in Alaska that sent their VBS offerings to our church. The Arctic Edge was a great theme. As a result of these offerings, we have been able to fix many things within the church and even in some of the missions that needed repairing".

State missions goal exceeded. Members of BBC raised more than enough money to meet our 2006 goal of \$880 for the Katherine Barnes State Missions Offering. A total of \$1071 was received. Thank you for building God's Kingdom by supporting church plants and evangelistic efforts in Maryland and Delaware.

Revival services challenge BBC. Pastor Jimmy Inman, who came to visit us from eastern Tennessee, gave six messages during Oct. 1-5 exhorting BBC members to renew their dedication to and fellowship with our heavenly Father. His sermons, which included passages from scriptures as diverse as *Habakkuk, Ecclesiastes, Acts,* and *Galatians* focused on themes such as salvation, evangelism, Christ's lordship, the mission of our church, trusting in



God through adversity, and walking in the Spirit. The BBC Choir, Cris Driver, Bill Morrison, and Iris Rodgers sang during the week, and Ann Bennett, Loraine DeFries, and Jan Burdette each provided music. We thank Pastor Jimmy for spending the week with us and for sharing messages from God's Word that will inspire us to become more like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rushing Wind to sing Nov. 11-12. The second weekend of November will be an exciting time with our singing friends from Florida in concert on the evening of Nov. 11, after the Thanksgiving Potluck, as well as the morning service on Nov. 12. Invite a friend to the dinner and the two performances!

Discipleship Training rescheduled. The 5th Sunday classes will not be held on Sunday, Oct. 29. Instead, they will be held on the last Sunday of November: the 26th. Join us that evening at 4:30 pm for Bible study and pizza after eating Thanksgiving leftovers all weekend long.

Additional Sunday School honorees. Congratulations also to Eddie, Frank, and Pauline Fowler for all achieving honor roll status in Sunday School during the summer months.

Margery Lillard, 1932-2006. Our sister Margery Lillard passed away on Oct. 19 at the age of 74. Margery was a long-time member of our congregation, as she was baptized by Rev. DeFries in 1970. We mourn her death with her husband Bob and daughter Jan, and pray that the Lord will give them and the rest of the Lillard family comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead.

Marriage enrichment seminar well attended. Twenty-five people, both couples and singles, attended the day-long workshop led by Ken & Kathy Jordan on Oct. 7 at BBC. Participants learned about the importance of finding ways to express love to their mates as well as finding ways to have win-win resolutions to inevitable conflicts.