



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

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

January 2007 is here. The new year lies in front of us like a new road beckoning us to embrace new experiences and to be better than we were in the year past. There is no way to know how this new road will twist and turn over the next twelve months or into what happiness, sorrow, or adventure it may lead us. However, there is a scriptural admonition that will allow us to receive blessings no matter what comes our way. Striving to follow it will make us a blessing to everyone we encounter, whether family, friends, or strangers.

In *Ephesians 4:32*, the Apostle Paul summarized the secret to peaceful and harmonious relationships with others. Hopefully all of us have discovered by now that it is in these personal relationships that we have the greatest opportunity to be salt and light, not for our gratification or for us to be better people, but rather as Jesus commanded, to, *"Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

Being kind to one another is simply putting love into action. The Lord helps us love others and it is the power of this love that compels us to show kindness and compassion to everyone we meet. The more we practice these virtues, the better we get at them!

The second part of the secret to peaceful relationships is the necessity to forgive others no matter how slight or how grievous an offense to us. There is no other choice for a Christian. *"Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us"* (Luke 11:4).

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

January 1 New Year's Day
January 3 Business Meeting
January 12 Parents' Night Out
January 19 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
January 20 Baptist Men's Meeting
January 21 Baptist Men's Day: Breakfast & Service
January 28 Discipleship Training



"...Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands" (Psalm 102:24-25).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2005, and now the year 2006 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: snow didn't cancel Baptist Men's Day

February: big snowstorm did cancel Valentine's Day dinner, prophecy preaching series concluded

March: five new members baptized

April: "Amazing Grace" cantata performed

May: Pastor Randy graduated from seminary, church library dedicated, Baptist Men's chicken dinner held

June: Baptist Men's fishing trip

July: we held an "Arctic Edge" VBS, new septic system installed, the Wingerts were in concert

August: two new members baptized, the Father-Child Banquet was held at Dutch's Daughter, Baptist Life article on BBC published

September: the Baptist Men's Pig Pickin', Church Elections held, Jim & Gale Cole moved to NC, the Batreses visited us from Guatemala

October: Revival with Jimmy Inman, Marriage Enrichment Seminar, the loss of our sister Margery Lillard

November: the Baptist Men's Thanksgiving Potluck and *Rushing Wind* concert held, two new Deacons approved

December: two new members baptized, annual Christmas dinner held at Cozy Restaurant, the "Jesus: There's Something About That Name" cantata was performed, and we all had a good time at the Parsonage Open House

The top headline by far for this past year was the very high number of new members—16! Even more important are the 9 baptisms which each represent a new Christian. Our missions and regular giving were also quite high this year. It is my hope and prayer that we as a church continue to serve as a witness in our community, and that the Lord would draw more people to Himself and use our congregation in His work. When I attended the Montgomery Baptist Association Meeting last October, I received a packet of reports and statistics for all the reporting local churches. Looking at the numbers on members, mission activities, VBS, etc., I thought to myself that BBC, despite being a smaller church, was just as active as some much larger churches. Yet there is so much more work for us to do and ways we can improve our witness! Look for more headlines in the coming months that highlight our service together for the Lord and His Kingdom.

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

Member of the Month: Nancy Cooley

- ★ Born: July 8, 1934 in Comus, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since August 1952
- ★ Church offices held: Church Clerk, Internal Administration Cmte. Chairman, member of Nominating and Pastor Search Committees, Sunday School teacher, teller, *Lantern* staff member for distribution
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "My parents moved to Barnesville and I started attending Sunday School".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "He Touched Me", but I like all of them
- ★ Favorite Pew: back row, left side
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Philippians 4:13* and *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 18 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist Church
- ★ Most famous person she's met: "Rev. Horace DuBois—He was my first full-time pastor as a young Christian; he baptized me and married Ralph and I".
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "Walking with Jesus and having the privilege of raising two beautiful children and having them dedicated and baptized at BBC".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Paris, France
- ★ Story on first name: "I was named after the daughter of one of my mother's friends".
- ★ Hobbies: "Crafts, reading, and traveling in our RV".



January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 2 Manuel Batres
- 3 Annie Cooley
- 4 Bob Lillard
- 5 Dave Thomas
- 8 Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster,
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, Stacey Tothill



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:

- The 2007 Budget was approved, with \$152,621.00 appropriated for the fiscal year.
- The 2006 Building Improvements and Maintenance line items were increased.
- Jan Burdette was elected to serve as Church Musician for the remainder of the 2006-2008 term.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2006 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2006 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

Prayer Concerns

Annie Cooley
Virginia Shreve
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Flora Gilliam, ankle problem
Emily Thorne
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Dottie Shifflett, Dot Fowler's niece
Joseph Runkles, son of Bob & Stephanie
Mary Barr
the Burgwald family
Jennifer Lewis
Limor Bregman
Rev. Jack Reynolds
Theresa Luhn, Tod's niece
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Tim MacCarthy, Raymond Enright, Norman Bishop, Raymond Money, Norman Brandenburg, Dean Scoggins
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).*

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Our finance committee has requested that you 'Super Size' the offering today."

News You Can Use

Dec. 3 a busy, happy day for BBC. Barnesville welcomed a mother and daughter into our church family: Melissa



Campbell and Sierra Tothill (pictured below), who were baptized by Pastor Joe Ivey following their professions of faith. (Their membership applications were approved at the November business meeting). Later that

evening, the church gathered for its annual Christmas Dinner at Cozy Restaurant, where 78 people gathered for a good time of fellowship and singing.

Men's and Women's groups celebrate Christmas. The Baptist Men assembled 20 gift bags for the children of the Church at their December meeting and distributed them during the Christmas Eve morning worship service. The WMU 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 WMU gathers on the second Monday evening of each month, and the Baptist Men normally meet on the third Saturday morning of the month for breakfast.

"Jesus: There's Something About That Name" Cantata performed. Thanks to Paul Foster and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical presentation on Dec. 24, despite sicknesses and absences in the choir. The cantata, based



on the famous Gaither song of the same name, retells the story of God's purpose and plan to send

the Promised One using favorite hymns and new compositions. Leslie Foster sang the solo, while Lee Michael and Paul Foster III narrated. The Choir also performed the cantata at the Sunrise Center Service on Dec. 10. 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.

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, especially if you started attending within the last year.

Pictures highlight Pastor Randy's sermons. In late

October, Randy, Sandy, and Flora Gilliam visited the Holy Land, with stops in Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. For two weeks in December, Pastor Randy used pictures from his trip to make the Bible come alive in a sermons series that included the account of the demoniac in *Mark 5* and a tour of Jerusalem with a discussion of the peace and joy of *Luke 2*.



The Gilliams at the Sea of Galilee

Baptist Men's Day scheduled. If the snow doesn't stop us as in previous years, the Baptist Men will cook breakfast for the church on Jan. 21. 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. The men of the church will lead the morning service, with Lee Michael bringing a message on Moses, the "man of God".

Discipleship Training series to resume. If you enjoyed the last discipleship training we had back in July, your wait is over. At 4:30 pm on Jan. 28, these classes are back in session: *Pharisees & Sadducees* (Lee Michael), *Malachi* (Pastor Joe), *Proverbs* (Pastor Randy), and *Crying Out* (Paul Meissner). A pizza dinner will be served afterwards at 6:00 pm.

Call for submissions. As the *Lantern* begins its sixth 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.

Lottie Moon giving continues into January. Offerings have exceeded BBC's \$1450 goal as of press time, but are ongoing. The SBC has recently reported that 1.6 billion people in 4,992 people groups across the world still have never heard of Jesus, and three-fourths of the North American population—245 million people—are lost. Join the 16 million Southern Baptists in the 43,700 SBC churches across the United States in prayer and giving so that the 5,036+ SBC-supported missionaries may continue to share the good news of the gospel with more than 1,193 people groups across the world.

Diamond ring sighted. Congratulations to Lois Carroll and Jim Hogue, who were engaged in November and are planning a wedding for this coming summer. Lois is the daughter of Ann Bennett.