



# 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

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

In *Hebrews 11*, the writer rolls out an impressive list of Old Testament heroes of the faith. As the writer reviews the accomplishments of individuals or groups through their faith in God, the phrase, "By faith" is used repeatedly. Because the people mentioned are examples of vital faith, the writer concludes that because of their testimony bearing witness to us, we today, as well as the original audience, should likewise abandon anything that hinders us from living in God's will for our lives. The writer admonishes us to, "...run with perseverance the race marked out for us".

We were recently reminded of a more recent follower of Christ who finished her "race" in unwavering faith. It was our pleasure to participate in a brief dedication service in memory of Margery Lillard on the morning of October 27. Coworkers of Jan Burdette, Margery's daughter, planted a crepe myrtle bush near the church's western driveway entrance dedicated in honor of Margery. We believe that it will also inspire those who see it to let go of the trivial issues of life that hinder us from living the best life we can by faith. Margery has joined that great cloud of witnesses that urges us to "...live a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..." (*Colossians 1:10*).

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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## Upcoming Events

**November 7** Business Meeting  
**November 9** Parents' Night Out  
**November 10** Thanksgiving Potluck  
**November 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends  
**November 21** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm  
**November 25-28** Fall Revival



*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it'" (Malachi 3:10).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

I was saddened recently to see news coverage of a small group of so-called Christian demonstrators waving signs all across the country that read, among other things, "God hates you". When fringe groups like this one attract media attention, it is unfortunate that there is no follow-up reporting to let people know what the Bible says God really thinks about them. How about these news headlines: "...the LORD your God loves you..." (Deuteronomy 23:5); "...the LORD loves His people..." (II Chronicles 2:11); "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love..." (Jeremiah 31:3); "...I have loved you,' says the LORD..." (Malachi 1:2); "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16); "...the Father Himself loves you..." (John 16:27); "...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit..." (Romans 5:5); "...the Son of God... loved me and gave Himself for me..." (Galatians 2:20); "Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us..." (Ephesians 5:2); "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us..." (I John 3:1). Have you noticed a pattern yet?

What does God's love look like? What does it mean for us? His great love for us was shown when He, "...redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 7:8); "turned ...curses into a blessing for you..." (Deuteronomy 23:5); drew you with lovingkindness (Jeremiah 31:3); "...quieted you with His love..." (Zephaniah 3:17); and came to you and made His home with you (John 14:23). We were further shown God's love when, "...Christ died for us..." (Romans 5:8); we were made, "...more than conquerors through Him..." (Romans 8:37); and made, "...alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)..." (Ephesians 2:5). We were also, "...[given] everlasting consolation and good hope by grace..." (II Thessalonians 2:16) when God, "...sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins..." (I John 4:10"); and Christ, "... made us kings and priests to His God and Father..." (Revelation 1:6).

Just to be fair, I tried looking up all the people in the Bible God hates. I didn't find too many. The best I could come up with, according to Proverbs 6:17-19, is that God hates, "a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren". I don't think that is inconsistent with a God who loved us before the foundation of the world. As Paul asked in Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" I am still convinced, as Paul concluded in verse 39, that nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord", not even a demonstrator's placard.

## Member of the Month: Kitty Cooley

- ★ Born November 23, 1943 in Comus, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since March 1954
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School/VBS teacher, Flowers Coordinator, Worship/Building Cmtes., Choir
- ★ How she first came to BBC: brought by her mother
- ★ Favorite Hymn: any of Bill & Gloria Gaither's songs
- ★ Favorite Pew: anywhere there is a vacant seat
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Psalm 23*
- ★ Age at baptism: 11 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist
- ★ Most famous people she's met: Bill & Gloria Gaither, during a weekend in Gatlinburg, TN
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "Being married for 45 years to my best friend Jack and being blessed with 2 children and 4 grandchildren; surviving cancer."
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Alaska
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: computer
- ★ Childhood heroes: "those responsible for my becoming a Christian-- my mother, Edith DuBois, Flora Gilliam, and Dorine Shields."
- ★ Hobbies: "relaxing with my family at Bethany Beach, DE, anything to do with flowers, playing bridge, volunteering, and traveling."



## 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
- 15 William Rodgers
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Anna Michael, Todd Rice, Resha  
Martin
- 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

### *Report from the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:*

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2008 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 4.
- Pastor Joe & June Ivey, and Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 12-13 in Ocean City, MD.
- The Outreach Committee's motion to send \$100 to the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry of Chaplain Keith Rivers at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center was passed.
- A motion to purchase an overhead projector system for the sanctuary was referred to the Worship Committee.
- A motion to increase the 2007 VBS budget line item was reintroduced and referred to the Education Committee.

### *Expected at the November Business Meeting:*

- The Outreach Committee will move to send \$100 per month, to the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry of Chaplain Keith Rivers at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center for the remainder of 2007.
- The Internal Administration Committee will move to increase the 2007 benevolence budget by \$700.
- The Outreach Committee will offer a motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 2.

## Prayer Concerns

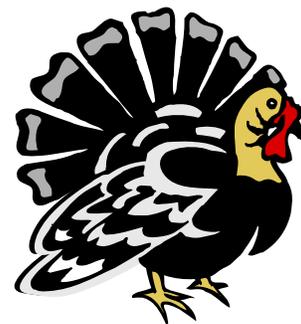
Annie Cooley  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Margie Stream  
David Gilliam, in U.S. Army training  
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother  
Kenny Hurd, Dot Fowler's nephew  
Will Noegel  
Joseph Runkles  
Rev. Jack & Margie Grant  
Jim McKamey  
Helen Hughes, Dot Fowler's sister  
Troops in Iraq: Michael Hayes; Jo Blalock's grandson Seth  
Rogers and nephew Ken Kercival  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Tim MacCarthy, Raymond  
Enright, Norman Bishop, Raymond Money, Rose Grant, Betty  
Sica, Glen & Helen Magaha, Pat Stabler, Michelle Luhn, Teresa  
Luhn, Nancy Gallo, Gary Burdette's sister  
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).*

## Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a  
Thanksgiving Potluck*



*Saturday, November 10 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!*

## News You Can Use

*Fall revival scheduled for Nov. 25-28.* Rev. Danny Moore, pastor of Towne Baptist Church in Joppa, MD, is our special revival speaker. In addition to morning worship on Nov. 25, there will be revival services from Sunday through Wednesday 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.



*Chosen People missionary spoke.* Ryan Karp spoke in the morning worship service on Oct. 28, sharing his testimony and Scriptures about God's enduring love for Israel, from biblical times to the modern day. Pray for Ryan as he prepares for an end-of-the-year mission trip to Israel where he and his team will share the good news of the Gospel with Jewish people in Jerusalem.

*Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 2.* Friends and families of Barnesville are invited to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Cozy Restaurant on Sunday, Dec. 2 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 \$14.58 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. All attendees must purchase tickets from Sandy Gilliam from Nov. 11-25.



*Bell choir to debut.* Be sure to attend the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Nov. 21 so that you can worship our Lord in song and be blessed by the Handbell Choir's first public performance. Nine ringers have been working on several two-octave musical arrangements for beginning choirs. It's not too late to give the handbells a try--practices for their

Christmastime performance have just started.

*Miracle of Christmas day trip reservations due.* Nov. 11 is the final day to purchase tickets to attend the Dec. 6 showing of the *Miracle of Christmas* show at the Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The adult price for transportation by bus, the show, and dinner is \$85; \$66 for 12-18 year olds; and \$51 for younger children. See Sandy Gilliam promptly to reserve your seat. BBC members, families, and friends are all invited to attend.

*Book fair had a good turnout.* From Oct. 24-28, BBC displayed 126 Christian books and other materials from Lifeway. Barnesville members purchased a total of 18 books to take home, and another 18 titles were bought for the church library. As the winter season approaches, we encourage you to turn off the TV some evening and open up a good book from the church library to read with your family.

*MBA annual meeting report.* Six BBC representatives attended the 72<sup>nd</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Upper Seneca Baptist on Oct. 13. Rev. Jorge Fonseca, a missionary for Hispanic Church Development, was the keynote speaker, preaching from *Matthew 4*. Two new churches received full membership affiliation, and two churches were granted watch care status for future membership.



*Nancy Cooley and Sandy Gilliam at the post-meeting luncheon*

*BBC giving recognized.* The International Mission Board recently sent a Cartersville Challenge certificate to BBC for our 2006 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering contributions. Our per capita giving of \$26.80 put us in the top 20 percent of the SBC's 45,000 churches. The Cartersville Challenge is named after the church in Georgia where Lottie Moon accepted God's call to China as a missionary.

*Christmas poinsettias for sale.* If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in honor of/in memory of a loved one, please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services and throughout the holiday season.

## COTCD Cartoon

