



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

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me" (John 10:27).

Once the young lad Samuel understood that it was the Lord calling him, his response was, "Speak, for Your servant hears" (*I Samuel 3:10*). In the first declarative statement in the verse above Jesus informs those listening that He speaks to those who accept Him by faith and that they hear (understand) His voice. Like Samuel, Christians today can have the expectation that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, "speaks" to His people. The speaking, while perhaps not audible, can be heard by those in tune with the heart and passion of Christ. The speaking could be received as ideas, as visions of specific ministries, as spiritual affirmation of God's calling, as a revelation of God's will for an individual's life or for the life of a church. Clara Scott expressed it this way in her wonderful hymn, "Open My Eyes, That I May See": *"Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine."*

We believe that the Holy Spirit is beginning to cast a vision for the members and friends of BBC. The vision calls for rallying men, women, and young people to take a stand for Christ and to be "listeners" for the Lord's voice. Jesus still speaks. His people still hear His voice. He knows each one intimately. And, when His people hear His voice, they will follow Him.

We need prayer warriors to lift up the members and leaders of BBC so that the Lord's vision becomes our vision. We need people to pray for the men and women and children God wants to touch in these next weeks and months. Please pray for God's will to be done in your life and in the life of BBC.

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

September 1 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
September 3 Business Meeting
September 7 Sunday School Enrollment Picnic
September 19 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Men
September 20 Baptist Men's Pig Pickin'
September 26 Family Film Night



"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It's good to be home again. I certainly enjoyed my time in Australia and the opportunity to work in and explore a part of the world I thought I'd never get to see in person. At the same time, I am happy to be back, close to the sights and sounds of home, near by my friends and family, to spend time with them, watch my little nephews get bigger every time I see them, and return to my regularly scheduled routine.

I am similarly pleased to sit again in the pews of Barnesville Baptist Church. Your prayers and correspondence were much appreciated these past two months; they gave me comfort and strength knowing that I was not alone or forgotten, even when so far away. Having been absent for so many Sundays this summer, I have an extra appreciation for David's statement, *"I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the LORD"* (Psalm 122:1).

There are several other verses that have renewed meaning for me, words that shine out of the pages of the Bible a little brighter than before. For example, the admonition to, *"... not forsak[e] the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"* (Hebrews 10:25).

When your body lacks a certain vitamin or mineral in its diet, it creates a hunger and a craving for it. I guess there is a spiritual parallel, for I feel a need for an extra dose of vitamin B(BC). Just as I missed my natural family, I am glad to be in fellowship again with my church family. Even while I was having fun exploring the mountains and coastlines of Australia, part of me wanted to be cutting bamboo in the humid, buggy heat of VBS week.

As Paul explained to the Christians of Ephesus, we are not, *"...strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God..."* (Ephesians 2:19). Indeed, we, *"...are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit..."* (Ephesians 2:22). The "ties that bind" are strong indeed.

Many scriptures that speak of the church and God's people emphasize the fellowship of believers: walking, praying, and striving together in a common purpose and spirit. Consider David's words in *Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"* Or look at Paul's words to the church in Philippi: *"...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..."* (Philippians 1:27). Over and over again the message of the New Testament is that the Church is a single, living being, with one Head, Jesus Christ. Muscles, organs, nerves, tendons, and bones work seamlessly together in a human body in a united effort for a common purpose. Even so, those who name Jesus as Savior are to join harmoniously together with a single will, that we, *"...may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 15:6).

I don't anticipate any more international travel anytime soon, but that's quite all right. As the autumn season approaches, I look forward to spending time close to the people and places I care about the most.

Member of the Month: Eric Noegel

- ★ Born: September 30, 1970 in Starke, FL
- ★ How long a BBC member: since August 2008
- ★ Church offices held: Director of Youth
- ★ How he first came to BBC: was invited by family
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly"
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *John 13-17*
- ★ Age at baptism: 27 years old
- ★ Childhood church: St. Mark's Episcopal in Starke, FL
- ★ Most famous person he's met: Ravi Zacharias
- ★ Personal claim to fame: being Youth Director at BBC
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: the Iraq War
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Washington State
- ★ Story on first name: "William is my first name but I go by my middle name Eric (my family thought William Eric sounded better than Eric William)".
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the internet
- ★ Childhood hero: "My mother and father (my father died when I was 15 years old)".
- ★ Hobbies: "Water skiing is my favorite sport".



September Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole, Bill Morrison
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 10 Ben Bennett
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Duane Yates
- 21 Melissa Campbell, Logan Marsh
- 25 Gale Cole, Lexi Dorsey
- 29 Mary Mossburg, Justin Tothill
- 30 Eric Noegel



Prayer Concerns

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Margie Stream
Spc. David Gilliam, serving in Baghdad
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Joseph Runkles
Helen Hughes, Dot Fowler's sister
Nicholas Massey and Kenny Hurd, Dot Fowler's nephews
Suzanne Neal
Matthew Cole
Jane Fowler
Pat Elam
Charles Watson
Jim McKamey and family
Pastor Danny Moore & Towne Baptist Church
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Rose Grant, Helen Magaha, Jim Cole, Rita Gallagher, Jasmine Budderball, Jim Wiley
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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved the Pastor's nominations of five members (Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Lee Michael, June Ivey, and himself), plus an alternate (Nancy Cooley), to serve as messengers to the Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 11, 2008 at Barnesville Baptist.
- The Outreach Committee recommendation that a \$1000 offering be sent to Building HOPE Ministries was approved.
- The Church approved the membership applications of Eric & Margie Noegel, who both came by letter.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- The Select Committee on Nominations will recommend Margie Noegel to serve on the Education Committee as Sunday School Teacher for 3-5 year olds for the remainder of the 2006-2008 term, vice Resha Martin-Ahalt, resigned.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will offer motions to adjust the age range of two children's Sunday School classes and to increase the size of the Worship Committee from seven to eight members for the 2008-10 term.

Pig Pickin' Announcement

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



*Saturday, September 20 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!

News You Can Use

Sixth annual Father-Child banquet a good time. A wonderful time of fellowship was held on Aug. 17 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick. Twenty-two fathers and guests gathered for a delicious meal. Afterwards, Larry Michael started the program with comments on a father's influence in his children's lives, Randy Gilliam spoke about the importance of teaching simple economics to kids early on, while keynote speaker Eric Noegel shared his personal testimony and commented on the important role a father plays in a family.



Hollyanne Noegel, Jackie Cole, and Ashlinn Cole at Dutch's Daughter

Church to open early for prayer. Tuesday, Sept. 11 marks the seventh 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.

Montgomery Baptists to meet at Barnesville. The 73rd Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting will take place at BBC on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The guest preacher will be Rev. Ellis Moore, pastor of Georgia Avenue Baptist Church. Barnesville will be represented by five delegates at this important meeting.

Wednesday youth activities to launch. Beginning Sept. 10, our new youth director Eric Noegel will begin holding youth group meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All teens are invited. Children's Choir will also be held at the same time in the Fellowship Hall (except for first-of-month Wednesdays in the sanctuary). Any child between the ages of four and 12 may participate. Please see Ann Bennett or Margie Noegel for details on the choir.

Family film night. On Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm, Barnesville will show "Though None Go With Me" starring Cheryl Ladd. This is a story about stubborn faith and absolute trust in God even when hurts and disappointments come in a young girl's life. Join us for this time of entertainment and fellowship. Beverages and popcorn will be provided.

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Write to David Gilliam in Baghdad. David and his family covet your prayers as he serves our country. He can be mailed at: Spc. Gilliam, David/HHC 4th BDE, 10th MTN DIV/Unit 41546/FOB Loyalty/APO, AE 09390-1546.

Sunday School enrollment picnic set for Sept. 7. Right after the Sept. 7 worship service, please join us for a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch will be provided by the church. Kids will enjoy a moon bounce, a dunking booth, volleyball, a corn toss competition, pugel sticks, and gladiator jousting. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an afternoon of fun and to sign up for Sunday School classes, held weekly at 9:30 am.

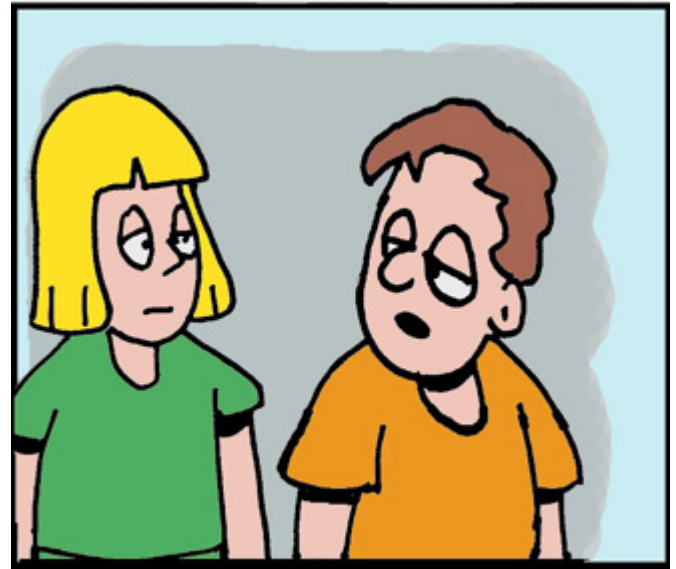
Sight & Sound Theatre trip set. On Oct. 2, join BBC members and friends for a trip to Lancaster, PA to see Sight & Sound Theatre's production of "In the Beginning", a biblical account of the creation. Please RSVP to Jane Fowler or Sandy Gilliam no later than Sept. 9. The \$94 cost includes bus transportation, show admission, and dinner. Please make your check out to BBC.

Sunday School promotions. Congratulations to Samantha Fowler, Stephanie Fowler, Wade Williams, and Michael Oden, who are moving up a class in Sunday School. Samantha, Stephanie, and Wade will move into Ann Bennett's 4th-6th grade class, while Michael will move into Lee Michael's 7th-12th grade class.

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.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"All this BACK TO SCHOOL stuff makes me appreciate the story of Moses leading the Children of Israel out of bondage!"