



# 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

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23).*

As the writer of *Proverbs* described the moral benefits and the supremacy of wisdom in chapters two, three and four (remember wisdom begins with a fear and reverence for God), he delivered an imperative that should take precedent over all other considerations. *"Above all else, guard your heart"*. What is this all about? Why is it such a big deal? This word "heart" means the center of a person's life where his/her passions, understanding, feelings, desires, deliberations, motivations, and will are found. Why would the writer say *"above all else"* guard your heart? Your heart reveals who you are. *"As water reflects a man's face, so a man's heart reflects the man" (Proverbs 27:19)*. Without a reverence for God and influenced mostly by worldly (fleshly) values, the heart becomes dark. *"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can understand it" (Jeremiah 17:9)*? Jesus expressed it this way, *"...out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him" (Matthew 12:34-35)*.

To guard carries with it the notion of posting a sentry at a city gate or at an entrance to an important building to constantly keep out enemies. If a sentry lets down his guard, then damage or loss to a city may result. So it is when men or women let down their guard against evil temptations, sin can get a foothold. *"...after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin when it is full-grown, gives birth to death" (James 1:15)*.

If great men of God in the Scriptures can fall, e.g. King David (adultery and murder), Solomon (intermarriage / multiple wives and idolatry), how much more should we guard our hearts? *"I seek you with all my heart. Do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:10-11)*.

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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## Upcoming Events

**October 1** 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting  
**October 11** 73<sup>rd</sup> MBA Annual Meeting  
**October 17** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends  
**October 18** Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:30 am  
**October 31** Halloween



*"So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What is your worldview? Everyone has one, even if you haven't thought about it very much. A worldview is the overarching system of beliefs and values that answers the big questions: Who are we? Why are we here? Where did we come from and where are we going? What is our purpose? What should we be doing? For the Christian, we are to look to God and His Word for the answers to those questions, and then live them out. As the Apostle Paul preached to the Christians of early Rome, "...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). Just as our salvation through Christ makes us a "new creation" in a spiritual sense, (II Corinthians 5:17), our day-to-day thoughts, actions, and priorities are also transformed by the power of God so that all areas of our lives synchronize with His perfect will.

On a very practical level, your worldview determines your answers to questions like: How do you spend the money in your paycheck? What does your weekly schedule look like? How do you spend your free time? Which TV shows are watched, video games played, or CDs listened to in your house? Who are the people with whom you spend quality time? If you name Jesus Christ as both Savior and as Lord, know that He fully intends to insert Himself into your thoughts, your business, and your private life. Jesus taught, "...Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34). Christ has called His disciples in all centuries to prioritize Him first and devote their time, talents, and resources to building up His Kingdom. Thus, someone with a Christian worldview looks at his or her paycheck or calendar as belonging to God and acts accordingly. A Christian worldview also leads us to avoid messages, entertainment, people, and situations that would drag our attention and energy away from honoring God. We are to be in the world, but not of the world, as we are still called to minister to the world.

Paul exhorted the church at Colosse to give up the -isms and -ologies of the world that advocate purposeless pleasure and pretend that we can live our lives as if God is absent or irrelevant. "Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to...the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh" (Colossians 2:20-23). The new birth gives us a new outlook on life, and just as a plant cannot become a seed again, we cannot return to the patterns of behavior we practiced before we were saved.

Unfortunately, living out the Christian worldview is not easy. We must struggle daily against our own fleshly inclinations, a culture that both ignores and mocks Christian values, and the spiritual forces of darkness. I am sure that all of us have experienced being a, "fool for Christ's sake" (I Corinthians 4:10), but when we trust in God and walk daily in His truths, we can be, "... more than conquerors" (Romans 8:37) as we seek to put the Christian worldview into practice.

## Member of the Month: Cris Driver

- ★ Born November 12, 1968 in Bethesda, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since May 1983
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School teacher, Choir, Education and Music Cmtes., VBS, Nursery worker
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "My parents brought me when I was 7 days old".
- ★ Favorite Hymns: "Just As I Am", "Are You Washed in the Blood", "Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art"
- ★ Favorite Pew: 4th pew from the front, right side
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *John 3:16, Proverbs 12:22*
- ★ Age at baptism: 15 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist Church
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Gus Frerotte, Redskins quarterback
- ★ Personal claim to fame: Being a single parent and singing with her daughter on Sunday mornings.
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9-11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: The Bahamas
- ★ Story on first name: "My mom named me. Ask her why there's no 'h'".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: the computer
- ★ Childhood hero: her mother
- ★ Hobbies: singing, reading, Sudoku puzzles, yard sales



## October Birthdays

6 Michaela Driver  
7 Iris Rodgers  
8 Karian Mitchell  
10 David Shive  
11 Zoe Thomas  
13 Peter Cole, Brooke Ahalt  
17 Sierra Tothill  
23 John Shreve  
25 Judy Wright  
30 Samantha Fowler, Amber Ennis



## Business Meeting Briefs

### *Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:*

- Margie Noegel was approved 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 Church adopted 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.
- The Church approved the Pastor's nominations of five members (Randy Gilliam, Flora Gilliam, Lee Michael, Joyce Dunn, 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.

### *Report from the Special Business Meeting in September:*

- The Church approved a motion to replace the Fellowship Hall carpeting with a hardwood-toned covering from Petersen's Carpet & Flooring.

### *Expected at the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:*

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2009 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 2.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- A motion will be made to nominate Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam, as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 10-11 in Dover, DE.
- The Outreach Committee will report on a motion to plan a Church Christmas party.
- A motion to address the funding of the new Fellowship Hall flooring will be offered.
- Note: all outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

## Prayer Concerns

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Spc. David Gilliam, serving in Baghdad  
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother  
Joseph Runkles  
Kenny Hurd, Dot Fowler's nephew  
Suzanne Neal  
Matthew Cole  
Jane Fowler  
Pat Elam  
Charles Watson  
Jim McKamey and family  
Pastor Danny Moore & Towne Baptist Church  
Cpl. Seth Rogers, Jo Blalock's grandson  
Jim Gilliam, recovering from a fall hurricane victims  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Rose Grant, Helen Magaha, Jim Cole, Rita Gallagher, Jasmine Budderball  
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

*Pig Pickin' a great time for all.* The Baptist Men



Larry Michael and Joe Yates making bean soup

sponsored their annual pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 20. Well over 80 people (we lost count!) attended and helped eat our 113 lb. pound pig and 23 lb. round roast, cooked by Joe Yates and Larry Michael, plus bean soup and all kinds of side dishes. Thanks to the Baptist Men for hosting this time of fellowship.

*Montgomery Baptists to meet at Barnesville.* The 73<sup>rd</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting will take place at BBC on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, with lunch following. 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.

*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. 2. Stayed tuned for additional details.

*Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware.* The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. This year's theme is "Engage Tomorrow". The convention-wide goal this year is \$250,000. BBC's 2008 goal is \$1075. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

*Directory update planned.* Anyone with corrections or updates for their entry in the church directory should contact Lee Michael immediately. Supplements will be distributed in mid-October.

*Mattress pads for soldiers update.* BBC is so grateful and sends out a big "thank you" to all who contributed to the mattress pads for soldiers initiative. This was one small way we could make life more comfortable for the men and women serving their country in Iraq. We were able to purchase and ship 110 mattress pads with the \$2300+ donated. We know that the mattresses have made it to Baghdad; David Gilliam reports that fifteen large boxes arrived in one day! The soldiers receiving them are very pleased and grateful to BBC. We hope to have comments from those soldiers and a picture to share in the November *Lantern*.

*Sight & Sound Theatre travel plans.* On Oct. 2, BBC members and friends will travel to Lancaster, PA to see Sight & Sound Theatre's production of "In the Beginning", a biblical account of the creation. The bus will pick up attendees at BBC at 8:45 am at BBC, and at the Frederick Ice Skating Rink parking lot on Rt. 26 at 9:20 am. Don't be late!

*Committee heads to hold special meeting.* The chairmen of the five standing committees will meet promptly after the morning worship on Sunday, Oct. 5 to briefly review the upcoming 2009 budget process. Any interested Church member is welcome to attend.

*Wednesday youth activities in progress.* There are many exciting opportunities for teens and kids on Wednesday nights. Join Eric Noegel for youth group meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All teens are invited. Children's Choir is 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.

*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, BDE 4/10 S-2/Unit #41546, FOB LOYALTY/APO, AE 09313-9998.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"...and jumping up and down when you preach doesn't count as aerobic exercise!"