



# 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 I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all goodness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).*

By the time many of you receive this edition of *The Barnesville Lantern*, the people of the United States will have chosen the new president-elect, many new senators, a new House of Representatives, and other elected officials in state and local governments. As Christians, regardless of party or preferences, we are urged to pray for all men, "*kings and all who are in authority*". The logic for this is obvious. Those in authority have the power to maintain a quiet environment for believers where God's peace can be experienced in some degree of tranquility and where the work of expanding His Kingdom can go on. There are several things to pray for regarding those in authority: that each one would seek God's wisdom in times of decision making; that each one would be kept safe from harm; that each one would set an example of uprightness and integrity incumbent upon those given the public trust; and, that each one would seek God's will in their personal lives and in their service to others.

Most importantly, however, is that each one (and all people everywhere), "*be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*". This truth is the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul said in *Romans 10:8-9*, "*...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*". God help us to be faithful in prayer.

God Bless,

Your Pastors

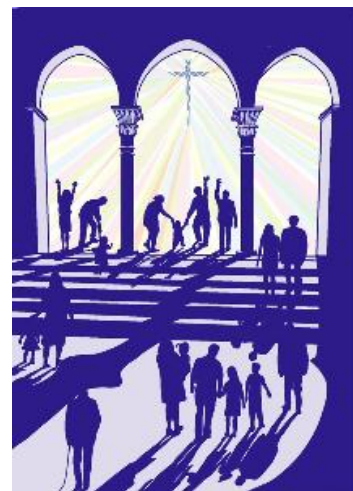


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## Upcoming Events

**November 5** Business Meeting  
**November 8** Thanksgiving Potluck  
**November 21** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends  
**November 26** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm



*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name" (Psalm 100:4).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The Bible makes many claims about itself, a key one being *inerrancy*, which means that the Word of God is completely true and free from error on every issue it covers. This applies not only to theological topics like salvation or prayer, but to areas like geography, history, and science. While the Bible is not a science or history textbook, when it covers an issue, the Scriptures claim to teach the truth.

Inerrancy might seem to be an obvious characteristic of the Scriptures, but some people claim that while the Bible is *infallible* (true in matters of faith and practice), it contains errors attributable to the physical, moral, and educational limitations of human authors in ancient times. In other words, some people claim the Bible is true in big picture terms, but has minor imperfections and flaws.

Unfortunately, the limitations of this column do not allow for a thorough review of these challenges, but let us turn to the Scriptures to see what they have to say on this issue. Perhaps the key go-to verse on inerrancy is found in Paul's second letter to Timothy, where Paul writes, "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (II Timothy 3:16-17). Here the apostle instructs his pupil that the Bible is divine, not human in origin. The Word of God comes from God, has the authority and power of God, teaches us everything we need to know about God and His laws, and prepares us to live for God. The Bible would not have these qualities if it were any less than perfectly true and reliable in all matters, from archaeology to theology to zoology.

From *Genesis* to *Revelation* the Scriptures declare their truthfulness and perfection. In the *Psalms* we read, "*The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times*"; and, "*Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven*" (12:6; 119:89). Jesus Himself, who was the Word made flesh, testified of the Old Testament's veracity. "*Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled*" (Matthew 5:17-18). In turn, Christ rebuked the unbelieving Pharisees for ignoring what the Jewish Scriptures taught about Him: "*You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me*" (John 5:39). The Old and New Testaments back each other up. The Old laid the foundation for the New, and the New affirms the truth of the Old.

We today can trust in the truthfulness of the Bible just as we trust in the truthfulness of Jesus, for the words of all the Scriptures are indeed His words. Just as Christ was human and yet was free from sin, the Bible was written by human authors and yet was free from error.

## Member of the Month: Penny Barton

- ★ Born July 14, 1967 in Gaithersburg, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since December 2007
- ★ Church offices held: Choir member, Teller
- ★ How she first came to BBC: started coming to Sunday School in 1970
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Jesus Loves The Little Children"
- ★ Favorite Pew: beside Mom and Dad
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Psalms 100*
- ★ Age at baptism: 36 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist
- ★ Most famous person she's met: none yet but hope to
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "none, still learning".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: marrying her husband David
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Oklahoma
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: computer
- ★ Childhood heroes: Roy Rogers, Lone Ranger
- ★ Hobbies: reading, painting, and working with animals



## November Birthdays

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



## Business Meeting Briefs

### *Report from the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:*

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2009 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 2.
- The Select Committee on Nominations reported six motions to fill church officer and committee positions for 2008-2010, all of which were approved by the Church. These officers and committee members began their positions on Oct. 2.
- Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 10-11 in Dover, DE.
- The Outreach Committee's motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 7 was adopted.
- A motion to address the funding of the new Fellowship Hall flooring was referred to the Internal Administration Committee.

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

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the November 2008 Business Meeting.

## Prayer Concerns

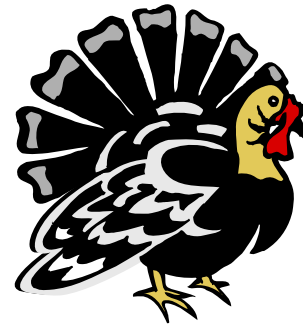
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Spc. David Gilliam, serving in Baghdad  
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother  
Kenny Hurd, Dot Fowler's nephew  
Suzanne Neal  
Jane Fowler  
Pat Elam  
Charles Watson  
Jim McKamey and family  
Bobbie Burris  
Larry Michael  
Bill Luhn  
Stephanie Rice  
Paul Foster, recovering from surgery  
Cpl. Seth Rogers, Jo Blalock's grandson  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Helen Magaha,  
Jim Cole, Jasmine Budderball, Cathleen James  
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 8 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

*Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 7.* Friends and families of Barnesville are invited to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Cozy Restaurant on Sunday, Dec. 7 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 \$14.72 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. All attendees must purchase tickets from Sandy Gilliam from Nov. 9-23.

*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.

*Mattress pads for soldiers update.* David Gilliam relates that a picture of some of the soldiers who received the mattress pads is on the way. He also told us that they are sending an American flag that was flown in Baghdad to BBC in appreciation for the kindness shown to them.

*Another oak cut down.* BBC's tree population suffered another loss; the oak tree behind the shed in the parsonage front yard did not make it through this summer. Thanks to Bill Mossburg for deftly removing the tree for us limb by limb. The tree was located right next to the power and telephone lines, but the operation was accomplished without any difficulties. We plan to plant some new trees next spring to make up for our recent losses.



*Friday Family Film Night.* Each month through the winter we will try to provide an evening of Christian entertainment for families by showing feature films with a strong Christian theme. We encourage you to come and enjoy the fellowship, snacks and the movie with us. Also, there are some excellent DVDs for loan in the library for your home viewing. Titles you should be sure to see are: *Flywheel, Facing The Giants, The Second Chance, and Though None Go With Me.*

*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.

*MBA annual meeting report.* Four BBC messengers attended the 73<sup>rd</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held right here at Barnesville Baptist on Oct. 11. Rev. Ellis Moore, pastor of Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, was the keynote speaker, preaching from *Acts 5:20*. Two new churches received full membership affiliation, and four churches were granted watch care status for future membership.



*Pastor Joe welcoming the MBA messengers to BBC*

*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.

*State missions offering goal exceeded.* Thank you for your prayerful giving to this year's state missions offering. BBC again exceeded its goal, going past the set level of \$1075. A total of \$1112 was given to support ministry efforts across Maryland and Delaware.

## COTCD Cartoon

