



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

"Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love..." (III John 5-6).

Lantern readers may not know who Rev. Sambabu is, but members and friends of BBC have contributed toward the construction of a new church that he will pastor in India. In the picture on the left, Rev. Sambabu is shown in a posture of praise for the work completed so far. Our friend Michael Callahan, the founder of Building Hope Ministries, came to BBC and told us about this work in India. With funds from



Rev. Sambabu standing among the support pillars of his new church in India

BBC and other supporters, the land was purchased, groundwork was completed, and construction began. Our small investment in this ministry truly makes us co-laborers with Michael and the leaders of this church. Michael reminded us in a recent e-mail that, "This is a Christian church in a Hindu land. These brothers and sisters are extremely bold in their faith". He asked us to continue to pray for this pastor and church, and for the workers, most of whom are Hindu. "Pray that through the construction of this church they will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their life".

If any *Lantern* readers would like to contribute to this ministry, you may write to: Building Hope Ministries, P.O. Box 1376, Bowie, MD 20720. Michael will be in India from Jun. 8 -24. He asked us to pray for him and for this church. *The Lantern* will update you on this project later in the year.

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

- June 3** Business Meeting
- June 13** Youth Rally
- June 20** Baptist Men's Fishing Trip
- June 21** Father's Day
- June 27** Youth Night: Frederick Keys Game



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away" (Matthew 13:47-48).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The annual Southern Baptist Convention meets this month in Louisville, Kentucky. Delegates from all Southern Baptist churches are invited to come and set the SBC's agenda and elect its leadership for the year to come. The SBC has no control over its 44,000 member congregations, the selection of their pastors, or how they spend their money. What binds us together? What makes a Baptist a Baptist? It is not our love of fried chicken or even being from the South. Instead, Baptists are defined and held together by a set of core beliefs. Although widely shared by many denominations, taken together these key doctrines and our emphasis upon them distinguish us from other Christian sects.

Biblical authority for faith and practice: We rely on the Bible alone to know God's will for our lives, His moral standards, His plan of salvation, and how to follow Him. *"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).*

Autonomy of the local church: Congregations are to order and rule themselves in accordance with the Bible and Christ's leadership. *"So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5).*

Priesthood of all believers: Every Christian is a minister, able to communicate with God, interpret Scripture, and serve others in Christ's name. *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..." (I Peter 2:9).*

Two ordinances: Christ commanded us to follow Him in baptism and to celebrate the Lord's Supper. *"...baptiz[e] them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...;...This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me" (Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 11:25).*

Individual soul liberty: We are able to make moral decisions as we are led by the Holy Spirit and are responsible to God for our deeds, words, and thoughts. *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).*

Separation of church and state: A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal. Government should not interfere with the church, and the church should not rely on the state. *"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).*

Two offices of the church: The New Testament church is led and served by pastors and deacons. *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers..." (Ephesians 4:11).*

Saved church membership: Only those who are saved by Christ's grace are members of His Church. *"To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours..." (I Corinthians 1:2).*

This **BAPTISTS** acrostic gives a brief description of some key issues on which we Baptists focus. Regardless of our differences with other Christians, let us remember that we are all united by the fact that we look, *"...unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).*

Member of the Month: Lisa Fedders

- ★ Born: June 8, 1969 in Frederick, MD
- ★ How long a BBC member: since May 1981
- ★ Church offices held: Nursery helper, VBS worker
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "My parents bought me when I was a baby".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Because He Lives"
- ★ Favorite Pew: right side, middle row
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 12 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist Church
- ★ Most famous person she's met: NASCAR driver Jeff Burton
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "My two children and being married for 17 wonderful years".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: "My parents liked the name".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: cell phones
- ★ Childhood hero: "My Mom (and she still is)".
- ★ Hobbies: "Spending time with my family, reading, going to Bethany Beach".



June Birthdays

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- 4 Marva Cole
- 7 Stephanie Rice
- 8 Lisa Fedders
- 9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
- 10 Sharon Engle, Gary Burdette
- 11 Jan Burdette
- 14 Marty Woods
- 16 June Luhn
- 17 Matt Yates, Donna Elgin
- 18 Frank Fowler, Ronnie Johnston
- 22 Joshua Thomas
- 23 June Ivey
- 27 Sandra Oden, Mark Crowe



Prayer Concerns

Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Bud Baumbaugh
Bobbie Burris
Tom Dillingham
Junior & Arlene Luhn
Randy Lease
Lindsey Baumbaugh
David Bennett
Spc. Mandie Conway, stationed in Iraq
Mary Cole
Kristin Hammarlund
Junior & Eleanor Collins, Janice & Sherri's uncle and aunt
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Vaughn
Simmons, Edwin Dudley, Deborah Corbishley, sister of Vicki
Keriakos, Roxy, Bud Baumbaugh's niece, Terri Winn, Tim
MacCarthy, cousin of Anna Michael, Anne Hunter, friend of
Laura Luhn, Virginia Thomas, Dave Thomas' mother
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala),
Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade), Michael Callahan
(India)
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 May:

- The Church accepted a motion to redesignate \$900 of spending accounted to the Pulpit Supply budget line item to the Missions Support budget line item.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of Linda Roberts by profession of faith pending baptism.
- The Deacons will offer motions to approve the membership applications of Lacey Williams and Kirk Williams, each by statement.

Fishing Trip Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the
Church family to go fishing*



Saturday, June 20, 2009
at the Neals' Pond
8:00 am–12:00 noon

21511 Peach Tree Road

Directions from Church: head east on Barnesville Road,
turn right (south) onto Peach Tree Rd., entrance is by the
animal cemetery

Lunch will be provided

Bring your own:

- ★ fishing rod and tackle
- ★ bait

News You Can Use

Vacation Bible School heading our way! The theme for



this year's VBS is "Boomerang Express", which will be held Jul. 27-31 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you would like to serve in a classroom, music, crafts, recreation, or snack, please contact Pastor Randy or Mary Yates.

Vacation Bible School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom.

Youth Rally coming. Join the youth of BBC for a day of excitement on Saturday, Jun. 13. Starting at noon until 5:00 pm, there will be live music from local Christian band LifeBlood, food, speakers, games, and prizes for the youth to enjoy. Please pray for this event and invite the young people you know to participate.

Congratulations to the graduates and the bride. Best wishes go out from BBC to Jesse Yates, Shayna Campbell, and Amy Williams. Jesse will



receive his diploma from Poolesville High School on Jun. 4, while Shayna will graduate from Frederick High School. Amy Williams was married on May 25 in Florida to Seth Gray. The new couple will reside in Tallahassee, FL.



Fried chicken dinner held. May 16 was a fun time of good food and fellowship for those who attended the Baptist Men-sponsored evening. Four desserts were entered into the strawberry dessert contest. The judges (Lee Michael, Randy Gilliam, and Laura Luhn) awarded first place to Dot Fowler for her strawberry banana pie, and runner-up status to Ellen Williams for her strawberry tart.



Our own Kitty Cooley is again taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Jun. 13-14 at Poolesville High School. If you would like to assist her in raising money to fight cancer, please make a donation of any amount. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society and put "Kitty Cooley" in the memo section. You can mail donations to her at 22331 Old Hundred Rd., Barnesville, MD 20838. Donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kitty at 301-349-5119 or visit their website at www.poolesvillereley.org.

Frederick Keys baseball game. Everyone is invited to attend the monthly BBC Youth Night event—the Keys baseball game on Saturday, Jun. 27 starting at 6:00 pm. Please sign up with Paul or Vicki Keriakos no later than Jun. 14 to participate. Prices are \$4 for kids (3-12) and \$6 for adults; infants are free. There will be fireworks after the game.

Health kits distributed. The WMU wishes to thank those



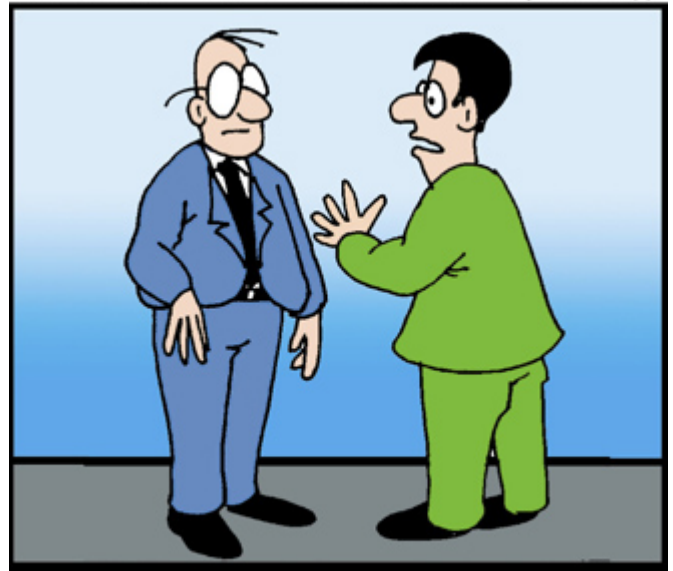
Linda Roberts, Jo Blalock,
and Flora Gilliam
assembling health kits

who contributed enough supplies to make 23 health kits for migrant workers, prison inmates, homeless people, and seamen. The WMU sent these kits to the state convention headquarters in Columbia, from where the kits were sent out to those in need in places like the port of Baltimore.

Baptist Men make summer plans. The Baptist Men have planned several events for the next few months. On Saturday, Jun. 20, they will have a fishing trip and lunch at the Neals' Pond starting at 8:00 am until 12 noon. On Saturday, Aug. 15, the 7th annual Father-Child banquet will be held from 5:30 until 8:30 pm at the Red Horse Restaurant in Frederick. Look for additional details on the banquet in the near future.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Brother Eli, the nominating committee wants you to be V.B.S. director. Everyone else works."