



# 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

*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).*

Did you ever ponder why the commandment: "Honor your father and mother..." (Exodus 20:12) is the first of the commandments that have to do with relationships with other people? Perhaps it is because the foundation for all other healthy relationships is laid in the home from childhood up. When children are admonished to honor or obey their parents it should be noted that children have to be taught how to obey. Obedience to authority is not something that comes naturally to children. Because parents model respect for each other and authority, children respect themselves and their parents and learn to respect authority. When parents show love and affection to each other and to the children, children learn to receive love and to share love with others. When parents model thoughtful decision-making, children learn to evaluate their own reasons for doing things. When parents model patience and forgiveness between themselves and others, children learn to be considerate of others. When parents live in submission to the model of Christ, children learn about the nature of God. In such a relationship children can be taught about the God of the Bible reinforced by their parents living out biblical values in front of them.

If the above is true, it seems then that the greatest burden placed on anyone because of this commandment is on the parents. The greatest gift parents can give their children is to teach them to obey and thus enjoy the fullness of a disciplined life. In order to do this God's way, parents first have to be obedient themselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and employ His help in establishing a family pleasing to the Lord. God loves children--that's why He gave them parents.

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## Upcoming Events

- September 2** Business Meeting
- September 7** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 11** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- September 19** Baptist Men's Pig Pickin'
- September 25** Family Film Night
- September 27** Sunday School Enrollment Picnic



*"...The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened" (Matthew 13:33).*

God Bless,

Your Pastors



## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What does it mean to follow Christ? I shared the following five answers to this question at the Father-Child Banquet in August, but I think these answers bear repeating for all those who follow Jesus and call Him Savior and Lord.

First, we were created and saved for a purpose. God saved us because He loves us and has a plan and purpose for our lives—to serve His Kingdom in some special way by fulfilling the calling He has for each one of us and thereby giving Him glory. In *Ephesians 2:10*, we learn that, “...we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...”.

Second, we accomplish God’s plan and purpose for our lives by following Christ. In *Mark 8:34*, Jesus called out His early disciples by telling them, “...follow Me”. In *John 10:10*, Jesus claimed, “...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”. Jesus taught us that those who want to be His disciples must follow Him and let Him reorder our lives so they may be better and richer than they were before.

Thirdly, we follow Christ by becoming more like Him and following His teachings. Jesus taught that all the moral laws of God are fulfilled by loving God and loving others. It is easier to follow and obey God when you love Him than when you feel obligated to follow a set of rules and traditions. In *John 13:34-35*, Christ set the following standard: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”. Jesus Christ expects that those who follow Him can be identified by their love for God and others.

Fourth, we can live like Christ because God transforms us into His image through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul exhorted early Christians to, “...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*). Paul wanted the Christians of Rome to understand that when we are saved, God changes us into new people from the inside out, building us up into something bigger and better than what we were.

Finally, we are to grow in Christ by following those who follow Christ. In Paul’s first letter to the Christians in Corinth, he provided them words of spiritual advice and counsel. In *I Corinthians 4:15-16*, Paul told the Corinthians he considered himself to be their spiritual father because he had led many of them to the Lord. He then wrote, “Therefore I urge you, imitate me”. He repeated himself in *I Corinthians 11:1*, saying, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ”. Just as Paul was a spiritual father to the church of Corinth, we the Christian men and women of Barnesville Baptist are called to serve as role models and guides to the new Christians in our circles of influence. In *I Thessalonians 1:6-7*, Paul commended the Christians in Thessalonica for growing in Christ by following Paul to the point that they were followed in turn by their families, friends, and neighbors in also following Christ. Just as we are the legacy of those who told us about Christ, our legacy as Christians are the people we tell about Christ.

## Member of the Month: Ed Williams

- ★ Born: March 10, 1951 in Abington, Pennsylvania
- ★ How long a BBC member: since February 2009
- ★ Church offices held: Baptist Men’s pancake flipper
- ★ How he first came to BBC: “I was invited by Junior & Arlene Luhn”.
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”
- ★ Favorite Pew: anywhere on the left side of the church
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 55 years old
- ★ Most famous person he’s met: Johnny Weissmuller, Jr., Tarzan’s son
- ★ Personal claim to fame: cooking and grilling
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Crete
- ★ Story on first name: “I was named after an uncle”.
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the cell phone
- ★ Childhood hero: Superman
- ★ Hobbies: hiking, camping, and fishing



## September Birthdays

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



## 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) to serve as messengers to the Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Seven Locks Baptist Church.

*Expected at the September Business Meeting:*

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the September 2009 Business Meeting.

## Prayer Concerns

Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother  
Bud Baumbaugh  
Junior & Arlene Luhn  
David Bennett  
Spc. Mandie Conway & Airman Jeff Davis, stationed in Iraq  
James Meekin, recovering from an auto accident  
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Vaughn Simmons, Roxy, Bud Baumbaugh's niece, Terri Winn, Virginia Thomas, Dave Thomas' mother  
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala), Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade), David & Cheryl Shive (Faith Home Ministries)  
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).*

## Pig Pickin' Announcement

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



*Saturday, September 19 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

*Gospel Travelers in concert.* Invite your friends and family to enjoy the Southern gospel stylings of the Gospel Travelers, an eight-member, Frederick-based group who will be singing at BBC on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm. A love offering will be taken after the performance.

*Montgomery Baptists to meet.* The 74<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting will take place at Seven Locks Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 10, 9:30 am-1:00 pm. The guest preacher will be Michael Mattar, a church planter working in Montgomery County. Barnesville Baptist will be represented by five delegates at this important meeting.

*Chosen People missionary to speak.* Barnesville will be privileged to have Rabbi Neal Surasky, a missionary for Chosen People Ministries, speak in the morning worship service on Sept. 20 about his personal testimony and an overview of what is happening today in Israel. We have certainly enjoyed having speakers from Chosen People in years past educate us about their efforts to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with their Jewish brethren, and Rabbi Surasky's message will be no less illuminating. Neal and his wife, Kim, are both involved in ministry that includes music, lectures, and seminars. If you have Jewish acquaintances, please invite them to hear Neal Surasky.

*Seventh annual Father-Child banquet a good time.* A wonderful time of fellowship was held on Aug. 15 at Red Horse Restaurant in Frederick. Eighteen fathers and guests gathered for a delicious meal. Afterwards, Lee Michael started the program with five answers to the question, "What does it mean to follow Christ?", Pastor Joe Ivey talked about three characteristics of the prodigal son's father in the book of *Luke* that every dad should emulate, and keynote speaker Pastor Randy Gilliam shared his thoughts on the importance of being glad and making life decisions that are pleasing to God, using the example of NFL coach Tony Dungy.

*Sunday School promotions.* Congratulations to Ashlinn Cole, Megan Fedders, Kyle Marsh, and Sara Oden, who are moving up a class in Sunday School. Ashlinn and Sara will move into the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class, while Megan and Kyle will move into the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class.

*Education committee meeting.* The Education Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, Sept. 28 to review present programs, answer questions about those programs, and set church-wide goals for Bible study initiatives. All committee members should attend.

*Church to open early for prayer.* Friday, Sept. 11 marks the eighth 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.

*Sunday School enrollment picnic set for Sept. 27.* Right after the Sept. 27 worship service, please join us for a time of fun and fellowship. Fried chicken and hot dogs will be provided by the church; please bring a dish to share. Kids will enjoy a moon bounce, volleyball, a corn toss competition, bungee run, 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.

*New church directory planned.* Since it has been three years since the current version of the church directory was published, instead of our regular, six-month update, a brand-new edition will be created. Everyone is invited to have new individual and family pictures taken. Anyone with corrections or updates for their entry in the church directory should contact Lee Michael before the end of September. The new directories will be distributed in mid-October.

*Champion baseball player attends BBC.* Tyler Babyak, son of Paul and Vicki Keriakos, recently enjoyed an exceptional season in Little League baseball competition. His Brunswick team won the Maryland State Little League Championship for ages 10 to 11 in Salisbury, MD in July. Tyler then played in a travel team tournament in Pennsylvania. His team won the tournament championship there as well. Congratulations to Tyler for his hard work and success. We also wish Tyler luck and safety for the football season that has just begun. Go Tyler!

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



How pastors know its time for a study on prayer . . .