



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

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

"Stop the world--I want to get off"! Some of you may remember that very popular show that was first performed in 1961. A young lad created a terrible life for himself with all sorts of responsibilities and stress, and sadness by always looking for something better than what he had. It wasn't until late in his life that he realized his searching had been in vain. Life's most valuable thing, love, had been with him all the time and he had overlooked it.

Unfortunately, this story plays out in real life when we get the notion that happiness, satisfaction, or contentment are just over the next hill. Maybe the thing that will make us really happy will be in the next promotion or next job or next relationship. If only this would happen or that would happen. If only....

One of the great benefits in this life of being born into the kingdom of God through faith in the Lord Jesus is that we are made new in our outlook, our motives and desires. We are rescued from the "if only" mentality. With God's help, regardless of our circumstances we are able to rejoice and be *joyful* in His goodness and mercy to us. We are able to commune with our Heavenly Father in *prayer* at any moment of any day with confidence that it matters to Him what is going on in our lives. And, we are able to express heartfelt *gratitude* to the Lord for His favor and blessings. *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1).*

A child of the King. Not a bad title. Our heavenly Father knows how to satisfy your heart's longings better than anyone else. *"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).*

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

- November 4** Business Meeting
- November 11** Veteran's Day
- November 12** American Music Theatre Bus Trip
- November 14** Thanksgiving Potluck, 4:00 pm
- November 20** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
- November 25** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- November 26** Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What is fellowship? According to the Apostle John, it is much more than friendly relations or sharing a meal, but is a unity based on salvation through common belief, obedience, and love. John identified four keys of fellowship around which all Christians must rally: a proper understanding of Christ, recognition of sin, obedience to God, and love for one another.

First and foremost, Christians commune around knowing that Jesus was fully God and fully man. John wrote, "...our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ..." (1 John 1:3). Not just a spirit or just a human teacher, only Jesus the God-man was qualified to be our Savior. Like the centurion who saw Christ die on the cross, we must confess, "Truly this Man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39)!

A belief that sin was real, all men were guilty of it, and all men needed God's forgiveness to be cleansed was the second test of Christian fellowship highlighted by John. In contrast to some of the false teachers in the first century, John stated, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). The Apostle Paul affirmed this truth, writing, "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23).

Third, our fellowship requires our obedience to God's commands. John explained that our close following of God's will was evidence that we belonged to Him. "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3). Throughout the Scriptures, there was a link between loving God and obeying Him. In the Old Testament, the Lord referred to "those who love Me and keep My commandments" in verses such as Exodus 20:6, Deuteronomy 5:10, Joshua 22:5, Nehemiah 1:5, and Daniel 9:4. Christ repeated this theme in John 14:23, saying, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word".

Fourth and finally, fellowship in the family of God requires that Christians show love for one another. John did not provide any middle ground on this point, saying, "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now" (1 John 2:9). The Apostles Paul and Peter echoed this sentiment. Paul commended the believers in Thessalonica, pointing out that, "... the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other..." (II Thessalonians 1:3). Similarly, Peter wrote to the early church that, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart..." (1 Peter 1:22).

John believed that these truths were cause for joy. "And these things we write to you that your joy may be full" (1 John 1:4). The good news of the gospel is that God loves us, saves us from our sins, and gives us everlasting life in heaven and a new life in Christ here and now. With that new birth, we are to walk in obedience and love after Christ, learning to follow His will and to become more and more like Him. Along the way, we interact with fellow believers, building each other up in faith, love, and good works. Although we have a good time socializing in the fellowship hall, let us remember that our joy comes from the type of fellowship that John described.

Member of the Month: Matthew Cole

- ★ Born: August 30, 1969 in Olney, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since May 2002
- ★ Church offices held: usher
- ★ How he first came to BBC: invited by Pastors Joe and Randy
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
- ★ Favorite Pew: in the balcony
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Psalms 23*
- ★ Age at baptism: 32 years old
- ★ Most famous people he's met: Bob Dole and Pastor Joe
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "being a husband and father".
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: fall of the Soviet Union and 9/11
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Daytona Beach, Florida
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the internet, Hubble Telescope, and space shuttle
- ★ Childhood heroes: cowboys, astronauts, and soldiers
- ★ Hobbies: raising babies and gardening



November Birthdays

- 1 Dorine Shields
- 4 J.C. Cooley, Laura Luhn
- 5 Randy Gilliam, Clark Brown
- 6 Nancy Wells
- 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



Prayer Concerns

Margie Stream, recovering from surgery
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Junior & Arlene Luhn
Spc. Mandie Conway & Airman Jeff Davis, Capt. Frank Skrypak,
Mat Conway, 1 Lt. Shana Kayne-Beach, stationed in Iraq and
Afghanistan
James Meekin, recovering from an auto accident
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Paul Keriakos' father, recovering from heart surgery
Terry Bernardo
Virginia Thomas, Dave Thomas' mother
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Vaughn
Simmons, Terri Winn, Dot Rulin
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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 138th Annual Business Meeting:

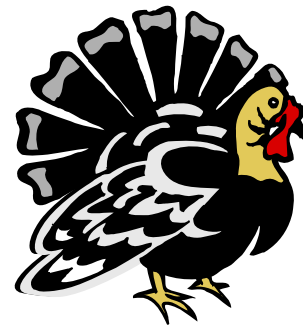
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2010 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 8.
- Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 8-10 in Towson, MD.
- The Outreach Committee's motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 6 was adopted.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

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

Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a
Thanksgiving Potluck*



*Saturday, November 14 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. 6. Friends and families of Barnesville Baptist are invited to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:30 pm. We will enjoy a dinner buffet in a private room. The total cost is \$16.01 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. Please make your reservations by Nov. 29 through Sandy Gilliam.

Book fair coming. Watch for the November dates for the BBC Book Fair. This will be a great opportunity to see what is new in Christian literature. Books will include devotionals, Bible study aids, topical, reference, and fiction genres for all ages and interests. Purchase a book for yourself or as a gift, donate a book to the library, or nominate a title for the church to purchase.

Pastor appreciation month. BBC recognized Pastors Joe and



Randy and their wives June and Sandy for Pastor Appreciation Month on Sunday, Oct. 25. We are so blessed to have two pastors who are dedicated to the service of God's

Church in Barnesville and in the local community. If you haven't done so already, take a minute to let our pastors know how much you appreciate them.

American Music Theatre trip set. On Thursday, Nov. 12, join BBC members and friends for a trip to Lancaster, PA to see American Music Theatre's Christmas Show. Please RSVP to Jane Fowler no later than Sunday, Nov. 8. The \$78 cost includes bus transportation, show admission, and dinner. Please make your check out to BBC. The bus will leave BBC at 8:30 am and the Frederick Skating Rink at 9:00 am.

State missions offering. As of press time, BBC has received \$1091 for the state missions offering. This is 91% of our 2009 goal of \$1200. These offerings are vital to the on-going church planting and evangelism in Maryland and Delaware. You may still contribute if you wish--just mark your gift to State Missions Offering. Thank you.

Women's group to meet Nov. 8. "Discerning God's Will" is a women's group seeking to apply God's Word to the everyday issues of life. Contact Joyce Dunn for more information. All women are invited to attend the first meeting immediately after morning worship on Sunday, Nov. 8.

MBA annual meeting report. Five BBC messengers attended the 74th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Seven Locks Baptist on Oct. 10. Rev. Michael Mattar, pastor of Hope Fellowship Church, was the keynote speaker, sharing his testimony about the role of the MBA in his coming to find Jesus as Savior. Pastor Mattar used the story of the nets from *Luke 5* as his text. Three new churches received full membership affiliation, one church was granted watch care status for future membership, and 10 future church plants were discussed.

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.

Write to Margie Stream. Margie is residing at Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She can be mailed at: 56 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793-8254. Cards of encouragement from her church family would be welcomed.

Movie and family nights on hiatus. As the holiday season approaches, we will take a break from the end-of-the-month Friday movie and Saturday family nights until the beginning of the new year.

COTCD Cartoon

