



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

"2010: The Year of Prayer"

The beginning of every new year brings with it new challenges and opportunities, a chance to start over, inevitable difficulties, and unexpected joys. The Apostle Paul's admonition in *I Thessalonians 5:16-18* establishes a principle for the Christian's approach to life: *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"*. The great comfort for Christians is that no matter what transpires in our lives, we are loved and cared for by a merciful and gracious God, a God who indwells our lives and is a constant source of strength, help and inspiration in all circumstances.

Because this is so, and because we know that God answers prayer, we would like to make 2010 the Year of Prayer. For members and friends of Barnesville Baptist, this is a way we can bless the lives of those we know. Although we are not a large church, we have faith in a mighty God. Our fervent prayers can bring the comfort of God's love to many who struggle day by day without the knowledge of the truth of God's grace and forgiveness.

Please take a few minutes early each day to pray. You can start by praying for the people listed in the weekly bulletin and those named on page 3 of the monthly *Lantern*. If we commit ourselves to faithfully engage in prayer, God will begin to show us specific things about which we should pray. A regular time in prayer will also help each of us discern God's will for our own lives this year as we learn to listen to the Holy Spirit speak.

In 2010, our prayer for all of you comes from *II Corinthians 13:14*: *"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"*. Amen.

God Bless,



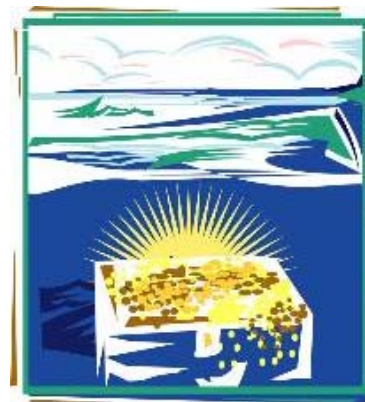
Your Pastors

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Upcoming Events

January 1 New Year's Day
January 6 Business Meeting
January 9 Baptist Men's Meeting
January 15 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
January 31 Baptist Men's Day: Breakfast & Service



Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old" (Matthew 13:52).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2008, and now the year 2009 has already gone on its way. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing?). Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: Three-day Men's Rally held, champion fisherman Ian Godwin was keynote speaker

February: Luncheon to welcome home David Gilliam, new Fellowship Hall flooring and pew upholstery installed, youth trip to Ski Liberty

March: BBC Choir participated in MBA spring revival, Sight & Sound Theatre trip to see "Behold the Lamb"

April: Womens' Rally with keynote speaker and missionary Gayla Parker, three baptisms held, "Love Grew Where The Blood Fell" cantata performed for Easter

May: WMU's Lottie Moon Easter offering goal exceeded, fried chicken dinner hosted by Baptist Men

June: Youth Rally headlined with music by LifeBlood and keynote speaker Justin Hanneken, youth attend Frederick Keys baseball game, Baptist Men fishing trip to the Neal's Pond

July: Boomerang Express VBS, offering sent to Dave & Cheryl Shive's foster home ministry, one baptism held

August: Annual Father-Child Banquet at Red Horse, BBC received NAMB commendation for 2008 Annie Armstrong giving (second year running)

September: Gospel Travelers in concert, Chosen People missionary Neal Surasky spoke, Pig Pickin' sponsored by Men

October: Luncheon held to honor new members

November: Baptist Men's turkey potluck dinner, bus trip to American Music Theatre's Christmas Show in PA

December: Annual Christmas dinner held at Mountain Gate, Christmas services pushed off a week by blizzard, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" cantata performed for Christmas

God has certainly blessed BBC in the past year with many opportunities to engage in discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and worship. As we look forward to 2010, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." (Hebrews 10:24).

Member of the Month: Ellen Williams

- ★ Born: September 14, 1957 in Washington, DC
- ★ How long a BBC member: since February 2009
- ★ Church offices held: Children's Church teacher, nursery worker
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "I was invited by my parents and sister, Junior, Arlene, and Laura Luhn".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Because He Lives"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "in the middle or towards the front on the left side of the sanctuary"
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Psalms 46:10*
- ★ Age at baptism: 48 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Memorial Methodist Church in Poolesville
- ★ Most famous person she's met: New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada
- ★ Personal claim to fame: motherhood
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: "I was named after my great grandmother Cora Ellen Norris".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: wireless communication
- ★ Childhood hero: my father and Mickey Mantle
- ★ Hobbies: reading and walking



January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 2 Manuel Batres, Ruth Bullock
- 4 Bob Lillard
- 5 Dave Thomas
- 8 Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster,
Dan Yates
- 9 Pat Elam
- 10 Lois Hogue, Rebecca Thomas
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 15 Sara Oden
- 18 James Thomas
- 19 Nikki Holcomb, Dick Wells
- 20 Julia Cole
- 21 Robert Fowler
- 22 Leslie Foster
- 23 Isaac Madison
- 26 TJ Marsh, Stacey Tothill



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee's motion to approve its 2010 Budget proposal.
- The Worship Committee's motion to purchase a set of the Baptist Hymnal for use as the official songbook was approved.
- Bud Baumbaugh was elected to serve as Deacon.
- The Church approved the membership application of Chuck Fowler by profession of faith pending baptism.
- The Church approved the membership application of Megan Turner by statement.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2009 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2009 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

Prayer Concerns

Margie Stream, recovering from surgery
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Junior & Arlene Luhn
Sgt. Mandie Conway, Capt. Frank Skrypak, Mat Conway, 1
Lt. Shana Kayne-Beach, stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Faye Shrader, Dot's niece
Evelyn Carlin
Virginia Thomas, Dave Thomas' mother
Linda Gilliam
Ben Bennett
Lindsey Baumbaugh
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Tim MacCarthy, Jeanette Bini, Betty
Allnutt, Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Vaughn Simmons,
Jasmine Budderball, Terri Winn, Linda Fitch, 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).*

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Pastor, you've got to do something about Henry! Either he can't carry a tune or he's singing in tongues!"

News You Can Use

Snow policy. As we continue to dig out from the second snowstorm of the season, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe for your family to travel on a given Sunday. Pastor Randy is only a sidewalk away from the sanctuary, and will hold services for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on the answering machine. We ask that Sunday School teachers or other leaders call in their absence to the Church office at their earliest convenience.



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Cantata performed. Thanks to Paul Foster and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical presentation on Dec. 27. The cantata and the accompanying skit showed that giving is what Christmas is all about; God sending His one and only Son to bring us a gift we did not deserve, the free gift of salvation. Scott Foster and Ann Bennett performed a duet, while Penny Barton sang a solo. The Choir also performed the cantata at the Sunrise Center Service on Dec. 13. Both audiences appreciated the music. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



Soloists Scott Foster and Ann Bennett

Call for submissions. As the *Lantern* begins its ninth calendar year, the Editor would like to remind the readership that we accept original compositions, poems, lyrics or other appropriate materials for publication. Please contact the Editor with questions and for more specific guidelines.

BCM/D executive director to speak. Dr. David Lee, executive director of the state convention, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, Jan. 24. A luncheon will follow.

Write to Margie Stream. Margie is now back home, continuing to recuperate. She can be mailed at 948 Jubal Way, Frederick, MD 21701. Cards of support and encouragement from her church family would be welcomed.

Baptist Men's Day scheduled. If the snow doesn't stop us as in previous years, the Baptist Men will cook breakfast for the church on Jan. 31. Join the men at 8:30 am for a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs, and other good food, and then get ready for the annual singing performance of the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir. The men of the church will lead the morning service. Our guest speaker will be Steve Honeycutt, an instructor at Our House, a residential program for at-risk teen boys.

Lottie Moon giving continues into January. Offerings toward BBC's \$1950 goal are ongoing as of press time. According to the SBC, every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas. The offering represents 50 percent of the International Mission Board's total annual income. Won't you prayerfully consider how you can contribute to building God's Kingdom throughout the coming year?

Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

Benevolence needs increase. Our church is receiving more calls from people in need of financial assistance. If you are able to make a contribution toward helping these situations, please write a check to BBC clearly marked for benevolence.

Men's and Women's groups celebrate Christmas. The Baptist Men assembled 28 gift bags for the children of the Church at their December meeting and distributed them during the Dec. 27 morning worship service. The WMU's food drive received enough donations to provide several large boxes to WUMCO Help for families in the western upper Montgomery County area, as well as gifts to two families. Consider joining the men's or women's group this coming year. The WMU gathers on the second Monday morning of each month, and the Baptist Men normally meet on the third Saturday of the month for breakfast.



Singing carols at the Dec. 6 Christmas dinner at Mountain Gate Restaurant