



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

"And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31).

The disciples around Jesus learned a most valuable lesson from His teaching. When they listened, and heard what He said, and trusted Him, they learned that His words are truth. When Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem, He told His followers that He would be rejected and even executed. They didn't understand it but they saw it happen on that first Good Friday. Their leader and teacher was dead, so they knew that that much of His teaching was true. But Jesus taught them more than that. He told them that after three days He would rise again. This they had heard Jesus say, but the reality in front of them, the burial of the Lord, and their fear of the Jewish officials, caused them to doubt and desert the Lord and miss a most important teaching. It wasn't until the morning of the first day of the week when the women who went to the tomb heard the most amazing news, *"He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:6)!* They were shocked of course because they had prepared spices to anoint His dead body. Then they were encouraged to remember what Jesus taught: *"The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified and the third day rise again" (Luke 24:7).* Jesus taught it and it was true. Jesus can be trusted! The risen Savior lives today. He loves you and will never leave you alone. He wants you to have life to the fullest. He wants to give you peace in your spirit and rest to your soul. Remember the empty tomb when life's storms threaten you. Don't doubt the risen Lord, trust Him.

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Upcoming Events

- April 2** Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
- April 4** Easter Sunday; Easter Cantata
- April 7** Business Meeting
- April 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
- April 17** Baptist Men's Meeting; Church Clean-Up Day



God Bless,



Your Pastors

"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead" (Philippians 3:10-11).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

I experienced my first earthquake on Feb. 25 and then a second on Mar. 4 during my recent trip to the seismically active island of Taiwan. The Feb. tremor only lasted for a few seconds, but the second quake, registering as a 6.4-magnitude event at its epicenter, mildly rattled my office building in the northern capital city of Taipei for a good 20 seconds. Sitting at my desk and slowly swaying from left to right and back again was a rather strange feeling because I wasn't moving in relation to my desk or the rest of the room, and yet everything was gently shifting together in slow motion.

In the Old Testament, earthquakes are often described as a consequence of God's judgment, anger, and immediate presence. Isaiah warned the sinful people of Jerusalem that they would be, "...punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise..." (29:6). In II Samuel 22:8, David wrote, "Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, because He was angry". In Nahum 1:5, at the Lord's presence, "the mountains quake..., the hills melt, and the earth heaves...". These verses demonstrate the Lord's awesome power and sovereign authority over the earth as its Creator.

Earthquakes are important components of the Easter story as well, heralding both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 27:51-52, we read that at the moment the Lord gave up His spirit on the cross after an agonizing death by crucifixion, "...the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened...". The afternoon of that first Good Friday, which should have been bathed in bright sunlight, was instead overshadowed with an unnatural darkness. After experiencing the gloom and witnessing the earthquake that marked Jesus' expiration, the Roman centurion and soldiers guarding His body, "...feared greatly, saying, 'Truly this was the Son of God' (27:54)!"

Three days later, also according to Matthew's gospel, there was another earthquake. At the light of dawn on the Sunday after Jesus' burial, the two Marys approached Jesus' borrowed tomb hoping to anoint His body, as there was no time to apply the spices on Friday given the quickly approaching Sabbath. Instead of finding a cold corpse in need of preparation, the women instead witnessed an angelic earthquake. In Matthew 28:2, we learn that, "...there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door...". Inside that tomb, the women found...nothing. Jesus had already risen and departed; the tomb was opened only for the women's benefit. The Marys, according to verse 8, "...went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word". As we celebrate Easter this year, let us also go out quickly to share the wonderful news of Jesus' resurrection with fear and great joy in our hearts. And watch out for earthquakes.

Member of the Month: Sherri Marsh

- ★ Born: July 30, 1974 in Olney, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since July 2003
- ★ Church offices held: Outreach Cmte. member, Nursery Assistant and Children's Church helper
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "Pat Elam brought the Pastors to the hospital to pray with us for my mother who was sick and went to on to be with the Lord".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
- ★ Favorite Pew: the third row on the left side
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 29 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Aspen Hill Wesleyan Church
- ★ Most famous people she's met: Michael Irvin and Leroy Glover (Dallas Cowboys players)
- ★ Personal claim to fame: being a mother, wife and healthcare worker
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest places she's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: "I was named after the foster family's daughter that my mom was friends with".
- ★ Most important technologies invented in her lifetime: computer & cell phone
- ★ Childhood hero: "My mother and father".
- ★ Hobbies: "Coaching cheerleading and rooting my kids on at their sporting events".



April Birthdays

- 1 Jo Blalock
- 2 Rebecca Umstead
- 4 Ralph Wright
- 5 Hannah Madison
- 13 Katie Holcomb, Lacey Williams
- 14 Luke Watson
- 15 Dot Fowler
- 24 Mark Williams
- 29 Zachary Fedders



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in March:

- The Select Committee on Auditing's report on the 2009 finances was accepted by the Church.

Expected at the April Business Meeting:

- The Worship Committee will offer a motion to increase the Pulpit Supply budget line item by \$600 to a total of \$1,200.
- A motion will be offered to nominate Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam to serve as messengers to the 2010 SBC Annual Meeting being held in Orlando, Florida from Jun. 15-16.
- The Pastor accepted the Mar. 14 resignation of Eric Noegel as Director of Youth.

Prayer Concerns

Margie Stream
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Junior & Arlene Luhn
June Luhn
Virginia Magaha
Dominic Latch
1 Lt. Shana Kayne-Beach and Sgt. Seth Rogers, stationed in Afghanistan
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Betty Allnutt
Roberta Richards, Jamie Thomas' mother
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, Dr. David Lee, Debbie Ricketts
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala), Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade), David & Cheryl Shive (Faith Home Ministries), Matt and Ellen Zell (Honduras)
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



"Our family is trying one of those 'RETRO' churches... they read out of the Bible and have sermons and stuff."

News You Can Use

Easter cantata. The BBC Choir will present their cantata entitled, "Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb", which celebrates the timeless truth that God Himself became the Lamb whose blood was shed that we might be reconciled to God and have eternal life, on Easter Sunday, Apr. 4, during the morning worship service. Paul Foster will direct and David Bennett will narrate.

Church clean-up day. On Saturday, Apr. 17 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Ralph Cooley for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers at noon.



Margie Stream update. It was so good to see our sister Margie return to BBC for Palm Sunday services on Mar. 28 for the first time since she broke her leg in September. In addition to continuing her therapy, Margie has kept busy, making two quilts and eight booties. She said the hardest part of the recovery process was not being able to drive, but that she has been able to get through this time by having faith in the Lord. We look forward to seeing Margie again very soon.



Margie with her quilting

Honduras missionaries to speak. We are pleased to have Matt and Ellen Zell, missionaries with Equip International, speak to us about their ministry in the morning service on Sunday, Apr. 18. The Zells are serving in Honduras and are called to share the Gospel with the indigenous Lenca tribe. Matt and Ellen are close Maryland neighbors and are friends of Jan Burdette.



VBS 2010 dates set. Believe it or not, Barnesville Baptist is already preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School. The cowboy-focused theme for 2010 is "Saddle Ridge Ranch". Based on *James 1:5*, kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions like: "What is God's plan for me"? and "How can I be like Jesus"? At the end of the day, they'll discover that God's Word has all the answers. Keep the evenings of Jul. 26-30 open on your calendar and begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal set. The WMU has set a 2010 goal of \$1760 for BBC. This offering is used to support the 5,300+ missionaries serving under the North American Mission Board. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million, \$5 million more than last year. Receipts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will support the following mission endeavors: Missionary Support, 71%; Church Planting, 17%; Evangelism, 12%. Let's do our part to support the missionaries who are spreading the good news of the gospel in the United States & Canada. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.



New hymnal dedication. On Mar. 28, BBC had the rare privilege of dedicating a new hymnal. The 2008 edition of the *Baptist Hymnal* preserves the timeless church hymns of past generations and includes new expressions of praise and worship. The hymnals were purchased through a special gift by Gale Cole in memory of James "Jim" Cole who passed away in Jan. 2009. In addition, another 50 hymnals were donated in memory or in honor of family members or other significant friends. Pastor Joe led in a prayer of dedication asking that these hymnals would be effective in assisting worshippers to express praise, adoration, and thankfulness to our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Directory update coming soon. Attention all members: the next update to the church directory will be distributed in April. Anyone with changes to their contact information or regular attendees who would like to have their picture and information included for the first time should promptly submit their data to Lee Michael. After April, the next scheduled directory update is planned for October—don't delay!

Christ in the Passover service. On Mar. 31, Rabbi Neal Surasky of Chosen People Ministries was again our guest, this time for a

pre-Easter demonstration of how Jesus, as the Lamb of God, fulfilled the Passover. Rabbi Surasky explained the Messianic



symbolism of each of the Seder table elements, and highlighted their relationship to the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with His disciples, giving special attention to the redemptive significance of the Lord's crucifixion.