

# 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

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, "Go..." (Isaiah 6:8-9).

God's call to Rev. Hans Myors was confirmed in a dream when he heard the command, "Go"! Since 1993, Rev. Hans, 'The Cycling Rev.", has been crisscrossing the United States, his mission field, on a bike, sharing the good news of the



bike, sharing the good news of the gospel and living out the imperative to help the poor and needy. Hans visited BBC on Wednesday, May 19, on what we discovered was his 20th mission trip around the country. This trip began on Mar. 15 in Americus, Georgia. When he reached Barnesville, he had pedaled almost 2,000 miles. Hans travels alone

on a recumbent bike named Alice. In the last 17 years, Hans has pedaled over 198,000 miles. Hans received Yeshua, the Messiah, by the Holy Spirit in 1975. He describes himself now as a "completed Jew". Hans' testimony now is, "I will always be Jewish, but now the gap of longing is filled with the hope of salvation and the joy of everlasting life".

As Hans travels around the country, he speaks to anyone who shows an interest in the gospel message. His desire is to live out the message of love by helping in a variety of compassionate ministries. The scriptural basis for his passion is from *James 2:14-16* where James reminds believers that it is necessary to live out their beliefs and help those in need wherever they are. *"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds"?* Over the 17 years of this faith ministry, the Lord has provided for Hans' physical needs and the spiritual encouragement to endure. Hans calls this ministry The Pedal Prayers Ministry. He considers every rotation of the pedals a prayer going up to the Lord on behalf of this country. PEDAL is the heart of his faith: **P**ray **E**very **D**ay **A**nd **L**isten. Find out more about "The Cycling Rev." at his website www.pedalprayers.org.

God Bless,



Your Pastors

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#### **Upcoming Events**

June 2 Business Meeting June 20 Father's Day June 26 Baptist Men's Fishing Trip



"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

#### **The Pew Perspective**

Lee Michael

How far will you go to find water when you are thirsty? The 14,000 pairs of Greater Flamingoes which normally live in Africa will fly across the Mediterranean Sea to breed in the



Laguna de Fuente de Piedra in the mountains of Andalucía, Spain. The laguna, a shallow salt lake surroun-

ded by tall peaks, is one of only two places in Europe where Greater Flamingoes breed. The salinity and depth of this lake provide the perfect conditions for these pink birds to eat and raise their young. Given its shallowness, the lake can dry up in the summer, which can threaten the flamingo eggs' survival. If the lake dries up completely, an entire year's worth of eggs can be wiped out, the flamingoes abandoning their nests to seek out new sources of water and food.

Just as the flamingoes seek out an oasis of water to sustain their next generation in the natural world, people are thirsty in a spiritual sense. David expressed this sentiment while hiding out in the wilderness of Judah, "O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1). The Judean wilderness is many times described in the Bible as being dry, hot, and inhospitable. However, there are a small number of oases where water bubbles up to the surface and life blooms. Out in the heat and dust, life perishes. Those who would survive in the wilderness are drawn to the precious few sources of water where they can be sustained. So it is with those whO rely upon the Lord for their spiritual nourishment—constant reliance upon the One who can sustain us is necessary for life.

Even while at the lake, the flamingoes are constantly in motion, wading or flying across the water, looking for their next mouthful of food. For those who do not know Jesus, their spiritual life is similarly a constant struggle for answers and meaning. There are plenty of religions, philosophies, cults, and superstitions to occupy one's time, but none offers the love of God and the assurance that we can be forgiven of ours sins and enjoy eternal life and fellowship with God like the gospel of Christ. The Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 is a perfect example. She was raised in the religious tradition of her family, but her personal life was, let's say, not exactly in order. When Jesus started talking to her about the water in the well, He told her, "... Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:13-14). Jesus offers Himself to us as a permanent source of spiritual nourishment and renewal when we follow Him, believe in His atoning work on the cross and resurrection from the dead, and ask God for forgiveness from our sins. You will never again have a spiritual thirst that God won't fill. nor will you have to wade in the mudflats like the flamingoes to quench your thirst.

#### Member of the Month: Elnora Caudell

- ★ Born: December 2, 1949 in Frederick, MD
- ★ How long a BBC member: since April 1964
- ★ Church offices held: "As a teenager I cleaned the church weekly".
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "I moved to Barnesville in 1962 and Mrs. DuBois invited me to church".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "In The Garden"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "Any one as long as I can be in one".
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 14 years old
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Willard Scott
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "Being married to a wonderful husband and being Mimi to my grandchildren".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Venezuela
- ★ Story on first name: "I was named after my mother's neighbor".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: computer
- ★ Childhood hero: "My mother".
- ★ Hobbies: travel, cooking, and bike riding



#### **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
23 June Ivey
27 Sandra Oden, Mark Crowe

## **Prayer Concerns**

Junior & Arlene Luhn June Luhn Virginia Magaha Dominic Latch Sgt. Seth Rogers, stationed in Afghanistan Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother Tabitha Runkles **Tim Miller** Joan Scheck **Gavin Poole** the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D. Cancer patients: Jeanette Bini, Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Vaughn Simmons, Dr. David Lee, Debbie Ricketts, Kathleen Davis, Wayne Thompson 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).



#### Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

- The Church accepted the membership applications of Amber Ennis and Matt Burriss by profession of faith pending baptism.
- The Church approved the membership application of Rhonda Burriss by statement.
- A bypass motion to support Upper Seneca Baptist Church financially was passed.
- A bypass motion to upgrade the sanctuary sound equipment and modify the lighting was passed.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

• As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the June 2010 Business Meeting.

## **Fishing Trip Announcement**

The Baptist Men invite the Church family to go fishing



Saturday, June 26, 2010 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 "Saddle Ridge Ranch", which will be held Jul. 26-30 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.



*Congratulations to the graduate.* Best wishes go out from BBC to Nick Cole, who will receive his diploma from Damascus High School on Jun. 4. Nick's plans for the future include full-time employment and technical training for a career in the HVAC industry. Congratulations, Nick, on a job

well done.

*Fried chicken dinner held.* May 15 was a fun time of good food and fellowship for those who attended the Baptist Mensponsored evening. Three desserts were entered into the strawberry dessert contest. The judges (Sarah Oden, Michael Oden, Gracie Oden, and Randy



Gilliam) awarded first place to Ray Randall for his strawberry shortcake. Flora Gilliam baked a strawberry rhubarb pie, and Jane Fowler made stuffed almond strawberries.

*Summer vacation begins for several programs.* Monthly activities beginning their summer hiatus include the Friday Night movie, WMU meetings, and the lunches with



Watkins Cabinet. These programs will resume in September.

Larry Michael and Pastor Randy grilling for the final Watkins lunch of the season Health kits distributed. The WMU wishes to thank those

who contributed enough supplies to make 18 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.



Jo Blalock, Flora Gilliam, Virginia Magaha, and Dot Fowler preparing health kits

*Baptist Men make summer plans.* The Baptist Men have planned several events for the next few months. On Saturday, Jun. 26, they will have a fishing trip and lunch at the Neals' Pond starting at 8:00 am until 12 noon. On Saturday, Aug. 21, the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Father-Child banquet is tentatively scheduled to be held from 5:30 until 8:30 pm at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick. Look for additional details on the banquet in the near future.

# **COTCD** Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

