



# 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

*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing--life forever" (Psalm 133).*

A gentleman at BBC frequently quotes *Psalm 133* to express his appreciation for, and commitment to, unity and harmony within the church and in the community at large. In the Christian community, having oneness in spirit and purpose was the Lord's prayer for His followers: "...that they may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me" (*John 17:21*). The importance of maintaining the unity among the disciples was that through their example of love to one another and others, people would believe that the gospel of Jesus was true and thereby find forgiveness of sin and everlasting life.

The two similes for unity in *Psalm 133* are striking. Aaron was anointed as the first high priest with holy anointing oil poured on his head (*Exodus 29:7; 30:25*). This perfumed oil diffused a sweet aroma all around. Surely the fragrance of unity flowing from the Lord over His people leaves a sweet aroma of love and peace. Mount Hermon, Israel's highest peak, is snow covered even into the summer. Moisture from the mountain descends as heavy dew, making lush gardens and orchards possible in an otherwise arid climate. Where unity is experienced among people there is health and growth and fruit. If the Lord prayed on our behalf for unity and the Psalmist likened it to a holy oil, shouldn't we do everything in our power to establish and preserve unity among all believers? The Apostle Paul said it this way: "I...implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (*Ephesians 4:1-3*).

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## Upcoming Events

**July 4** Independence Day  
**July 7** Business Meeting  
**July 17** Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:30 am  
**July 19** VBS Planning Meeting, 7:00 pm  
**July 26-30** Vacation Bible School



God Bless,



Your Pastors

*"Let my people go so that they may worship me"  
(Exodus 8:1).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What does it mean to “render unto Caesar”? Even as we celebrate our Nation’s independence this month, public contentment with our government and the direction of our country is at a historic low, the economic outlook is uncertain at best, and the world seems to be a more dangerous place with each passing day. Americans of all political stripes are plain unhappy with just about everything. For the Christian, these times of disillusionment raise questions about our relationship with our government—exactly how much rendering do we have to do?

When challenged on this point, Jesus answered His critics that they were to pay their taxes as commanded by Rome but that Caesar’s realm was limited by the people’s obligations to their Lord: “...render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (*Matthew 22:21*). Like the Roman Empire, governments in biblical history were not “dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal”. Instead, kings ruled with absolute authority and unquestioned power over life and death. Like the Jews, most people were regarded by their rulers as subjects or conquered enemies, not citizens with liberties and expectations of due process. Nevertheless, kings and kingdoms were understood to serve as God’s instruments to establish order and execute justice in the world.

With this understanding as a background, Peter explained in *I Peter 2* that Christians had three types of relationships with government—we are pilgrims in a fallen world, citizens of secular states, and servants in a social system. As pilgrims and sojourners in a world we live in but are not of, we must live lives of righteousness and honorable conduct so that through our good works we will be salt and light to a dark world (*Matthew 5:13-16*). As citizens of secular states, we are commanded to provide due obedience to lawful authority, avoiding condemnation and giving glory to God (*Romans 13:1-2; Titus 3:1-2*). As servants in a social system, we are to model Christ’s humility and even His suffering before those in authority who may use their power in cruel and unjust ways (*I Corinthians 7:20-24; Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-25; Philemon*). Roman society was strictly arranged with nobles on top and slaves at the bottom, and little chance for upward mobility. Today slavery and nobility are relics of the past, but we have employers, elected officials, and others in positions of leadership over us to whom we owe due respect.

Let us not forget that part of rendering to Caesar is knowing the proper limits. Our highest allegiance and ultimate home is in the Kingdom of Heaven, “for our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...” (*Philippians 3:20*). Jesus taught His followers to, “...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”; and “...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...” (*Matthew 6:20;33*). One day, we will live under a new law and a new Ruler. As promised in the New Covenant, God will put His law in our minds and write it on our hearts (*Jeremiah 31:33*). When this world passes away, we can celebrate the fact that, “the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever” (*Revelation 11:15*)!

## Member of the Month: Marty Woods

- ★ Born: June 14, 1950 in Boyds, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since December 2007
- ★ How she first came to BBC: invited by the Fowlers
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “In The Garden”
- ★ Favorite Pew: on the left in the back corner
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 57 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Clarksburg Church of God
- ★ Most famous people she’s met: Conway Twitty and Johnny Cash at book signings, Patrick Duffy at a car show
- ★ Personal claim to fame: “Being a wife and mom to my six kids and two grandchildren”.
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 1963 assassination of President Kennedy
- ★ Farthest place she’s been from Barnesville: Bristol, TN
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: ultrasound imaging
- ★ Childhood hero: “My mother”.
- ★ Hobbies: taking pictures, working on family genealogy, collecting Elvis memorabilia, cooking



## July Birthdays

**8** Nancy Cooley  
**9** Fred Bird, Hollyanne Noegel  
**11** Megan Turner  
**14** Penny Barton, Vicki Keriakos  
**16** Nicole Oden, Tiffany Oden  
**18** Laura Musser  
**19** Brandon Cole  
**20** Margie Noegel  
**22** Douglas Cooley  
**23** Mary Yates, Emily Crowe  
**25** Matthew Burriss  
**26** Virginia Magaha, Roy Musser,  
Joe Yates  
**28** Jackie Cole  
**30** Sherri Marsh



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:*

- There was no old business pending before the Church.

*Expected at the July Business Meeting:*

- A motion will be made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2010-2012 term.
- The Pastor will announce the members who will serve on the Nominating Committee to select 2010-2012 officers.
- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of Matthew Burriss II, who was baptized on Jun. 6, by profession of faith.
- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of Kaitlyn Cole by profession of faith pending baptism.

## Prayer Concerns

Junior & Arlene Luhn  
June Luhn  
Bilyie Luhn, recovering from a stroke  
Dominic Latch  
Chelsea Mossburg and Sarah Stull, recovering from auto accidents  
Ann Bennett & family in the loss of her mother, Jean Noland  
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: Doug Swank, Raymond Money, Wayne Thompson, Rod Maggard, Kathleen James, Jeanette Bini, 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



*"...and we can wear these short sleeve shirts today because of our right to 'bare arms!'"*

## News You Can Use



*Vacation Bible School coming soon!* The theme for this year's VBS is "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. If you know anyone who needs transportation in order to come to VBS, please leave a message at the church office so we can make arrangements. The kick-off picnic and registration will start on Monday, Jul. 26 at 5:30 pm.

*Baptist Men's upcoming summer events.* Don't forget--on Saturday, Aug. 21, those fathers and children who have RSVP-ed for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Father-Child Banquet will join the Baptist Men for a special time of fellowship at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Fathers, please sign up on the bulletin board and make your checks payable to BBC no later than Sunday, Aug. 15. Also, this year's Pig Pickin' will be held on Saturday, Sep. 18.

*Fishing trip at Neals' Pond.* It was a beautiful day at the Neals' Pond in Barnesville on Saturday morning, Jun. 26. There was a light breeze, the dragonflies were buzzing about, and the fish were extra hungry at the Baptist Men-sponsored fishing trip. This was certainly the year of the bass; in addition to the sunfish, a large number of bass were caught, including Lee Michael's 10-inch monster. Many thanks to the Neal family for allowing the church to use their pond.



*153<sup>rd</sup> SBC Annual Meeting held in Orlando.* On Jun. 15-16, 2010, over 11,000 messengers from Southern Baptist Churches in all 50 states and the District of Columbia—including BBC's Randy & Sandy Gilliam--gathered in Orlando, FL, to conduct the business of the SBC. The very popular outgoing president, Johnny Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, GA, gave his final President's Message. Speaking from *Joshua 14:6-14*, Hunt's message was that "The SBC Is At Its Kadesh-barnea". His encouragement was the SBC is poised to make a difference in the life of this country and the world because of its renewed commitment to the Great

Commission (*Matthew 28:18-20*). The theme of the Annual Meeting was "Love Loud Through the Great Commission". The theme Scripture was from *I John 3:18*, "Little children, we must not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth". The messengers elected Bryant Wright to be the new SBC president; Wright is pastor of Thomas Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA.

All of the entities of the SBC made reports to the convention. The most significant business acted upon by the messengers was to accept the recommendations set forth in the Final Report by the Great Commission Task Force.

The messengers approved several resolutions stating the position of the SBC on issues in the public square. These issues were addressed: The Centrality of the Gospel; Homosexuality and the United States Military; the Scandal of Southern Baptist Divorce; The Gulf of Mexico Catastrophe; and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

The President's Address by Johnny Hunt, the Convention Message by Mac Brunson, and six messages delivered at the Pastors' Conference, Jun. 13-14, are on DVD and can be borrowed from the BBC Library, as are copies of the reports and resolutions mentioned above.

*Three baptized on Jun. 6.* A packed sanctuary was witness to the triple baptism held on the first Sunday of June. Following Jesus' example, Amber Ennis and the father-son pair of Matt and Matthew Burriss were baptized and received church membership, Matthew to be voted on at the July business meeting.



*Matthew Burriss in the baptistry with Pastor Joe, with father Matt Burriss in the background awaiting his baptism*

After the service, a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall to celebrate the occasion. We are so pleased to have all three join our church family!

*Special speakers scheduled for July.* The pastors have invited several guest speakers to share special messages with BBC in the upcoming weeks. On Jul. 4, Lee Michael will give an Independence Day message. On Jul. 18, Larry Michael will report on his January mission trip to the Dominican Republic where he, as a part of a missionary team from Redland Baptist, helped in construction efforts for the Cristiano Shalom Church.