



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

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence --continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose" (Philippians 2:12).

The difference between law and grace is that law requires us to do something to please God, and that grace is God working in us to fulfill His perfect will. What an amazing concept for Christians who sometimes struggle with decisions about courses of action or life plans. As we mature in the faith, we begin to understand that we don't have to do works in order to please God, but rather we do works because God works in us for His good pleasure and to fulfill His purposes. As we learn to abide in the Lord, our lives should take on the likeness of Christ. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. With this confidence that God works in us, we should greet every day by breathing a prayer that God will lead us in every word, attitude, and action to accomplish His will for His glory.

There was an article in the Aug. 30 issue of *Sports Illustrated* about Joey Votto, the young first baseman for the Cincinnati Reds. Everyone spoke very highly of him, mentioning his excellent play, strong work ethic, friendliness, humility, and leadership on the team. One comment by a teammate was striking. The Reds' third baseman said, "You know how they say, do things the right way? It's like he [Joey] does the right things naturally". Doing the right things naturally is exactly what living in the power of the Holy Spirit brings to our lives. The writer of *Hebrews* summed it up this way: "May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (13:20-21).

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Upcoming Events

- September 1** Business Meeting
- September 6** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 17** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- September 24** Family Film Night
- September 25** Baptist Men's Pig Pickin'



"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12).

God Bless,

Your Pastors



The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

For more than eight years now, I have been asking Pastor Randy a simple question about the same time every month: “Do you know what time it is”? His first several answers are always wrong, it seems, but Pastor Randy eventually admits he knows what time it is: *Lantern* week—time to prepare the BBC newsletter for publication.

I can’t believe it’s been 100 months—and 100 issues—since the *Barnesville Lantern* was first passed out in the pews of BBC in June 2002. The very first issue consisted of three single-sided pages and a calendar. It’s been fun to look back at previous editions and see the changes. The masthead lantern and the Pew Perspective showed up in July 2002. Our first Christmas edition debuted our current five-page format and is the only *Lantern* to have been printed on colored (green) paper to date. The right-hand side of page two has changed significantly several times. The first occupant was a review of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, and then came a Faith of our Fathers series from the historical archives. In March 2005, our current Member of the Month column began. September 2005 was the first edition printed using our high-quality laser printer.

We currently print 188 copies of the *Lantern* on three double-sided pages for a monthly total of 1,128 front-and-back sheets. The *Lantern* is delivered to addresses in 14 different U.S. states and overseas as well. We have received correspondence from those who have read the *Lantern* online from as far away as Florida and Wyoming.

A dedicated team of volunteers makes up the *Lantern* staff. As editor, I write most of the content, take pictures, and do the computer work necessary to prepare the *Lantern* for printing and online posting. Publisher Randy Gilliam authors the Pastors’ Spotlight, contributes to the News You Can Use, and is responsible for making sure the *Lantern* is transformed from an email attachment into the hardcopy document you are reading now. Sandy Gilliam does a lot of the heavy lifting in the publication process, running the printer, making sure we have enough toner, and then folding the newsletters. Nancy Cooley has been our faithful distributor, passing out the *Lantern* to the local pew population and then stamping the rest to be mailed out.

It has been an honor and a privilege to communicate with you through this ministry outlet each month. I feel that the *Lantern* is more than just a newsletter providing a list of upcoming events. Over the years, people have told me that reading the *Lantern* made them feel like they were spending time with their church family, even if they were not able to come to BBC for services due to health or travel. The *Barnesville Lantern* staff looks forward to future monthly issues documenting the life and growth of this local congregation, seeing how the Lord will bless and use His people in Barnesville to make a difference for His Kingdom. I can’t wait to see what the next 100 months—and next 100 issues—will bring.

Member of the Month: Paul Keriakos

- ★ Born: March 30, 1978 in Silver Spring, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since April 2009
- ★ How he first came to BBC: invited by Bob & Stephanie Runkles
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “The Old Rugged Cross”
- ★ Favorite Pew: the back row on the left side
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 31 years old
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Florida
- ★ Story on first name: “My mother and aunt loved the actor Paul Michael Glaser”.
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the internet
- ★ Childhood hero: Mr. T and the A-Team
- ★ Hobbies: “Hunting, riding my motorcycle, fishing, and baseball.”



September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler, Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole, Bill Morrison
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 10 Ben Bennett
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 21 Melissa Campbell, Logan Marsh
- 25 Gale Cole, Lexi Dorsey
- 29 Mary Mossburg, Justin Tothill
- 30 Eric Noegel



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved the Standing Committees' report on Church officer authorizations for the 2010-2012 term, which will be used by the Nominating Committee in its work.
- The membership application of Jessica Thomas by profession of faith pending baptism on Aug. 22 was approved.
- The Church approved the Pastor's nominations of five members (Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Lee Michael, and Dick & Nancy Wells) to serve as messengers to the Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Philippine International Bible Church in Laytonsville.
- The Deacons announced the nomination of Frank Fowler to serve as a Deacon, which will be voted on at the December Business Meeting.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of Heather Cross, who was baptized on Aug. 22, by profession of faith.
- The nomination of Frank Fowler to serve as Deacon will be considered.

Pig Pickin' Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a
Pig Pickin'*



*Saturday, September 25 in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Enter an apple-based dessert (pie, cake, cobbler,
turnovers, tarts, etc.) into the Apple Dessert Contest!*

Prayer Concerns

Junior & Arlene Luhn
June Luhn
Bilyie Luhn, recovering from a stroke
Dominic Latch
Chelsea Mossburg and Sarah Stull, recovering from auto accidents
Sgt. Seth Rogers and Neil Gravel, stationed in Afghanistan
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Tabitha Runkles
Tim Miller
Gus Keriakos, Paul's father
Gavin Brynes
Roberta Roberts, Jamie Thomas' mother
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
medical caregivers; doctors and nurses
Cancer patients: Bud Baumbaugh, Doug Swank, Rod Maggard, Pete Menke, Debbie Ricketts, John Teston, Kristen Carlin
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).*

News You Can Use

Three baptized on Aug. 22. A packed sanctuary full of family and friends was witness to the second triple baptism of the summer, held on the fourth Sunday of August. Following Jesus' example, Jessica Thomas, Heather Cross, and Kaitlyn Cole were



baptized and received church membership, Heather to be voted on at the September business meeting. After the service, a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall to celebrate the occasion. We are so pleased to have all three young ladies join our church family!

Sunday School promotions. Congratulations to Ray Randall, Madison Marsh, Jackie Cole, and Tyler Babyak, who are moving up a class in Sunday School. All four are now old enough to move into the 7th-12th grade class, which will be led by Pastor Randy.

Write to Bud Baumbaugh. If you have a chance to send a card or drop a note to Bud and his family, his address is Rm. 212, Glade Valley Nursing and Rehab. Center, 56 W. Frederick St., Walkersville, MD 21793.

MBA fall revival set for Sept. 12-15. The Montgomery Baptist Association invites all congregations in the county to a fall revival being held at Georgia Avenue Baptist Church starting at 7:30 pm for each of the three days. Dr. Don Wilton, pastor of First Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC, will lead the revival. Different churches from throughout the association will provide special music each night.

Directory update planned. Anyone with corrections or updates for their entry in the church directory should contact Lee Michael before the end of September. Supplements will be distributed in mid-October.

New doctrinal class to begin Sept. 12. Lee Michael will be offering a series of classes on the books of *Romans*, *Galatians*, and *Hebrews*. Four weeks will be spent on each of the three books. This study will be held in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Please sign up in the vestibule to attend.

BBC messages now on CD. Sunday morning messages are now being recorded on CD. If you would like to receive a copy of any service, just call the church and leave a message and a CD will be sent to you at no charge.

Eighth annual father-child banquet a good time. A wonderful time of fellowship was held on Aug. 21 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant



in Frederick. A record turnout of 46 fathers and guests gathered for a delicious meal. Afterwards, Lee Michael started the program with comments on fathers' and men's duty to fulfill the Great Commission by disciplining their children, families, and new believers in the church. Larry Michael followed with a list of advice he'd give to his three grandsons. Keynote speaker Randy Gilliam spoke about the importance of spiritual wisdom and gave examples how a lack of such wisdom impaired the testimony and lives of three men and their families from *I Samuel*: Nabal, King David, and the high priest Eli.

Bell choir starts again. After a summer hiatus, the BBC Bell Choir will resume its practice schedule on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 pm. They are always looking for new members—contact Ann Bennett for more information.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Yes it is innovative Pete, but I think you should stick to the flannelgraph."