



# 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

*"...I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).*

The Lord truly wants to nurture you in your Christian walk so that life remains a joy even in the face of spiritual battles and worldly influences. We encourage you to avail yourselves of weekly worship and Bible study at BBC or the local church where you attend. Two special opportunities are coming to encourage you in your spiritual growth and to help you claim the abundant life Christ came to make available. Please take advantage of these opportunities if you are able:

**Gayla Parker** is coming back to BBC Oct. 15-17. Gayla was here for the Women's Rally last year. She is the WMU President for the BCM/D. Gayla will address "Morality Issues We Face Today" on Friday, Oct. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:00 pm; she will also speak during the Sunday morning worship service on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Gayla speaks with the heart of a missionary and with passion for the gospel and for people.

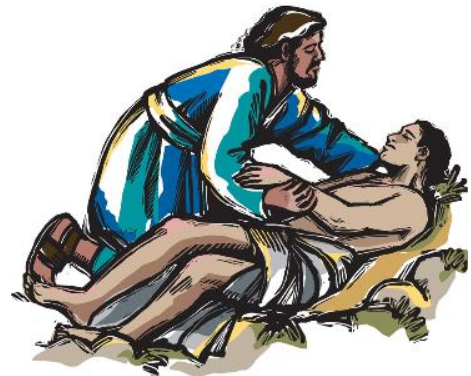
A **Living Free Training Seminar** led by Lynn Eplee will be held on five Thursday mornings (Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18) from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Lynn's home, Good News Farm, 16700 Barnesville Road, Boyds, MD 20841. This seminar is designed to help people overcome life-controlling issues that interfere with their spiritual growth and hinder their relationship with God. Life-controlling issues may be positive (work, sports, care-giving responsibilities) or negative (depression, anxiety, addictive behaviors, personal struggles, anger, co-dependency, etc.) Lynn is an experienced trainer and is confident that with the Lord's help people will be able to overcome those hidden hurts or concerns that sometimes deprive us of that full and free life the Lord intends us to have. If you have questions about this seminar, you may call the church office or contact Lynn at 301-540-2127 or 240-793-9384.

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## Upcoming Events

**October 6** 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting  
**October 9** 75<sup>th</sup> MBA Annual Meeting  
**October 10** Sunday School Picnic and Concert  
**October 15-17** Morality Issues Seminar  
**October 15** Watkins Cabinet Lunch  
**October 16** Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:30 am  
**October 31** Halloween



*"You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13).*

God Bless,

Your Pastors



## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

As members of the Church—not just Barnesville Baptist, but Kingdom citizens of the universal Church—we are called by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to fulfill the Great Commission by discipling others (children, family, new Christians in our church) and teaching them to follow Him (*Matthew 28:18-20*). A disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the teachings of another. A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which believers grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the temptations and trials of this present life and become more and more like Christ.

You can teach your children, family members, and new Christians to become disciples of Christ by following you. It takes three steps: imitate, learn, and follow. New disciples will imitate your example as you model Christ—and you will teach them more by your life example than by any formal instruction you give (*Deuteronomy 6:7; I Corinthians 11:1*). New disciples will also learn to live the Christian values you teach and make them a part of their core beliefs (*Philippians 4:8-9*). In addition, new disciples will follow what you have taught them about walking with Jesus and, over time, be able to reject whatever is not good and true (*II Thessalonians 3:6-9*).

In order to be effective disciple-makers and fulfill our Great Commission mandate, we must engage in spiritual and personal growth ourselves. First, we must put Jesus first in all things by seeking out what is important to God (*Matthew 6:33*). We must reorder our priorities to line up with God's priorities (*John 3:30-31*). We must also realize that we will gain more than we lose (*Mark 8:34-35*). Second, we must follow Jesus' teachings by becoming familiar with God's Word, and knowing what it says (*Psalms 109:11*). We must live out Jesus' commands daily (*John 8:31-32*) and be obedient as an act of faith (*James 1:22-25*). Third, we must live a life of fruitfulness. God expects a return from our lives (*Matthew 25:24-28*). We were called to produce a harvest of godly attitudes, righteous behavior, praise, and evangelism for God's glory (*John 15:8, 16-17*). Fourth, we must show love for other disciples by putting their needs and best interests before our own. Jesus requires us to love others (*John 13:34-35*). We can demonstrate our love by engaging in acts of kindness that meet others' needs (*James 2:14-17*). Remember, no one will want your wisdom or your leadership if they don't already believe you love them (*I Corinthians 13:1-3*).

Jesus expects much of us; being His disciples is no easy task. However, we can take heart by remembering that He promised never to leave us or forsake us as we strive to live out this high calling: "...I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (*Matthew 28:20*).

## Member of the Month: Mary Mossburg

- ★ Born: Dec. 19, 1925 in Fairland, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since February 2006
- ★ Church offices held: hostess committee member and VBS worker at Poolesville Baptist
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "My daughter Judy invited me".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Victory In Jesus"
- ★ Favorite Pew: back right side
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Job 19:25-27*
- ★ Age at baptism: 11 years old, in a creek near Quince Orchard
- ★ Childhood church: Travilah Baptist Church
- ★ Most famous person she's met: the Lord Jesus Christ
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "All my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are Christians!"
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Key West, FL
- ★ Story on first name: "My mother liked it."
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: "Satellites, because they can deliver the gospel all over the world."
- ★ Childhood hero: Zane Gray
- ★ Hobbies: reading, walking



## October Birthdays

- 1 Ashley Babyak
- 6 Michaela Driver
- 7 Iris Rodgers
- 8 Karian Mitchell
- 10 David Shive
- 11 Zoe Thomas
- 13 Peter Cole, Brooke Ahalt
- 17 Sierra Tothill
- 23 Ray Randall, John Shreve
- 25 Judy Wright
- 30 Samantha Fowler, Amber Ennis



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:*

- The membership application of Heather Cross by profession of faith was approved.
- Frank Fowler was elected to serve as Deacon.

*Expected at the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:*

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2011 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Oct. 31.
- A motion will be made to nominate Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 14-16 in Towson, MD.
- The Outreach Committee will report on a motion to hold a Church Christmas party.
- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of Zoe Thomas by profession of faith pending baptism on Oct. 3.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for 2010-2012 church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- Note: all outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

## Prayer Concerns

the family of Bud Baumbaugh  
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  
Gavin Brynes  
Roberta Roberts, Jamie Thomas' mother  
Guy Heaton, Dot Fowler's brother  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
medical caregivers; doctors and nurses  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Rod Maggard, Pete Menke, Christine 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).*

## COTCD Cartoon

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



**The Bible really IS a two edged sword!**



## News You Can Use

*BBC giving recognized.* The International Mission Board recently sent a Cartersville Challenge certificate to BBC for our 2009 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering contribution. Our per capita giving of \$32.61 put us in the top 13 percent of the SBC's 45,000 churches who gave 24 percent of the total offering. The Cartersville Challenge is named after the church in Georgia where Lottie Moon accepted God's call to China as a missionary.

*Pig Pickin' a great time for all.* The Baptist Men sponsored their annual pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 25. A large crowd attended and helped eat our 90-pound pig, cooked by Frank Fowler, Larry Michael, Ed Williams, and Joe Yates. In our apple dessert contest, four people submitted entries. The first-place winner was Dot Fowler, who baked an Apple Cheesecake. Second place was awarded to Leslie Foster for her Apple Craisin Coffee Cake. Thanks to judges Lynn Eplee, Joe Ivey, Michael Oden, and Sarah Oden for evaluating each entry. Thanks to the Baptist Men for hosting this time of fellowship.



*Dot Fowler with the first-place gag prize, our half-eaten jar of relish*

*Get ready for Operation Christmas Child.* Again this year we have the privilege of sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world. This wonderful shoebox ministry has been a blessing to needy children and a blessing to the ladies who pack the boxes for the children. The WMU needs your donations no later than Sunday, Nov. 7. Stayed tuned for additional details.

*World premiere of "I AM" coming to BBC.* This timely Christian movie about the nature of God is premiering in churches. The movie is highly recommended. Lee Strobel, a popular Christian writer, made this comment about "I AM": "Through a cleverly woven story, compelling characters, and high production values, "I AM" sends an important message without being preachy: the Ten Commandments are for our own good. Recommended for Christians and spiritual seekers". The BBC showing of this movie is scheduled for Family Film Night on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm.

*Bud Baumbaugh, 1928-2010.* Our dear brother John "Bud" Baumbaugh passed away on Oct. 1 at the age of 82. Bud became a member of our congregation in 2002. He served his Church and his Lord as a Deacon, the drummer during the morning worship service, and as a Groundsman. Bud always had a word of encouragement to share with everyone he met. We mourn Bud's death with his son Buddy and daughter Holly, all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and pray that the Lord will give the Baumbaugh and Hammarlund families comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead. The viewing will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 1:00-3:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm at the Hilton Funeral Home; the funeral service will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, Oct. 4 at Barnesville Baptist.



*Committee heads to hold special meeting.* The chairmen of the five standing committees will meet promptly after the morning worship on Sunday, Oct. 10 to briefly review the upcoming 2011 budget process. Any interested Church member is welcome to attend.

*Directory update coming soon.* Attention all members: the next update to the church directory will be distributed in October. 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 October, the next scheduled directory update is planned for April 2011—don't delay!

*Sunday School picnic.* This annual event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10 on the church grounds starting at 3:30 pm. Ben Howard will be here with his moon bounce, and the Dan Keeton Quartet will be in concert at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please bring a dish to share for the dinner preceding the concert.

*Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware.* The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. The BCM/D-wide goal this year is \$215,000. BBC's 2010 goal is \$1,320. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.