



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

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

We should be reminded many times in the month of November that it is the spirit of thanksgiving toward God that allows us to be at peace with those around us, with God, and with ourselves. It was true for Daniel in his peril (*Daniel 6:10*) when he got down on his knees giving thanks to God. It was true for Jonah in his distress in the belly of the great fish, "*With a song of thanksgiving I will sacrifice to You*" (*Jonah 2:9*). In every blessing, in every hardship, in every circumstance, the response of a child of God that brings peace to the soul and glory to the Father is a hymn of thanksgiving.

*From the first bright light of morning,
to the last warm glow of dusk
every breath we take is sacred,
for it is God's gift to us.
In the season of our plenty,
in the season of our need;
we will find His grace sufficient,
we will find His love complete.
Safe within His hand that guides us,
hidden in His healing wings;
day by day His love provides us
every good and perfect thing.
In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;
in thanksgiving let us sing
songs of praise and adoration
to our gracious Lord and King. Amen.*

"In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him" by Claire Cloninger

God Bless,

Your Pastors



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Upcoming Events

November 3 Business Meeting
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 13 Thanksgiving Potluck, 4:00 pm
November 19 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
November 25 Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



"You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What would you endure to do something you loved? The apostle Paul was whipped, beaten, shipwrecked, stoned, mocked, run out of town, and jailed to do what he loved (*II Corinthians 11:24-26*). What inspired Paul so much that he would endure these afflictions, several more than once? In *Romans 1:15*, Paul indicated he was eager to “preach the Gospel”. What was it about the Gospel that excited Paul to persevere in spite of everything? One verse before, Paul claimed the Gospel made him a debtor to the Gentiles through the grace of God.

The Gospel, or “good news”, is defined in the first seven verses of *Romans 1*. The Gospel is founded on the resurrection of Christ from the dead (*v. 4*). A fulfillment of God’s promises to His chosen people given by the Old Testament prophets (*v. 2*), the Gospel was God’s provision for the salvation of both Jews and Gentiles (*vv. 5-6*). The Gospel was more than a good piece of news, it is a sovereign calling to salvation, service, and a Christian lifestyle of obedience (*vv. 5-7*).

Part of Paul’s excitement for the Gospel was its power. The Gospel is more than just mere words; it is packaged with divine energy. Paul called the Gospel, “...the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...” (*v. 16*). The Greek word for “power” gives us the word “dynamite”. The Gospel is filled with God’s omnipotent power—the power to create where there is nothing and the power to bring life out of death.

The Gospel’s effect was also a strong reason for Paul to overlook all the pain and suffering he experienced. Through faith and belief, the Gospel will rescue a sinner from God’s righteous wrath and the imprisonment of sin, selfishness, and purposeless pleasure. Instead of impending judgment, the Gospel offers salvation to anyone who believes: peace with God and access to His blessings and promises.

The extent of the Gospel was another reason why Paul had such a deep enthusiasm. The Gospel was offered to anyone, Jew or Gentile, who would trust in Christ’s offer of redemption for forgiveness of sins, as it says in *v. 17*: “...the just shall live by faith”. Paul started out with a different name and a different lifestyle. Named Saul, he was a zealous Pharisee who excelled in keeping the ceremonial laws of Judaism and persecuting those who followed Christ. Paul was there minding the coats of those who stoned Stephen in *Acts 7* and was active in throwing Christians into jail in *Acts 8*. Saul was on his way to do the same things in Damascus when Jesus stopped him dead in his tracks in *Acts 9*. If God had a right to punish anyone, it would have been Saul, who was the chief persecutor of His Church. Instead, Christ gave Saul a new name and a new life. No one was more eternally grateful than Paul for the life-changing and life-giving nature of the Gospel. What has Christ done for you? Does the Gospel excite you the way it did Paul?

Member of the Month: Vicki Keriakos

- ★ Born: July 14, 1972 in Great Falls, Montana
- ★ How long a BBC member: since April 2009
- ★ How she first came to BBC: invited by Stephanie & Bob Runkles
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “Old Rugged Cross”
- ★ Favorite Pew: third from the back on the right
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Proverbs 22:6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 36 years old
- ★ Childhood church: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Derwood, MD
- ★ Most famous person she’s met: Barbara Harrison of Channel 4
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she’s been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: “Mom wanted Sandy and Dad wanted Vicki. Dad got to fill out the birth certificate at the hospital so he won”.
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: the internet
- ★ Childhood heroes: Olympic gold medallist Mary Lou Retton
- ★ Hobbies: “Watching my children in all their activities, reading”.



November Birthdays

- 1 Dorine Shields
- 4 J.C. Cooley, Laura Luhn
- 5 Randy Gilliam, Clark Brown
- 6 Nancy Wells
- 8 Loraine DeFries
- 9 Lindsey Baumbaugh
- 10 Joe Ivey
- 11 Jane Fowler, Brenda Cross,
Lisa Musser
- 12 Cris Driver
- 13 Faith Shive
- 15 William Rodgers
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Anna Michael, Todd Rice, Resha
Martin
- 21 Junior Luhn
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley, Tod Luhn
- 24 Stephanie Fowler, Rose Furr
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream, Holly Crowe
- 28 Cheryl Shive



Business Meeting Briefs

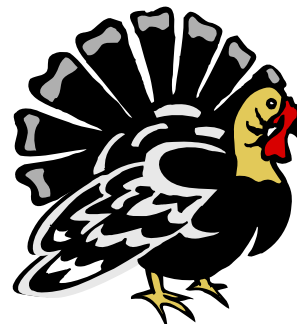
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2011 was adopted; the standing committees were to report to the Treasurer by Oct. 31.
- The Church approved the membership application of Zoe Thomas by profession of faith and baptism on Oct. 3.
- The Select Committee on Nominations reported six motions to fill church officer and committee positions for 2010-2012, all of which were approved by the Church. These officers and committee members began their positions on Oct. 7.
- Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 15-16 in Towson, MD.
- The Outreach Committee's motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 5 was adopted.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

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

Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a Thanksgiving Potluck



*Saturday, November 13 in the Fellowship Hall
A Turkey Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Enter a pumpkin or pecan-based dessert
(pie, cake, roll, pastry, etc.) into the
Pumpkin Pie Plus Dessert Contest!*

Prayer Concerns

Junior & Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn
June Luhn
Dominic Latch
Chelsea Mossburg and Sarah Stull
Virginia Magaha in the loss of her brother
Neal Gravel, stationed in Afghanistan
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Tabitha Runkles
the Marsh family in the loss of Todd's father
Sherri Marsh, recovering from surgery
Guy Heaton, Dot Fowler's brother
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
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).*

News You Can Use

Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 5. Families and friends of Barnesville Baptist are invited to a Christmas Dinner and Fellowship at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5:00 pm. We will enjoy a dinner buffet in a private room. The total cost is \$16.01 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. Please make your reservations by Nov. 28 through Sandy Gilliam.

State missions offering. As of press time, BBC has received \$1,260 for the state missions offering. This is 95% of our 2010 goal of \$1,320. These offerings are vital to the on-going church planting and evangelism in Maryland and Delaware. You may still contribute if you wish--just mark your gift to State Missions Offering.

MBA annual meeting report. Five BBC messengers attended the 75th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Philippine International Bible Baptist on Oct. 9. Rev. Nardito Manalang, pastor of the host church, was the keynote speaker, using *John 17:6-7, 14-23* to speak about our need to connect with each other and the community. Four new churches received full membership affiliation and six churches were granted watch care status for future membership.

October is pastor appreciation month. BBC recognizes Pastors Joe and Randy and their wives June and Sandy during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to have two pastors who are dedicated to the service of God's Church in Barnesville and in the local community. If you haven't done so already, take a minute to let our pastors know how much you appreciate them.



Christmas poinsettias for sale. If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in honor of/in memory of a loved one, please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services and throughout the holiday season.

Movie night on hiatus. As the holiday season approaches, we will take a break from the end-of-the-month Friday movie until the beginning of the new year.

Baptismal waters stirred on Sept. 3. Barnesville Baptist had occasion to again fill up the baptistery on the first Sunday of September. Participating in the ordinance of believer's baptism, Zoe Thomas was immersed by Pastors Joe and Randy. She subsequently received church membership after a vote at the October business meeting three days later. We are so pleased to have Zoe join our church family!



Sunday School picnic and concert enjoyed on Oct. 10. The weather was just about perfect as BBC spent the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 10 on the church grounds to celebrate the new Sunday School year. Outside, the kids enjoyed the moon bounce while many of the adults tried their hand at the corn hole toss (it's a lot harder than it looks)! A fried chicken dinner was served in the fellowship hall. Later that evening, we enjoyed the talent of the Dan Keeton Singers, hailing from Kentucky.



Jim Sheldon and Nancy & Dan Keeton

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Her methods are a bit unorthodox, but you've got to admit she's effective!"