



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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Can it really be 2011 already? Time passes so quickly and many of us leave undone some of the things we had hoped to improve on this past year. Perhaps that is exactly why the "new year" is so refreshing and even exciting for us. The old year has gone, the door to it has been shut forever, and we cannot go back and change anything. But rather looking forward to the new year, 2011, we have the uniquely human expectation of being better in all aspects of our lives, better in business, better in family relations, better in spiritual growth, better in whatever service we can offer the Lord. Wow! And we have a whole year to make this happen.

For the Christian, there is a renewed confidence in the presence and guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit with us. The Holy Spirit is our ever-present Friend and Comforter in all the events as they unfold in 2011.

The path of life we are all on is seldom straight, smooth, and comfortable all the time. There are frequently bumps, challenges, and often confusion about decisions to make or directions to go. That is precisely why the verses of *Proverbs 3:5-6* are so important to us. If we put our full trust in God by faith and habitually acknowledge the lordship of Christ in our lives, "...He shall direct our paths". What a great promise from a great God for the new year.

Sometimes the path we are on makes a sharp bend and we don't know where it will lead or what lies ahead because we cannot see around the bend. When we trust in the Lord with all our heart we can make that turn into the unknown with confidence and with hope because where ever the path leads, the great reality is that God is already there. He always knows our situation and He has promised to be our Helper.

Your pastors and their families wish all of you a very "Happy New Year"!

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Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year's Day
- January 5** Business Meeting
- January 15** Baptist Men's Meeting
- January 21** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends



"You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

God Bless,



Your Pastors

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2009, and now the year 2010 has already gone on its way. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing?). Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: special offering received for David & Cheryl Shive's Faith Home Ministries

February: historic snowfall delayed Baptist Men's Day, which featured Steve Honeycutt as our speaker; BCM/D Executive Director David Lee preached

March: Youth Director Eric Noegel resigned, Chosen People Ministries speaker Neal Surasky spoke on "Christ in the Passover", new hymnals dedicated

April: Equip International missionaries Matt & Ellen Zell spoke, church clean-up day, "Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb" cantata performed for Easter

May: WMU's Annie Armstrong Easter offering netted \$1285, fried chicken dinner hosted by Baptist Men

June: three baptized, Baptist Men fishing trip to the Neals' Pond

July: Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS, offering sent to Wyoming cowboy church plant

August: highest-attended annual Father-Child Banquet at Dutch's Daughter, three baptisms, BBC received IMB commendation for 2009 Lottie Moon giving

September: 100th Lantern issue printed, Pig Pickin' sponsored by Baptist Men

October: great weather for Sunday School picnic and Dan Keeton Singers concert, passing of Bud Baumbaugh

November: Frank Fowler ordained as a deacon, Kristina Kumple of Building Hope ministries sang, Baptist Men's turkey potluck dinner

December: Annual Christmas dinner held at Mountain Gate, "O Holy Night!" cantata performed for Christmas, WMU-led Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal exceeded

God has certainly blessed BBC in the past year with many opportunities to engage in discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and worship. As we look forward to 2011, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." (Hebrews 10:24).

Member of the Month: Megan Malik

- ★ Born: July 11, 1986 in Manhattan, Kansas
- ★ How long a BBC member: since December 2009
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "I came with my parents while home from school".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "It is Well With My Soul"
- ★ Favorite Pew: Second from the front on the left
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 20 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Memorial United Methodist Church, Poolesville, Maryland
- ★ Most famous person she's met: NY Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "I was once attacked by a "polar bear" while in Alaska--ask me about it"!
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: The attacks on 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: "My mother took my name from the main character of her favorite novel".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: Advanced wireless/digital communication
- ★ Childhood hero: "My grandfather, Maynard Luhn, Jr."
- ★ Hobbies: "Dancing, theatre, rock-climbing, baseball, knitting/crocheting, trying new foods, dissecting things, going for walks while wearing a muumuu, thrill rides with my aunt, and singing rock 'n' roll with my mom".



January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 2 Ruth Bullock
- 4 Bob Lillard
- 5 Dave Thomas
- 8 Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster,
Dan Yates
- 9 Pat Elam
- 10 Lois Hogue, Rebecca Thomas
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 15 Sara Oden
- 18 James Thomas
- 19 Nikki Holcomb, Dick Wells
- 20 Julia Cole
- 21 Robert Fowler
- 22 Leslie Foster
- 26 TJ Marsh, Stacey Tothill



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee's motion to approve its 2011 Budget proposal.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2010 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2010 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

Prayer Concerns

Junior & Arlene Luhn
Bilyie Luhn
June Luhn
Dominic Latch
Sarah Stull
Virginia Thomas
Neal Gravel, stationed in Afghanistan
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Tabitha Runkles
Roberta Richards, Jamie Thomas' mother
Rev. Jack Grant
Gavin Byrnes
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Pete Menke, Christine Carlin, Dee Baker, Billy Broschart
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



"Aren't you the pastor of the church next door?"

News You Can Use

Frank Fowler ordained as deacon. On Sunday, Nov. 28, BBC held a special service for Frank Fowler, who was ordained as a deacon after being elected to the position by the congregation in September. The service was led by the deacons and pas-



The deacons laying hands on Frank Fowler

tors, beginning with an introduction of the incumbent deacons by David Bennett. Larry Michael spoke on the meaning of ordination, and Paul Meissner shared some "3:16" scriptures. Pastor Randy gave a charge to the church, and David Bennett gave a charge to Frank. Pastor Joe preached on Gideon as an exemplar of humble

servant leadership. All of the deacons and pastors then laid hands on Frank and prayed for him. Joe Yates concluded the service with a prayer.

Lottie Moon goal met. Offerings toward BBC's \$2,000 goal have exceeded our 2010 target. According to the SBC, every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas. The offering represents 55 percent of the International Mission Board's total annual income. Thank you for your willingness to contribute to building God's Kingdom throughout the coming year.

Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

Christmas poinsettias. Flowers to decorate the sanctuary were donated by the following people: Pastor Joe & June Ivey: in memory of their grandson, Jaren and dear friend, Jim Cole; Flora Gilliam: in memory of Rufus Gilliam, June & Jack Schaum, and Mary Crouse; Dot Fowler: in memory of Charles Fowler; Evelyn Carlin: in memory of her mother, Jessie Phillips Wood; James Carlin & family: in memory of William & Elsie Pyles; Jack & Kitty Cooley: in memory of Dorothy & Carson Ward and Nellie & Jack Cooley; the Kingsbury Family: in memory of Roland Kingsbury; Tod & June Luhn: in memory of Helen Jeffers Lewis; Bob Lillard and Jan & Gary Burdette: in memory of Margery Lillard; Jerry & Suzanne Neal: in memory of Jack & Julia Safford, Paul Safford, and Cliff Neal, and in honor of John Safford & Vivian Neal; Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam: in memory of Rufus Gilliam and Dave & Pearl Fowler, and in honor of Flora Gilliam; and the Carlin Family: in honor of Bill & Sherri Morrison.

Men's and Women's groups celebrate Christmas. The Baptist Men assembled 32 gift bags for the children of the church at their December meeting and distributed them during the Dec. 19 morning worship service.

Food from the BBC food pantry was used to help a local family. The WMU will continue to ask that non-perishable foods be donated so that we are able to help those in need. Consider joining the men's or women's group this coming year. The WMU gathers on the second Monday morning of each month, and the Baptist Men normally meet every third Saturday for breakfast.



Ashlinn Cole playing her flute at the Dec. 5 Christmas dinner at Mountain Gate Restaurant

"O Holy Night!" cantata performed. Thanks to Paul Foster and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical presentation on Dec. 19. The cantata, with a powerful DVD accompaniment, presented in music, words and pictures the truth of the holiness of that unique night when Emmanuel, God with us, came in the likeness of men wrapped in the body of the baby Jesus. Scott Foster and Leslie Bennett performed solos; the narrators were David Bennett, Lee Michael, Paul Foster III, Gary & Jan Burdette, Ed Williams, and Joe Yates. Luke Fedders was the audio technician. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

Benevolence needs increase. Our church is receiving more calls from people in need of financial assistance. If you are able to make a contribution toward helping these situations, please write a check to BBC designated for benevolence.

Call for submissions. As the *Lantern* begins its tenth calendar year, the Editor would like to remind the readership that we accept original compositions, poems, lyrics or other appropriate materials for publication. Please contact the Editor with questions and for more specific guidelines.

Snow policy. As winter snow has come several times already this season, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe for your family to travel on a given Sunday. Pastor Randy is only a sidewalk away from the sanctuary, and will hold services for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on the answering machine. We ask that Sunday School teachers or other leaders call in their absence to the Church office at their earliest convenience.