



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

"The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes...They are more precious than gold...they are sweeter than honey. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:8, 10-11).

Someone recently said that the most important thing in her life was to be happy. The sense of that statement was, "No matter what I have to do, I am going to be happy. So there"! Sadly, this kind of happiness often ignores others and displays a selfish attitude. Certainly all of us want to be happy, but at what price? What is true happiness and how do we find it? Having faith in God is the most fundamental prerequisite for experiencing true happiness. The Psalmist explains that keeping God's precepts brings joy to the heart and radiance to our understanding of life. God's precepts are more precious than any physical possession and sweeter in our spirit than honey, and warn us to stay away from harmful, destructive things. In all these ways, the Psalmist shows that our life journey will be greatly blessed in keeping them. Like the little boy trying to recite the 23rd Psalm from memory but forgot it said, "The Lord is my shepherd, what more could I want"?

Since our circumstances are ever-changing and often challenging, happiness depends on our attitude. The great attitude-molder is the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". If you grow in these traits, you will be a happy person. If you allow the Holy Spirit to develop this fruit in your life, your happiness will express itself in love to others. In speaking about God's precepts, or commands, Jesus said, "The most important one is... 'love the Lord your God with all your heart'...The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:29-31). Jesus also said, "Now that you know these things, you will be happy if you do them" (John 13:17).

God Bless,



Your Pastors

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Upcoming Events

- April 6** Business Meeting
- April 15** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
- April 16** Baptist Men's Meeting; Church Clean-Up Day
- April 17** Palm Sunday
- April 22** Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
- April 24** Easter Sunday, Easter Cantata



"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit..." (1 Peter 3:18).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What are you proud of? What accomplishments in your life are you eager to share with others? Personal achievements are easy to list: athletic and academic accomplishments or success and advancement in our careers are all things we like to talk about. We are also proud of others, taking pleasure in our family members and friends when they do well. We will even share in the glow of victory when sports teams or political candidates with whom we associate win a game or an election.

For the Christian, we can name Someone even more significant in our lives who has achieved a more praiseworthy victory that deserves to be boasted about. In *Galatians 6:14*, Paul wrote, "...God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...". The cross and the Savior who died upon it are cause for a lifetime's worth of attention and adoration. Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross accomplished some amazing feats for those who place saving faith in that finished work. The cross changed our relationship to the world as Paul concluded *v. 14*: "...by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world". The cross separated us from the world and removed from our hearts a desire for the world system and its values. The cross also accomplished what the flesh can't in all its striving to become "good enough" to satisfy God's righteousness. The cross brings salvation, peace (right standing with God) and mercy (forgiveness of sin) to those who walk as Christ's disciples.

Paul identified with the cross through his own suffering, proclaiming, "From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (*Galatians 6:17*). Paul was thrilled to take the blows he experienced on his missionary journeys that were really meant for Christ when Paul considered that Christ took the blows on the cross meant for him.

In contrast to Paul's praise for his Savior, the Judaizers who opposed the gospel message of salvation by grace, not works, were described as glorying in their flesh. In *Galatians 6:12-13*, Paul condemned the Judaizers for their self-adulating behavior, pointing out that they flaunted their spirituality and were desperate to ensure they were never persecuted for their beliefs, be it by other Jews or the Romans. Even more seriously, Paul charged the Judaizers with performing good works in an effort to cover up their sin.

This Easter season is a good occasion to review how we rank what is important to us. Is our life grounded in eternal things? Do we "stand amazed in the presence", or are our attention and hearts captured by our own trophies and triumphs? We all need enough self-respect and personal pride to get out of bed in the morning and face the day, but our earthly pursuits and passions should always take a distant second place to our desire to lift up and glorify the Savior who gave us the gift of eternal life through his Easter victory so many years ago.

Member of the Month: Matt Burriss

- ★ Born: November 4, 1973 in Frederick, MD
- ★ How long a BBC member: since June 2010
- ★ How he first came to BBC: invited by Resha Martin
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"
- ★ Favorite Pew: 2nd pew on the right side
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 36 years old
- ★ Childhood church: St. Mary's Shrine, Barnesville
- ★ Most famous person he's met: Jesus Christ
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "living a Christian life"
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: tearing down of the Berlin Wall
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Arizona
- ★ Story on first name: from the Bible
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: electronic diagnostic tools
- ★ Childhood hero: "My dad, Teddy Burriss"
- ★ Hobbies: "spending family time at the lake house"



April Birthdays

- 1 Jo Blalock
- 2 Rebecca Umstead
- 4 Ralph Wright
- 13 Katie Holcomb, Lacey Williams
- 14 Luke Watson
- 15 Dot Fowler
- 24 Mark Williams
- 29 Zachary Fedders



Prayer Concerns

Junior & Arlene Luhn
Bilyie Luhn
June Luhn
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
Dominic Latch
Neal Gravel, stationed in Afghanistan
Carolyn Miller, Janna Williams' mother
Tabitha Runkles
Gavin Byrnes
Teresa Tuttle
Melanie Baumbaugh
Virginia Magaha
Kitty Cooley
Janice Cole
Suzanne Neal in the loss of her brother
Linda Cain
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Bill Caudell, Doug Swank, Chris Levinton,
Christine Carlin, Mike Geiser, Stan Fisher, Billy Broschart,
William Tuttle, John Moore, Lyndsay O'Malley, Dee Baker,
Kathleen James
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala),
Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade), David & Cheryl
Shive (Faith Home Ministries), Matt & 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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in March:

- The Select Committee on Auditing's report on the 2010 finances was accepted by the Church.
- The Church approved a bypass motion to allow the Barnesville School to use BBC's facilities as a temporary evacuation location in case of an emergency.

Expected at the April Business Meeting:

- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of Tyler Babyak, who was baptized on Mar. 20, by profession of faith.
- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of David Buchanan, who was baptized on Mar. 20, by profession of faith.
- The Deacons will offer a motion to approve the membership application of John Beach by profession of faith pending baptism in May.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Well Zach, I guess a little prophet after taxes is better than no prophet at all!"

News You Can Use

Easter services planned. The BBC Choir will present their cantata entitled, "The King is Coming", which features classic songs and hymns like "The Day He Wore My Crown", "Jesus, We Crown You with Praise", "Written in Red", "He is Exalted", and the eponymous Gaither chorus "The King Is Coming" on Easter Sunday, Apr. 24, during the morning worship service. Penny Barton will sing a solo and Paul Foster III will narrate. BBC will also gather for a Good Friday worship service on Apr. 22 at 7:00 pm.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal set. The WMU has set a 2011 goal of \$1,760 for BBC. This offering is used to support the 5,000+ missionaries serving under the North American Mission Board. The SBC-wide goal is \$70



million. All receipts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will directly support the following mission endeavors: Missionary Support, 71%; Church Planting, 17%;

Evangelism, 12%. Let's do our part to support the missionaries who are spreading the good news of the Gospel in the United States & Canada. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

Women's Rally report. BBC held its third Women's Rally on Mar. 25-27. Our keynote speaker was Gayla Parker, WMU Director of the BCM/D. On Friday Gayla spoke



The Mothers & Daughters Singers performing "Amazing Grace" during the call to worship

about Elizabeth as an example of holy and righteous living. The love story of Ruth and

Boaz was discussed on Saturday. During the Sunday service, Gayla elaborated on Jesus' interactions with Martha to describe how to be C.A.L.M. in the midst of chaos. Special thanks go out to Joyce Dunn who organized this and the two previous women's rallies.

Church clean-up day. On Saturday, Apr. 17 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Ralph Cooley for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers at noon.

Two baptized on Mar. 20. Two young men were baptized on the third Sunday of March. Following Jesus' example, Tyler Babyak and David Buchanan were baptized; they will



David Buchanan

receive church membership after a vote at the April business meeting. After the service, a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall to celebrate the



Tyler Babyak and Pastor Joe

occasion. We are so pleased to have these young men join our church family!

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

Easter lilies for sale. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of/in memory of a loved one, please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119. The lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season.

Easter sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain. For early risers, this 57th annual mountaintop service beginning at 6:15 am on Easter morning is a wonderful way to begin the celebration of the Lord's resurrection with believers from many local congregations. We all have the Risen Savior in common.

Old Testament class. Thanks to Gale Clifton, pastor of Upper Seneca Baptist, for leading the "Old Testament Made Simple" course during the Wednesday night Bible Study time after the prayer meeting. Those who have attended have learned the basics about the key personalities and major movements of the Old Testament time period. Classes are still ongoing through mid-April beginning at 7:00 pm.

