



# The Barnesville Lantern

Barnesville Baptist Church  
17917 Barnesville Road/P.O. Box 69  
Barnesville, Maryland 20838

301-407-0500 (phone/fax)  
www.barnesvillebaptist.org  
barnesvillebaptist@comcast.net

July 2011, Volume 10, No. 2

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).*

## The Pastors' Spotlight

*"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3).*

We wish that all *Lantern* readers could have attended the special 10-year anniversary celebration at BBC on Jun. 26. Your pastors were called to Barnesville Baptist in Jun. 2001. As incredible as it seems, the last 10 years have passed quickly. We would like to express our deep appreciation for the prayer, support, kindness, and love shown to our wives and us by the members and friends of BBC during the last decade. We are truly humbled and honored by your Christian love and fellowship in Christ.

At the celebration several speakers shared recollections of events and ministries since 2001. Larry Michael retold the history of how the small BBC congregation decided to call two pastors. (Larry's analogy of buying both orange and grape Nehi was heart-warming.) As unlikely as that may have seemed, it was a "God thing" to be sure.

The Lord has blessed BBC in many ways in the last 10 years. One of His greatest blessings has been to nurture a strong sense of unity and harmony among BBC members and friends. The Apostle Paul encouraged Christians to love one another, to be patient with one another, and to "esteem others better than [one]self" (Philippians 2:3). The effect of such unity has been that all who come to BBC are welcomed and the love of Christ is shared with them. This is exactly how the Lord intended for a church fellowship to function so that He might be glorified: "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). God willing, we will continue to love God, love others, and share Christ here at BBC.

## In This Edition:

- The Pastors' Spotlight, Page 1
- Upcoming Events, Page 1
- The Pew Perspective, Page 2
- Member of the Month, Page 2
- July Birthdays, Page 3
- Prayer Concerns, Page 3
- Business Meeting Briefs, Page 3
- COTCD Cartoon, Page 3
- News You Can Use, Page 4
- July 2011 Calendar, Page 5

## Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day
- July 6** Business Meeting
- July 11-15** Vacation Bible School
- July 16** Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:30 am



God Bless,

Your Pastors



*"Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth" (Psalm 67:4).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

At this time of year we as Americans commemorate the valor and sacrifice of the heroic generation who gave us independence and nationhood. These Founders include the soldiers who froze during a long winter at Valley Forge to deliver battlefield victories as much as the delegates who sweated through a hot Philadelphia summer to declare the birth of a nation conceived in liberty. Even more so than George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, or Benjamin Franklin, there is another Founding Father to whom we owe a debt of great gratitude for our freedom: Jesus Christ.

In *Hebrews 2:10*, a fascinating Greek word, *archegos*, is translated as “*captain of their salvation*”, referring to Christ. *Archegos* cannot be adequately explained with just a single English word. It describes somebody who does something that somebody else enters into—a pioneer/trailblazer, a city founder/patriarch, and role model/hero. I found it very interesting to compare the way Jesus—our *archegos*—was like the leaders of the American Revolution (but much better).

First, Jesus is our Founding Father because He is our pioneering trailblazer. Before Him, there was no path to get to God. As Christ told Peter during His earthly ministry in *John 13:36*, “*Where I am going you cannot follow Me now...*”. Even as the promised Messiah, Jesus couldn’t save anyone until He atoned for sin at Calvary. However, once Jesus had paid for sin, He was able to promise the repentant thief on the cross next to Him that, “*...today you will be with Me in Paradise*” (*Luke 23:43*). Truly Jesus is the literal “way” of *John 14:6* that gives us access to God.

Second, Jesus is our Founding Father because He is the city founder and chief cornerstone of the heavenly home where our future citizenship awaits. In response to Peter’s confession of faith that Christ was the Son of the Living God in *Matthew 16:16*, Jesus proclaimed in *v. 18* that, “*... on this rock I will build My church*”. The Apostle Paul repeated this theme in *I Corinthians 3:9-11*, calling Christ the foundation of God’s building, made up of all believers.

Third, Jesus is our Founding Father because He is our role model and hero. We take the name of “Christian” because the term identifies us as belonging to Him and associates us with His name. We are Christians not only by external label, but as Paul explained in *Romans 8:29*, God the Father through the ministry of the Holy Spirit has made us, “*...conformed to the image of His Son*”, so that every day we become more and more like Christ in thought, word, and deed. Fit and called for service in His Kingdom, we are Christ’s “*own special people*” (*I Peter 2:9*), “*kings and priests to our God*” (*Revelation 5:10*), and “*fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*” (*Ephesians 2:19*).

In all these ways, Jesus Christ is truly our *archegos*, the captain of our salvation. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, He blazed a trail on which He could lead us to God’s love and forgiveness, rescued us from the sin that had overpowered and ensnared us, and delivered us into His Kingdom as adopted children and heirs. As much as we appreciate the heroes of the American Revolution, Jesus Christ is truly our greatest Founding Father.

## Member of the Month: Nick Cole

- ★ Born: May 24, 1992 in Silver Spring, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since August 2002
- ★ How he first came to BBC: “I came with my family in December 2001”.
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “Victory in Jesus”
- ★ Favorite Pew: balcony, third row
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Matthew 6:8*
- ★ Age at baptism: 10 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Barnesville Baptist
- ★ Most famous person he’s met: Pastor Joe Ivey
- ★ Personal claim to fame: “Being a good son and brother”.
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: North Carolina
- ★ Story on first name (Howard Nicholas Eugene): “I was named after my grandfather”.
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: cell phone
- ★ Childhood hero: “My Daddy”.
- ★ Hobbies: dirt bikes, working on cars, listening to music



## July Birthdays

**8** Nancy Cooley  
**9** Fred Bird, Hollyanne Noegel  
**11** Megan Malik  
**14** Penny Barton, Vicki Keriakos  
**19** Brandon Cole  
**20** Margie Noegel  
**22** Douglas Cooley  
**23** Mary Yates  
**25** Matthew Burriss  
**26** Virginia Magaha, Joe Yates  
**28** Jackie Cole  
**30** Sherri Marsh



## Business Meeting Briefs

### *Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:*

- The Church approved the Outreach Committee's motion to continue our financial support of Upper Seneca Baptist through the end of the fiscal year.
- The Church approved the Outreach Committee's motion to authorize a special missions offering in support of the Crosstrek Community Church in Urbana.
- The Church approved the Outreach Committee's motion to fund the pastors' anniversary luncheon on Jun. 26.

### *Expected at the July Business Meeting:*

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the July 2011 Business Meeting.
- Note: At the August Business Meeting, the Internal Administration Committee will present a motion to accept a \$19,354 bid to install white vinyl siding on the Church building, plus bids to buy a complete set of new shutters and make other repairs, for a grand total of \$30,500. The motion will request that an additional \$10,000 be added to the Physical Plant budget line item to cover the proposed spending plus expenses for the remainder of the year.

## Prayer Concerns

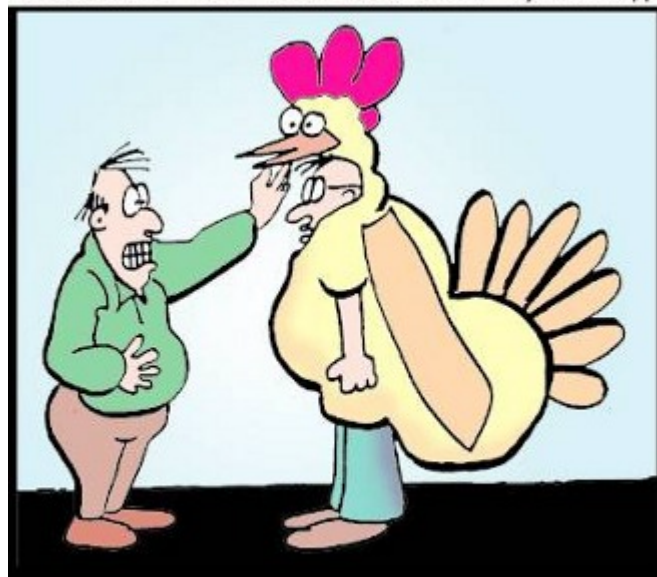
Junior & Arlene Luhn  
Bilyie Luhn  
June Luhn  
Dominic Latch  
Neal Gravel and Frank Kostenko, stationed in Afghanistan  
the Williams family at the passing of Carolyn Miller  
Tabitha Runkles  
Gavin Byrnes  
Kitty Cooley  
Janice Cole  
Linda Cain  
Mary Yates  
Ralph Wright, knee replacement surgery  
Helen Hughes, Dot Fowler's sister  
Margaret Seyedin, Linda Roberts' friend  
Becky Runkles  
Jim & Kathy McKamey, friends of the Gilliams  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Cancer patients: Bill Caudell, Doug Swank, Christine Carlin,  
Mike Geiser, Stan Fisher, Billy Broschart, John Moore, Lyndsay  
O'Malley, Kathleen James, Nikkie Harrington, Chris Levinton  
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala),  
Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade), David & Cheryl Shive  
(Faith Home Ministries), Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras), Earl &  
Maria Wentzel (Urbana)  
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



"I mean it Carl, the next time we have high attendance day in Sunday School, I'm going on vacation!"

## News You Can Use



*Vacation Bible School coming soon!* The theme for this year's VBS is "Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect", which will be held Jul. 11-15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you would like to serve in a classroom, music, crafts, recreation, or snack, please contact Pastor Randy or Mary Yates. If you know anyone who

needs transportation in order to come to VBS, please leave a message at the church office so we can make arrangements. The kick-off picnic and registration will start on Monday, Jul. 11 at 5:30 pm.

*Baptist Men's upcoming summer events.* Don't forget--on Saturday, Aug. 20, those fathers and children who have RSVP-ed for the Ninth Annual Father-Child Banquet will join the Baptist Men for a special time of fellowship at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Fathers, please sign up on the bulletin board and make your checks payable to BBC no later than Sunday, Aug. 7. Also, this year's Pig Pickin' will be held on Saturday, Sep. 17.

*Fishing trip at Neals' Pond.* The fish were biting on Saturday morning, Jun. 11 as several families had fun at the annual Baptist Men-sponsored fishing trip. One of the best anglers was Erika Watkins, granddaughter of Eddie & Pauline Fowler, who caught a whale of a largemouth bass. Many thanks to the Neal family for the use of their pond.



*Missions gift for Wentzels nears goal.* After meeting SBC church planter Earl Wentzel and his wife Maria, who spoke to us on Sunday, May 15, BBC set a \$5,000 goal to support their missionary efforts. Thank you for the \$4,620 received so far; contributions continue to be accepted. Earl is a pastor and special education



teacher who is planting Crosstrek Community Church in nearby Urbana. Crosstrek will minister to families with special needs.

*Tenth anniversary celebration for pastors.* Sunday, Jun. 26 was a very special day for Pastors Joe Ivey and Randy



*Pastors Randy and Joe having a good time during the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall*

Gilliam, their wives June and Sandy, and the congregation of Barnesville Baptist Church. The worship service recognizing the pastors' 10 years at BBC was jam-packed with music and testimonials, lasting until 12:45 pm. After singing the pastors' favorite hymns, to include "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "And Can It Be", the

service was turned over to the speakers. The first to speak was Larry Michael, who reminded the membership how we came to call not just one, but two pastors on Jun. 17, 2001. Dr. Ron Blankenship, director of the MBA, spoke about our pastors' role in the Montgomery Baptist Association. Other speakers included Rev. Basil Hewitt; Joe Yates; Lee Michael, who provided a humorous slide show exposing the "problems" of the last decade; Cris & Michaela Driver, who sang Pastor Joe's favorite hymn, "Victory in Jesus"; Ann Bennett; Doug Swank; Kitty Cooley, who spoke about the pastors' wives, June and Sandy; Ralph Cooley; Janice Cole; and David Bennett, who planned the event and emceed the service. Afterward, a luncheon catered by Dutch's Daughter was served to an overflow crowd.



*Joe Yates speaking during the service*



*Pastor Joe & June and Pastor Randy & Sandy at the altar while David Bennett speaks from the pulpit*