



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 Pastor's Spotlight

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40).

We are excited to welcome Manuel & Cindy Batres back to BBC on September 16th. In our services recently we have learned from *Philippians* about the Christian's joy in the Lord, gentleness and kindness toward others, and trusting the Lord completely in all circumstances. If you were to get to know Cindy and Manuel you would see these Christian virtues lived out in all they do. As the founders of Mission2Guatemala, their desire is to show God's amazing love to the people of Guatemala by loving them in Christ's name, caring as the Lord cared, and meeting

their basic needs as Christ did to the poor. Their mission station is located in the northern highlands of Guatemala, among the Keck' Chi Mayan indigenous people.

Their ministry includes building pre-fab metal church buildings, clinics, and orphanages in remote mountain villages. Volunteer teams from the

United States and even Guatemala come on short-term mission trips to build the structures, put metal roofs on schools and churches, and to bear witness to the gospel during the construction activities. As some members of a team were recently completing work on a school, other team members were conducting VBS for the local children. Even with language differences the children and parents saw the love of Jesus being practiced before them and were glad to sing the wonderful song that transcends language barriers: "Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so".

During the service on the 16th, children from our VBS will present Cindy and Manuel the VBS missions offering of \$1,075.00, which will be used to help poor children purchase clothing, shoes, and supplies so they can attend school. Thank you BBC for partnering with Cindy and Manuel to bring God's love to Guatemala.



God Bless,

Pastor Randy

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Upcoming Events

- September 3** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 5** Business Meeting
- September 21** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- September 22** Baptist Men's Pig Pickin' & Concert
- September 28** Family Film Night



"For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD" (Leviticus 16:30).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Our BBC Nominating Committee is currently seeking out volunteers for about 50 official positions ranging from Sunday School teachers to tellers to groundsman. These are important duties that require specific people to be responsible for certain tasks. In addition to these elected positions, many members contribute to the functioning of the church and its many ministries without being listed on a committee roster. Regardless of how public our service to the Lord is, we should always be, as Paul said, "... *abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*" (I Corinthians 15:58). To "abound" means to go the extra mile, exceed expectations, and overflow. Our work for our Savior should always be the best we can possibly offer.

In I Corinthians 16:1-12 Paul provided in his comments to the Corinthian church a standard of how to enthusiastically serve the Lord. It is first distinguished by generous giving. In vv. 1-4, Paul told the Corinthians to lay aside and store up a collection for the needy, weekly prioritizing their resources for the Lord's work. Malachi 3:10 reminds us that generous giving on our part unleashes God's bounty: "...I will...pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it".

Next, Paul described his vision and future plans to minister to the Corinthians, the Lord willing. Having a vision for the future, the "I will" of v. 5, and a humble sense of flexibility, the "it may be" of v. 6 is a healthy balance of planning for the future and seeking out the Lord's will. "*Where there is no vision, the people perish; but happy is he who keeps the law*" (Proverbs 29:18).

Paul's forward thinking didn't stop him from diligently working on what was right in front of him at the time, his ministry in Ephesus. He told the Corinthians he would "tarry" in that spiritually needy city so long as a "great and effective door" was open to him (vv. 8-9). The Lord will not give us ministry responsibilities beyond our capabilities. He will test us in small things and then reward us according to how well we serve with what we have. We see this plainly in the parable of the talents: "*His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord'*" (Matthew 25:23).

Paul also spoke of the opposition effective ministry brings forth (v. 9). Service in the name of Jesus is not popular with all, but we know that we will overcome. Christ reminded His disciples of this truth, saying, "*Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you...*" (John 15:20).

Finally, abounding service requires we work together as Paul did with Timothy (vv. 10-11) and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading in others as Paul did with Apollos (v. 12). "*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*" (I Corinthians 1:10).

As our Nominating Committee finishes its work, only a fraction of the membership will be called to serve in elected positions. However, all BBC members, and all Christians, are expected to find ways to joyfully and liberally devote their time and talents to serving their Savior who has done so much for them.

Member of the Month: Luke Fedders

- ★ Born: February 12, 1969 in New York City, New York
- ★ How long a BBC member: since August 2012
- ★ Church offices held: VBS A/V and recreation leader
- ★ How he first came to BBC: "I started coming to BBC after I met my wife Lisa. We met in 1988".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "Right hand side – behind the Michaels' pew. I don't really count; I just look for Lee's bag and turn right. Unless however it is VBS time, then it is front right corner".
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Matthew 6:27* and *34*
- ★ Age at baptism: 43 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, MD
- ★ Most famous people he's met: "As a child would meet and spend time with Al McGuire and Dick Enberg before college basketball games".
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: "I can distinctly remember the space shuttle *Challenger* exploding - January 28, 1986, being at school, watching the entire event unfold on TV".
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Maui, Hawaii
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: iPhone
- ★ Childhood hero: "My mother for all she went thru for us kids".
- ★ Hobbies: "Coaching soccer (two teams – Megan's girls' team and a boys' team), ATVing, and being a mayor (if you call that a hobby)".



September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler, Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole, Bill Morrison
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 21 Melissa Campbell, Logan Marsh
- 25 Gale Cole
- 29 Justin Tothill
- 30 Eric Noegel



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved the Standing Committees' recommendations on Church officer authorizations for the 2012-2014 term, which will be used by the Nominating Committee in its work.
- The Church approved the membership applications of Alexis Connelly, Joe Connelly Jr., Luke Fedders, Megan Fedders, Barbara Hungerford, Jeannye Hungerford, and Jesse Yates, each by profession of faith and baptism on Jul. 29.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- The Pastor is seeking five members to serve as messengers to the 77th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 20 at Colesville Baptist Church in Silver Spring.

Pig Pickin' Announcement

*The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a
Pig Pickin'*



*Saturday, September 22 in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*Enter an apple-based dessert (pie, cake, cobbler,
turnovers, tarts, etc.) into the Apple Dessert Contest!*

The bluegrass gospel concert will begin at 7:00 pm

Prayer Concerns

Virginia Magaha
Ralph & Nancy Cooley
Kitty Cooley
Dave Rose
Ashley Dixon
Tammy Combs
Wanda Huntley
Junior & Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn
Steve Scheuch, Nancy Wells' brother
David Gilliam, Michael Grant, stationed in Afghanistan
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
Linda Cain
June Luhn
Tabitha Runkles
Tori Ann Shumaker, Lynn Eplee's granddaughter
Lillian Runkles, Bob Runkles' mother
Ila Fields, Paul Field's mother
Jean Kotur, friend of the Gilliams
Allen Jones, Michelle Ennis' nephew
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Mike Geiser, Billy Broschart,
Lyndsay O'Malley, Bev Magruder, Phil Brudner, Jimmy Benson,
Mary Harrington, Rick Hartley, Joanne Dorsey, Dean Swank, Kay
Poch, Skip Mallory
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala), Steve
& Emily Ruffner (International School Project), David & Cheryl
Shive (Faith Home Ministries), Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras)



*"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

Eight baptized on Jul. 29. Barnesville Baptist was witness to the baptism of eight new believers on Sunday, Jul. 29. The candidates were Bill Appleton, who received church membership, having been voted on at the July business meeting; the brother-sister pair of Alexis Connelly and Joe Connelly Jr.; the father-daughter pair of Luke Fedders and Megan Fedders; the mother-daughter pair of Jeannye Hungerford and Barbara Hungerford; and Jesse Yates, who was baptized by his grandfather Joe Yates. A luncheon was held in their honor on Sunday, Aug. 5, when they received their baptismal certificates. Please pray for these new Christians and BBC members.



BBC spends a day at the fair. On Friday, Aug. 10, members of Barnesville Baptist manned the Montgomery Baptist Association tent at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair from 3 to 10 pm. Those who spent time ministering to fairgoers included Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Joe & Mary Yates, Cris and Michaela Driver, and Lynn Eplee, who passed out water and candy to passersby.

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 for 2012 is \$215,000. BBC's goal this year is \$1,605, which will support local efforts like Embrace Silver Spring, collegiate ministries, poverty initiatives, disaster relief, and outreach to internationals. This year's theme is "We Can't Stop", taken from *Acts 4:20*. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

Bluegrass gospel concert coming to Pig Pickin'. On Saturday, Sept. 22, the annual Pig Pickin' will be followed with a 7:00 pm bluegrass gospel concert starring the band Mama Tried and Randy Barrett, an award-winning local banjoist. Be sure to attend the dinner at 5:30 pm, compete in the apple dessert contest, and invite your friends and family to the concert afterwards.

Write to Virginia Magaha. Virginia is in rehabilitation at Northampton Manor Health Care. She would welcome visits and cards at the following address: 200 E. 16 St., Room 214, Frederick, MD 21701.

Directory update planned. Anyone with corrections or updates for their entry in the church directory should contact Lee Michael before the end of September. Supplements will be distributed in mid-October.

"Celebrating Family and Friends" dinner. About 30 people enjoyed the Saturday, Aug. 18 meal held in the fellowship hall. The guest speaker was Rev. Danny Moore, who spoke to those assembled about "the Christ-Centered family".

Women's Bible study. If you suffer from negative thoughts, take heart! On Wednesdays from Sept. 19 through Oct. 31 Stephanie Runkles and Lynn Eplee will be offering lessons from Joyce Meyer's *Battlefield of the Mind* from 12:30-2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will learn how to deal with thousands of thoughts we have everyday and focus our minds to think the way God thinks.

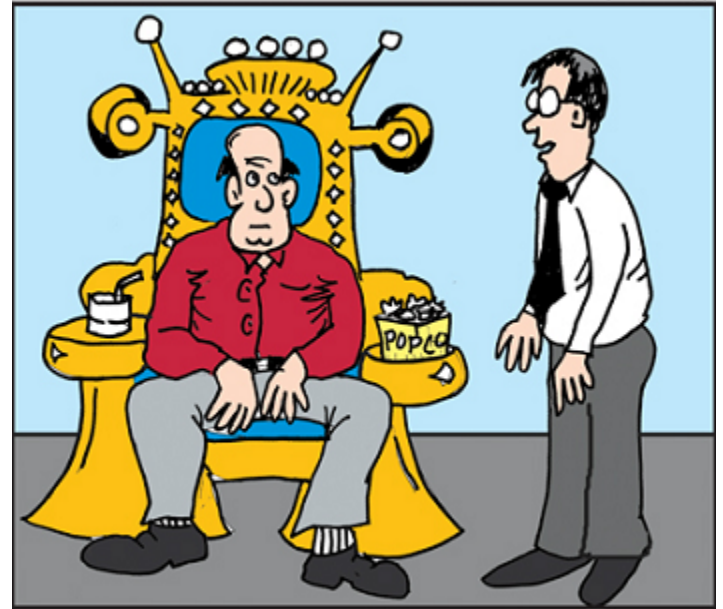
Write to David Gilliam. David and the Gilliam family covet your prayers as he serves our country in Afghanistan. He can be mailed at: Gilliam, David/TF 2-16 Rangers, S2/FOB Arian, APO AE 09323.

Discerning God's Will group to meet. Women are invited to meet on Sept. 16, 30, and Oct. 21 for one hour after the Sunday morning worship service. The topic will be "mothers of the kings". Snacks will be provided.

COTCD Cartoon

Church of the Covered Dish

by Thom Tapp



"I'm sorry sir, but these seats are reserved for our tithers..."