



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

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Exciting days lie ahead for all of us as November has arrived. Elections are being held, the Thanksgiving holiday is upon us, and celebrating Christmas is just around the corner. As we busy ourselves with these seasonal things, we ought not neglect the worship of our Lord. Much of our worship is corporate with our faith family in church. There will be special services and music and praise. But, much of our worship is also private. In *1 Thessalonians 5* the Apostle Paul helps us with our private worship. Our life focus toward God should be joyful, prayerful, and thankful. Joyful because as we follow the Lord Jesus his desire is that, *"My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (Luke 15:11)*. God's joy gives us the strength and courage to be faithful to Him in all circumstances. *"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)*.

Prayer is an important part of our worship. We truly commune with God as we pray. Prayer itself is an act of faith in our heavenly Father. It is through pray that we offer heart felt praise up to God, and it is through pray that we ask Him to intervene in circumstances and in people's lives. It is in a life of prayer that we know we are never alone, *"By day the Lord directs His love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life" (Psalm 42:8)*.

Essential to our worship is a spirit of thanksgiving for God's goodness, *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever" (Psalm 100:4-5)*. Make your heart a sanctuary where you can worship the Lord joyfully, prayerfully, and thankfully.



God Bless,

Pastor Randy

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Upcoming Events

- November 7** Business Meeting
- November 10** Thanksgiving Potluck, 5:30 pm
- November 11** Veterans Day
- November 16** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- November 21** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- November 22** Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



National Bible Week is November 18-25

"...the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law" (Nehemiah 8:3).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems that the calendar is chock-full of holidays and observances, some just silly (National Talk Like a Pirate Day, Sept. 19), some serious (Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7). One of the more useful celebrations would be National Bible Week (Nov. 18-25). I hadn't heard of it before, but it is a great excuse to talk about the Bible, and why it is important. Five key characteristics of God's Word come to mind: the Scripture's authority, inerrancy, clarity, necessity, and sufficiency show its divine authorship.

Authority—all the words in Scripture are God's, so to disobey the Bible is to disobey God. Human wisdom, interpretations, traditions, and subjective experiences must all be judged according to the standard of Scripture. *"Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God" (Deuteronomy 12:28).*

Inerrancy—the original manuscripts—and today's trustworthy copies—contain no error in whole or in part. The Bible's inerrancy still allows for its characters to speak in the ordinary language of everyday speech. Literary devices, loose quotations, paraphrases, and summarizations are not forbidden, nor are incomplete reports to be deemed false reports. *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple..." (Psalm 19:7).*

Clarity—the Bible was written to be understood by ordinary believers, not just learned priests or scholars. As Bible readers, we must seek out the interpretation and understanding of a text on the basis of the text itself, and not read into the Bible our own opinions and ideas. *"The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130).*

Necessity—the Bible is necessary for knowing the Gospel and maintaining spiritual life. Only through the Scripture can we know God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ and his standards of holiness. Even though we can know in our hearts that God exists by observing the creation around us and something of His laws and morals by listening to our conscience and the basic standards of right and wrong that all cultures throughout time have honored, our faith needs to be based on God's Word. *"But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our report?' So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:16-17).*

Sufficiency—Scripture contains all the information God needs His people to know about His plan of salvation. The Bible contains all the words we need for trusting Him perfectly, and for obeying Him perfectly. *"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).*

National Bible Week is fittingly held during the same week as Thanksgiving. Out of all the things we should be thankful for, isn't the Bible one of the most obvious?

Member of the Month: Bill Appleton

- ★ Born: June 23, 1958 in Wilmington, Delaware
- ★ How long a BBC member: since July 2012
- ★ Church offices held: Groundsman
- ★ How he first came to BBC: invited by Tina Yates
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "where Tina Yates sits"
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Matthew 12:33*
- ★ Age at baptism: 54 years old
- ★ Childhood church: St. Jude's, Wheaton, MD
- ★ Most famous people he's met: his parents
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "being a single parent"
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: the 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Germany
- ★ Story on first name: named after his father
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: computer hard drive
- ★ Childhood hero: John Force, National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) drag racer
- ★ Hobbies: guns, walking in the woods, mechanical stuff



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
- 11 Jane Fowler, Brenda Cross
- 12 Cris Driver
- 13 Faith Shive
- 15 William Rodgers
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Anna Michael, Todd Rice, Resha Lehman
- 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

Report from the Annual Business Meeting in October:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2013 was adopted; the standing committees will report their budget requests to the Treasurer by Nov. 11.
- Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 11-13 in Silver Spring, MD.
- The Outreach Committee's motion to hold a Church Christmas party at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, MD on Dec. 2 was adopted.
- Lee Michael was appointed as a messenger to the MBA annual meeting held at Colesville Baptist on Oct. 20.

Report from the Special Business Meeting on October 14:

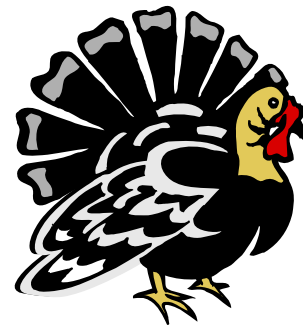
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Expected at the November Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to increase the 2012 office supplies budget line item by \$1,000.

Thanksgiving Potluck Announcement

The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a Thanksgiving Potluck



*Saturday, November 10 in the Fellowship Hall
A Turkey Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

Prayer Concerns

Virginia Magaha
Ralph & Nancy Cooley
Kitty Cooley
Dave Rose
Ashley Dixon
Tammy Combs
Wanda Huntley
Junior & Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn
David Gilliam, Michael Grant, stationed in Afghanistan
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
Linda Cain
June Luhn
Tabitha Runkles
Lillian Runkles, Bob Runkles' mother
Allen Jones, Michelle Ennis' nephew
Stephen Williams, Ed Williams' brother
Connie Connelly
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Dean Swank, Mike Geiser, Billy Broschart, Lyndsay O'Malley, Bev Magruder, Phil Brudner, Joanne Dorsey, Skip Mallory, Bill Dunn, Jane Ward
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

Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 2. The 2012 Christmas Dinner will be held at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:00 pm. The total cost is \$16.51 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. Please RSVP by Nov. 25 to Sandy Gilliam.

State missions offering nearing goal. As of press time, BBC has given \$1,285, which is 80% of its 2012 goal of \$1,605. Thank you for your prayerful generosity: these offerings are vital to the on-going church planting and evangelism in Maryland and Delaware.

MBA annual meeting report. Two BBC messengers attended the 77th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Colesville Baptist on Oct. 20. Dr. Jeff Christopherson, vice president of the NAMB for Canada and the Northeast Region used *Ephesians 3:20-21* to discuss serving the Kingdom. The 2013 Embrace Silver Spring evangelism effort was also a key focus of the meeting. Three new churches received full membership affiliation and nine churches were granted watch care status for future membership. Pastor Randy was recognized with a Maryland state governor's citation for his support of the association.



Linda Roberts and Susan Rice at the post-meeting luncheon

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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.

Get ready for Operation Christmas Child. You can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world by packing a shoebox with toys. The WMU needs your donations and \$7/box shipping fee no later than Sunday, Nov. 4.

Wedding bells. Congratulations to Barbara Hungerford, a newly baptized member, who married Patrick Stidham at the church on Oct. 20. They will make their home in Dickerson.

Nursery workers needed. Volunteers to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings are needed. Only two people per service are required to man the nursery. The commitment would only be one Sunday per month. Please contact Ellen Williams at 301-972-7005 or edpwilliams@gmail.com to sign up.

Halloween hospitality at BBC. For Barnesville locals, swing by the church on Halloween night. Pastor Randy will be passing out candy and tracts starting at 5:30 pm.

Choir dons new robes. The BBC Choir first debuted their new robes on Sunday, Oct. 21 during the morning worship service, sporting a burgundy-on-ivory design with color around the collars and down the front zipper. The old robes will be donated to a needy congregation in the Montgomery Baptist Association.



BBC giving recognized. The International Mission Board recently sent a Cartersville Challenge certificate to BBC for our 2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering contribution. Our per capita giving of \$38.60 put us in the top 12 percent of the SBC's 45,000 churches who gave 23 percent of the total offering. The Cartersville Challenge is named after the church in Georgia where Lottie Moon accepted God's call to China as a missionary.

Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 4. Remember to set your watches and clocks back one hour (and gain an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on the 3rd.

Baptism service scheduled. On Sunday, Nov. 4, a baptism service will be held. The baptismal candidate is Susan Rice, who has already been voted to receive membership pending baptism.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Hubert, I've told you and I've told you... don't talk politics in Sunday School!"