



# 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

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment" (II Timothy 1:7).*

July is nearly upon us. What does that mean for Barnesville Baptist? Of course it means the time for another Vacation Bible School is here! For a week, beginning on Monday, July 8, the BBC campus will be turned into an exciting place for children to study the Bible, complete craft projects, learn what it means to be on mission, participate in worship rallies, play, and snack. Children who attend will experience the love of Christ displayed by the teachers and leaders. It is our prayer that some part of the week will point young people and their families to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Of course we can't forget the role of adults in VBS. It takes many adult volunteers to make this a successful week. Volunteers grill at the picnic kick-off on Monday evening and they teach the Bible study classes, craft class, and mission class. Volunteers supervise recreation and snack time each day; they register attendees and make sure materials for the children are available. They ensure a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for all who attend. They also provide audio-visual and technical support.

VBS is truly a church-wide outreach ministry that needs your faithful prayer support. Please pray for all who attend and all who volunteer in VBS this year. The smallest work done in the name of our Lord can become a very big thing when He blesses it.

The theme verse for the VBS week, *II Timothy 1:7*, should be an encouragement for all Christians who proclaim faith in the risen Savior. With the spirit of power, love, and sound judgment, we can boldly take the good news of the gospel of Christ to an unbelieving world.

God Bless,

Pastor Randy



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## Upcoming Events

- July 3** Business Meeting
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 8-12** Vacation Bible School



*"...Your paths drip with abundance. They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing" (Psalm 65:11-13).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The most important reason BBC offers VBS each year is so that we can share God's love through Jesus Christ with the children that attend as well as their families. As Christians in the Barnesville area, we are honored to share the gospel with those who come our way during those few summer evenings. The Apostle Paul explained that we act as God's representatives to those who do not know about Him. *"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (II Corinthians 5:20).*

An ambassador is a high and important official, representing the interests of his country in a foreign land. More than that, an ambassador is a personal representative of the leader who sent him, often a trusted friend or ally. In a Christian sense, we are Jesus' representatives because we are His friends whom He trusts to share the gospel with all we meet. *"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you...I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit..." (John 15:15-16).*

Ambassadors are officially commissioned in their work, empowered with authority to serve as representatives of their country. Christ promised the Church it would receive an endowment of power in *Acts 1:8*, where He said, *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"*. We know this came to pass in *Acts 2* when the Holy Spirit filled the first Christians with power and boldness to go out and proclaim the gospel to all Jerusalem.

Despite the closeness between an ambassador and the leader who sent him, an ambassador must live far away from his home country, spending years in foreign lands with unfamiliar customs. A successful ambassador must understand the customs of the people he lives among so as not to offend, and is often fluent in that country's language so that he may effectively communicate with that group of people. The Apostle Paul understood this principle, writing to fellow Christians, *"I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake..." (I Corinthians 9:22-23).* Paul understood the people around him so he could be an effective witness to God's love without causing unnecessary offense or misunderstanding.

Regardless of the yearly theme, BBC's VBS message is to share the A-B-Cs of the gospel: Admit to God that we have sinned and fallen short of His perfect standard; Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He can forgive our sins through His death and resurrection; and Confess our faith and trust in Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord. It is not our job to pressure children into making a decision to become a Christian. We trust that God will speak to each heart if we faithfully serve as Christ's ambassadors in our local community as witnesses to what we know about Jesus and His great love for all. We seek to plant seeds of biblical truth in the hearts and minds of people that God will harvest in His good time.

## Member of the Month: Ashley Babyak

- ★ Born: October 4, 1995 in Silver Spring, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since April 2009
- ★ How she first came to BBC: visited with Bob & Stephanie Runkles
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"
- ★ Favorite Pew: fourth row from the back on the left side
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Proverbs 31*
- ★ Age at baptism: 13 years old
- ★ Childhood church: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Derwood, MD
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Michael Waddell, professional hunter
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "My dedication to being in the medical field and doing research at the National Cancer Institute".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Croatia
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: iPhone
- ★ Childhood heroes: "My mommy".
- ★ Hobbies: "Reading, hunting, fishing, playing with my little brother and working in the lab".



## July Birthdays

8 Nancy Cooley  
9 Fred Bird, Hollyanne Noegel  
11 Megan Malik  
14 Penny Barton, Vicki Keriakos  
20 Margie Noegel  
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 membership application of Dillon Clipp, who was baptized on Jun. 2.
- A motion to remodel the church kitchen was introduced and referred to the Internal Administration Committee.

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting for July:*

- The Internal Administration Committee will recommend a motion to renovate the church kitchen during Old Business.

## Prayer Concerns

Virginia Magaha  
Dave Rose  
Tammy Combs  
Junior & Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn  
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother  
Jane Fowler  
Ollie Baumbaugh  
Linda Cain  
June Luhn  
Bob Runkles  
Lacey Williams  
David Cooper  
Pam Miceli  
Stephen Williams, Ed's brother  
Eddie Dorsey  
Judy Carver, Suzanne Neal's sister  
Bill Combs  
Lill Connell, John Beach's aunt  
Marsha Espinoza, Penny Barton's friend  
Betty Rice  
Larry Redden  
Mary Cole, Matthew Cole's mother  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Dean Swank, Lyndsay O'Malley,  
Bev Magruder, Phil Brudner, Bill Dunn, Jane Ward, Fran  
Hoagland, John Hunter, Mark Wilkinson, Mike Blinkhorn  
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).*

## VBS at BBC Across the Years

"Bible School"

The Barnesville Baptist church will begin its two weeks of Bible School on Saturday morning at nine o'clock. There after the classes will be held each morning, Monday through Friday, until August 16. Rev. William H. Lewis, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the school and the faculty will include Miss Helen Jeffers and Mrs. Albert Easter, of Barnesville, Miss Virginia Dazenhart and Miss Betsy Proctor, Knoxville, and Miss June Cole, Boyds.

*The Frederick Post, August 1, 1946, Page 4.*

"Barnesville to Have Vacation Bible School"

Vacation Bible School will be held at Barnesville starting with a Preparation Day parade on Friday, June 22, at one o'clock. The parade will leave from the church, go through town and back again where the children will register and rehearse the opening exercises. All those children between the ages of four and sixteen of all denominations are being invited. Classes will start on Monday, June 25, through June 29, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

On Friday following the parade at three o'clock, the Ladies of the Baptist church will hold a rummage and food sale at the Lions Hall. A special feature will be movies for the children. The sale will last till 9 p.m.

Barnesville is in the northern part of Montgomery county, a ten-minute drive from Sugar Loaf Mountain.

*The News, Frederick, MD, June 15, 1951, Page 5.*



## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School heading our way!* The roller-coaster theme for this year's VBS is "Colossal Coaster World", which will be held Jul. 8-12 from 6:30 to 8:30



pm. The VBS motto is "Facing Fear! Trusting God!" If you would like to serve in a classroom, music, crafts, recreation, or snack, please contact Pastor Randy or Mary Yates. Vacation Bible School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach

activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom.

*Kitchen renovation.* A motion to renovate the church kitchen will be voted on at the July business meeting. The motion would authorize the Head Groundsman to accept a proposal from Watkins Cabinet and several other contractors to install new cabinetry and flooring, granite countertops, new sinks, faucets, and an exhaust hood. Plumbing and electrical work would accompany the renovations. The current cook top, oven, refrigerator, and microwave would be retained.

The project will cost \$16,710. Offers of anonymous gifts to pay for the cabinetry (\$5,000) and granite countertops (\$3,710) would reduce the church's costs to \$8,000, which would be paid for from savings. Plans and specifications have been on display in the vestibule, and will be emailed out to church members prior to the business meeting. All interested members are invited to ask questions about this proposal to the Groundsmen as well as attend the July business meeting.

Assuming the motion is approved, a workday has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10 to remove the old cabinetry as well as take up the Fellowship Hall flooring. Volunteers are requested to help in this task; anyone who would like the old cabinets should contact the Head Groundsman immediately.

*Summer calendar change.* The Baptist Men will not meet in July, but will next meet on Saturday, Aug. 10 to help with the kitchen demolition.

*Guest preacher on Jul. 21.* Danny Moore, who is no stranger to BBC, will be speaking from the pulpit on Sunday, Jul. 21 as the pastor will be on vacation.

*Baptism service held on Jun. 2.* We welcome into membership Dillon Clipp, who was baptized on Sunday, Jun. 2. Dillon's membership application was approved at the June business meeting.



*BBC to spend a day at the fair.* On Monday, Aug. 12, members of Barnesville Baptist will man the Montgomery Baptist Association tent at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair from 10 am to 10 pm. If you are interested in spending some time representing the church during this outreach opportunity, please contact Pastor Randy.

*VBS missions offering.* As noted in the Pastor's Spotlight in the May 2013 *Lantern*, the VBS missions offering will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school. It takes \$35 to send one of these children to school each year. BBC's 2012 VBS mission offering was able to help 70 children attend school this past year.

## COTCD Cartoon

### CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

