



# 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

*"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand..." (Romans 5:1-2).*

One of the great realities of this life for a Christian is that in a world characterized by turmoil and unrest, through faith in Christ we have peace with God. We have been reconciled to the sovereign creator of heaven and earth and have access to Him through faith by the Holy Spirit. If you stopped for just a moment to ponder what an incredible position that puts you in, every event in your life would be viewed through the prism of being a close acquaintance, a dear friend, a specially loved child of the greatest power and majesty known to the world. Because we are at peace with God, we stand in that special circumstance of His grace. This grace saves us from our sins: *"By grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8). The Apostle Paul wrote that God showed the *"...exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus"* (Ephesians 2:7). Because we stand in His grace, there is no circumstance, enemy, difficulty, misfortune, or sudden turn of events that has the power to defeat God's grace in our lives.

The message of Scripture from God to all is this, *"...my grace is sufficient for you"* (II Corinthians 12:9). Trying to ponder the extent of God's grace to those who love Him is like trying to put the oceans into containers. They are too vast, too deep, too wide, and too restless to even consider containing. Even so is it with God's grace. We stand in an ocean of God's love and grace and for that reason all fear from the turmoil of this life is put aside, buried, and swallowed up in grace.

God Bless,

Pastor Randy



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## Upcoming Events

- May 1** National Day of Prayer
- May 7** Business Meeting
- May 10** Baptist Men's Meeting
- May 11** Mother's Day
- May 23** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
- May 26** Memorial Day, Church Office closed



*"The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot" (Proverbs 10:7).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The first Thursday of each May is designated as the National Day of Prayer in the United States. I usually manage to forget about it until I flip my calendar from April to May, normally several days after the event. Luckily, prayer can be done anytime under any circumstances. The word “prayer” means to “ask for”, or “obtained by asking”. In other words, prayer is nothing more than communicating with God.

The Scriptures describe prayer occurring in many different ways. There is no one “right” way to pray other than to have your heart in the right place before God. You can stand (*Mark 11:25*), you can bow (*Psalms 95:6*), you can kneel (*Acts 20:36*); you can even spread your hands like a solar panel (*Isaiah 1:15*). Pray in the day or in the night (*I Timothy 5:5*), or get up early and pray in the morning (*Psalms 5:3*). You can pray by yourself (*Matthew 6:6*), in a group (*Hebrews 10:25*), before the church (*Acts 12:5*), or with your family (*Matthew 18:20*). You can pray for anyone (*I Timothy 2:1*): those you love (*Job 42:8*) and those you hate (*Jeremiah 29:7*). Those who believe (*Ephesians 6:18*) and those who curse God (*Numbers 11:1-2*) all need prayer. You can pray long and loud (*Nehemiah 1:6*), and you’re even permitted to offer prayers that are short and sweet (*Matthew 6:5-7*).

What prayer looks like from the outside doesn’t matter. What does count with God is where your prayers come from. Honest, true, and godly prayer comes from the heart. It is a pouring out of one’s heart (*Lamentations 3:41*) and soul (*I Samuel 1:15*) before God when there is nothing else to do, no one else to turn to. God is not just the last place to turn to, but the One to whom you always and continually rely upon for help and blessing and guidance (*Psalms 73:28*). Prayer is based on faith (*Hebrews 10:22*) and confidence (*I John 5:14*) that a good and loving God will hear our requests and answer them in His own time (*Luke 18:7*), way (*Jeremiah 33:3*), and will (*II Corinthians 12:8-9*).

Prayer is more than just requesting. It has elements of praise and adoration (*Psalms 66:17*), confession (*Daniel 9:4-11*), thanksgiving (*Colossians 4:2*), and finally supplication (*Philippians 4:6*). Consider the Lord’s Prayer, which many have called the model prayer. Praise is found in *Matthew 6:9-10*: “...hallowed be Your name”; “...Your will be done...”. Confession of our sins and weaknesses before God is found in *Matthew 6:12*’s “...forgive us our trespasses...”. Thanksgiving for God’s goodness in our lives is evident in *Matthew 6:13*: “...deliver us from evil...”. Supplication, or asking for our needs, is one of the shortest elements of the Lord’s Prayer, as found in *Matthew 6:11*’s “Give us this day our daily bread”.

Prayer is so simple yet so profound. It allows us access to the Almighty Creator of the Universe, whose power and majesty is so infinite we cannot even imagine it, yet He loves us so much that He wants to hear from us always about our common and humble lives. Prayer gives the weak and lowly supernatural power to accomplish the impossible when they walk in faith. Make prayer a part of your everyday life. Even if you forget the first Thursday of May, if you pray without ceasing (*I Thessalonians 5:17*), it won’t matter if you haven’t flipped your calendar.

## Early Church Event Scramble

Can you place these 20 events in the correct order? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

- A. Gamaliel cautions Sanhedrin
- B. apostles speak in tongues
- C. Sanhedrin forbids preaching about Jesus
- D. angels free apostles from jail
- E. Philip baptizes an Ethiopian eunuch
- F. Stephen performs wonders and signs
- G. Peter and John arrested
- H. Jesus ascends to heaven
- I. Peter preaches to crowd, 3000 saved
- J. disciples sell property to benefit Church
- K. Stephen accused of blasphemy
- L. Saul persecutes the Church
- M. apostles empowered by Holy Spirit
- N. Matthias chosen as apostle
- O. Peter and John heal lame man
- P. seven chosen to serve widows
- Q. Ananias lies to the Holy Spirit
- R. Philip preaches in Samaria
- S. Stephen stoned
- T. Sapphira dies

## Early Church Word Search

T S O C E T N E P W N T J Y P D  
E M T N O I N U M M O C R I T A  
Z M S I L A W S K A T X H R S G  
I I T G R D R X A E T S B C T E  
T N E N S I Z R M N W T E M N R  
P I P I E B P P E O H N H I Y R  
A S H N E S L S L S S E R I T X  
B T E O C E A L Y I T T D E A A  
V R N T U L E P O L C E V R N S  
T Y D S D F E N P O O E D A I R  
N O B Y D T D I D H I H N D E N  
P O N R A N N R L L I I N Y B L  
E G M G S N B E E A A R A W T N  
T M X R U B V B P S M R A J R Z  
E X R N E E Q Q L E P A V T D N  
R Y K G G S S D R J R J G X W K

Word Bank: Ananias, arrested, ascension, baptize, believe, communion, doctrine, fellowship, Gamaliel, Holy Spirit, Matthias, Pentecost, Peter, prayer, repent, Sadducees, Sanhedrin, Sapphira, sermon, Stephen, stoning, Temple, tongues

## May Birthdays

- 1 Franklin Ennis, Frankie Fowler
- 2 Frank Fowler Jr., Heather Cross
- 15 Eddie Fowler
- 17 Leroy Watkins
- 18 Sandy Watkins
- 22 Vicki Crowe
- 24 Nicholas Cole, Wade Williams
- 28 Paul Foster
- 30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in April:*

- A motion to consider purchasing a new church sign was referred to the Internal Administration Cmte.

*Expected at the May Business Meeting:*

- Nominations for messengers to attend the 2014 annual Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore, MD from Jun. 10-11 will be considered.

## Prayer Concerns

Pastor Randy Gilliam  
Virginia Magaha  
Mike Furr  
Junior & Arlene Luhn  
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother  
Jane Fowler  
Ollie Baumbaugh  
Linda Cain  
Tammy Combs  
June Luhn  
Dale Willis, Joe Yates' cousin  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Bev Magruder, Bill Dunn,  
Jane Ward, Fran Hoagland, Mark Wilkinson, Mike  
Blinkhorn, Jody Pelligrino, Donald Jericho, John Hunter,  
Cathy Mallory, JoAnn Clark, Jack Neal, Sally Buffington,  
John Beach, David Fogle, Faye Schrader, Phil Brudner, Jan  
Woody, Jimmy Benson, Garnet Beam  
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala),  
Steve & Emily Ruffner (Inat'l. School Project), David & Cheryl  
Shive (Faith Home Ministries), Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras),  
Candice Corwin (King's Domain)



*"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



## Early Church Event Scramble Answers

- 1. H (Acts 1:9); 2. N (Acts 1:26); 3. M (Acts 2:4); 4. B (Acts 2:4); 5. I (Acts 2:14-41); 6. O (Acts 3:7); 7. G (Acts 4:3); 8. C (Acts 4:18); 9. J (Acts 4:36); 10. Q (Acts 5:3); 11. T (Acts 5:10); 12. D (Acts 5:19); 13. A (Acts 5:34-39); 14. P (Acts 6:5); 15. F (Acts 6:8); 16. K (Acts 6:11); 17. S (Acts 7:58); 18. L (Acts 8:3); 19. R (Acts 8:5); 20. E (Acts 8:38).

## News You Can Use

*Easter activity report.* We are proud to report that with an offering of \$2,556, BBC has exceeded its 2014 Annie



*Pastor Randy Gilliam reading Scripture at the 60<sup>th</sup> Sugarloaf Mountain Easter Sunrise Service*

Armstrong Easter Offering goal of \$2,375 to support the North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries who spread the Gospel to people across the United States and Canada. Many of our state convention and local association leaders receive support through the NAMB, so

this offering truly makes a difference in our community. Thank you for your prayerful generosity in support of God's Kingdom.

*Clean-up day thanks.* Sixteen people came out on Saturday, Apr. 12 to help beautify and maintain the church grounds:

Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Joe & Mary Yates, Larry Michael, Ed & Ellen Williams, Lee Michael, Laura Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Luke Fedders, Bill Caudell, Dot Fowler, Bob Runkles (see picture on right), Jack Cooley and DW Cooley. These volunteers raked leaves and sticks, spread mulch, and washed windows. Many thanks to those listed above for their time and effort.



*May 18 service.* Rev. Danny Moore will preach on Sunday, May 18 in the pastor's absence.

*Easter lillies.* Flowers to decorate the sanctuary were donated by the following people: Bob Lillard and Jan & Gary Burdette in memory of Margery Lillard; Gary & Jan Burdette in memory of Lloyd & Helen Burdette; Jack & Kitty Cooley in memory of their parents, Carson & Dorothy Ward and Jack & Nellie Cooley; Scott & Carrie Foster in memory of Howard Crogan, Flora Gilliam in memory of Rufus Gilliam, June & Jack Schaum, and Mary Crouse; Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam in memory of Rufus Gilliam and Dave & Pearl Fowler and in honor of Flora Gilliam; Jerry & Suzanne Neal in memory and honor of Safford and Neal family loved ones; Tod & June Luhn in honor of Michael Oden's upcoming high school graduation; David & Ann Bennett in memory of Carroll & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland; Jane Fowler and family in memory of Frank Fowler, Sr.; Dot Fowler in memory of Charles Fowler and her parents; Joe & Mary Yates in memory of Larkin & Anne Yates, Hazel Ward, and Bruce Benson.

"Jesus Is Alive!" cantata performed. Thanks to Paul Foster and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical and video presentation on Easter Sunday, Apr. 20. Jan Burdette was the pianist, Penny Barton was the soloist for "Via Dolorosa" (see picture on right), and David Bennett narrated. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



*VBS 2014 volunteers needed.* In preparation for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held Jul. 7-11, volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Talk to Pastor Randy or Mary Yates if you'd like to participate. Please begin praying for this important ministry.



*SBC to meet in MD after 74 years.* The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in nearby Baltimore on Jun. 10-11, which last happened in 1940! BBC may send 10 messengers to the SBC, which will elect a president, other national-level leaders, and vote on resolutions. If you have the time, consider becoming a messenger at the May business meeting so you can see what the SBC is firsthand. The annual meeting rarely comes this far north; this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to have the SBC meet this close to BBC.

*WMU collecting health kit supplies.* Please join the WMU and the BCM/D in their outreach ministry. Items for a health kit include a new, large bath towel and washcloth, an adult toothbrush, toothpaste, a large comb (not a rattail comb), a full-sized shampoo bottle and bar of soap, and deodorant. If you would like to contribute items for the health kits, please bring them to church no later than Sunday, May 11.

*Dominion 4.* On Sunday, Apr. 27, those who attended the Praise and Worship service were treated to a special music event. Dominion 4 presented their testimony for Christ in song and spoken word.



They sang a variety of Christian songs in wonderful, four-part barbershop harmony. All of

the music was *a cappella*. We hope to have Dominion 4 return later this year. Watch for the date and bring your friends to a very special musical treat.