



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

"But Jesus immediately said to them; 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid'" (Matthew 14:27).

What wonderful words to hear from the Lord when His disciples are in distress or in trouble or are afraid. The context of this Scripture was that Jesus' disciples were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The wind was contrary, they had rowed for a long time but had not gone too far, and the boat was buffeted by the waves. Jesus had been on the mountain praying most of the night and knew of their trouble. He came toward them walking on the water. Because they did not expect to see the Lord, or anyone else walking on the water, they were afraid and thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said to them, *"Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid"*. A direct translation of how Jesus identified Himself is, *"I AM"*. This is the same way Jehovah God identified Himself to Moses in *Exodus 3:14*. By using this descriptor Jesus was clearly identifying Himself as God in the flesh. Furthermore, by walking on the water, Jesus demonstrated His creation power over nature. His disciples then had nothing to fear and could be encouraged because Jesus was with them. The Scripture goes on to say that when Jesus got into the boat, the wind died down and the disciples in the boat worshipped Him, saying, *"Truly You are the Son of God"* (*Matthew 14:33*).

Just as Jesus was on the mountain praying for His disciples in their predicament, even today Jesus is at the right hand of God the Father interceding for those who trust in him (*Romans 8:34*). There is no circumstance, no storm, no distress in a believer's life that Jesus is not aware of. When a believer learns to trust Christ and remembers who Jesus is and what He has done for His disciples, and that He promised to be with His followers to the end of the age, then that believer can be of good courage and need not be afraid because he or she is in the loving care of the great I AM.

God Bless,

Pastor Randy



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Upcoming Events

June 4 Business Meeting
June 14 Flag Day
June 15 Father's Day
June 21 Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:00 am
June 23 VBS Planning Meeting, 7:00 pm



"...For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God" (I Samuel 17:26)?

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Over the Memorial Day weekend I went on a family fishing trip to Smith Mountain Lake near Roanoke, VA. Our usual quarry is rockfish, also called striped bass or stripers. Smith Mountain Lake, however, has many species of fish, including both large- and smallmouth bass, catfish, crappies, and muskies. We hire a fishing guide who knows the lake and provides the boat and tackle. Stripers are an aggressive fish that have a distinctive way of attacking its prey/live bait and put up a fight when hooked. Even though we try to fish exclusively for stripers, we still catch bass and catfish from time to time. It is hard to determine exactly what type of fish we have caught until it is just a few feet away from the boat, but we can usually tell whether we've caught a striper or another species by the way the hook is set and how the fish fights on the line. Our fishing guide, a striper-lover at heart, gets upset if we catch any non-striper species and can't wait to toss a catfish or bass off his boat if we happen to land one.

This fishing tale reminds me of the biblical parable about the wheat and tares in *Matthew 13:24-30* and Jesus' teaching about knowing a tree by its fruit in *Luke 6:43-45*. In *Matthew 13*, tares are an unwelcome weed that look similar to wheat when young but are otherwise unedible and unprofitable. Only at harvest time can the wheat and tare be safely separated without harming the stalks of wheat. In *Luke 6*, Jesus makes the point that a "tree is known by its fruit" (v. 4). Just as wheat and tares grow side by side and grapes don't come from thorn bushes, so it is with fish. They live together in close proximity, but can be told apart by their behavior. A catfish is slow and gentle when caught, making you think that maybe there is nothing on the hook at all. It would be very unusual for a catfish to generate the kind of power that a muscular striper would demonstrate in its attempt to charge the bait and drag it away.

As Christians, these anecdotes, be they biblical parables about agricultural products or my recent story about fishing, should help us remember that we are recognized by our actions, and our actions are determined by our nature. Followers of Jesus Christ should stand out from the world as bearers of salt and light because we have died to our old way of thinking and behaving and now have the new birth inside of us charting our actions and priorities (*Romans 6:4-11*). A grapevine bears forth grapes because that is the only fruit it knows how to produce, and a striper pulls down hard on a baited hook because it doesn't know any other way to catch its prey. When we act in accordance with our God-given nature, the Lord is pleased, bringing the wheat into His barn but bundling the tares for fire and destruction (*Matthew 13:30*).

Through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us always try to behave and live in such a way that no one is ever confused about whether we are Christians or needs to examine us up close to realize that we belong to Jesus Christ.

David & Goliath Event Scramble

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

- A. David volunteers to fight Goliath
- B. Philistines gather their armies in Judah
- C. Goliath insults David
- D. Saul sends for David
- E. Saul and the men of Israel gather together
- F. Saul and all Israel fear Goliath
- G. David sees that Israel is afraid of Goliath
- H. David learns whoever kills Goliath will be rewarded
- I. David recounts his experience as a shepherd
- J. David tries on Saul's armor
- K. Jesse sends David to bring food to his brothers
- L. David cuts off Goliath's head
- M. David's oldest brother gets angry at David
- N. Jesse's oldest sons follow Saul to war
- O. Goliath of Gath defies the armies of Israel
- P. Jesse's youngest son David tended to the sheep
- Q. Saul allows David to fight Goliath
- R. David found his brothers
- S. David hits Goliath in the head using his sling
- T. David picks out five smooth stones from a brook

David & Goliath Word Search

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

Word Bank: armor, army, bear, Bethlehem, David, defy, five, forehead, Gath, Goliath, Israel, javelin, lion, Philistine, Saul, sheep, shepherd, sling, spear, stones, uncircumcised

June Birthdays

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- 4 Marva Cole
- 7 Stephanie Rice
- 8 Lisa Fedders
- 9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
- 10 Gary Burdette, Sharon Engle
- 11 Jan Burdette
- 14 Marty Woods
- 16 June Luhn
- 17 Donna Elgin, Matt Yates
- 23 Bill Appleton, June Ivey
- 27 Mark Crowe, Sandra Oden



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

- Messengers appointed to attend the 2014 annual Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore, MD from Jun. 10-11 were Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam and Lee Michael.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

- An Internal Administration Committee motion to increase the telecommunications budget line item by \$950 will be considered.

Prayer Concerns

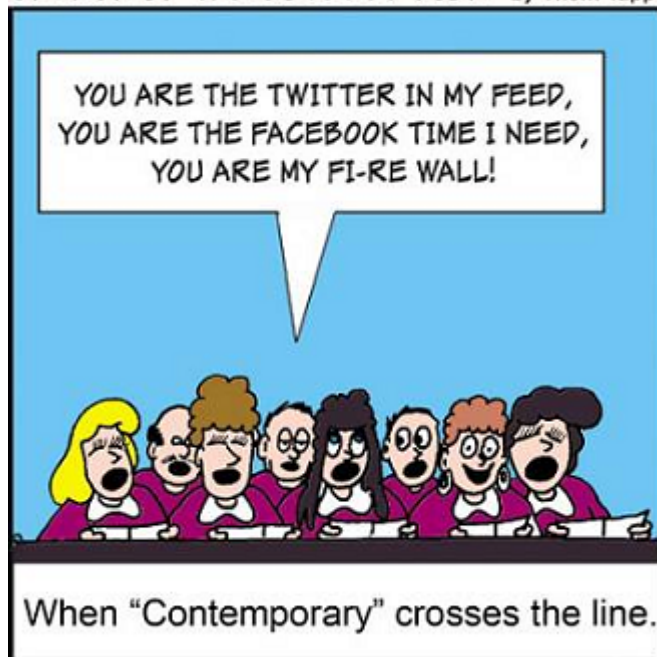
Pastor Randy Gilliam
Cindy Bennett's family at the passing of Cindy's mother,
JoeAnn Ambush
Virginia Magaha
Mike Furr
Junior & Arlene Luhn
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
Jane Fowler
Ollie Baumbaugh
Linda Cain
Tammy Combs
June Luhn
Dale Willis, Joe Yates' cousin
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery 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



David & Goliath Event Scramble Answers

- 1. B (I Samuel 17:1); 2. E v. 2; 3. O v. 10; 4. F v. 11; 5. N v. 13;
- 6. P v. 15; 7. K v. 17; 8. R v. 22; 9. G v. 24; 10. H vv. 25-27;
- 11. M v. 28; 12. D v. 31; 13. A v. 32; 14. I vv. 34-37; 15. Q v. 37;
- 16. J v. 38; 17. T v. 40; 18. C vv. 43-44; 19. S vv. 49-50;
- 20. L v. 51

News You Can Use

Vacation Bible School heading our way! The theme for this year's VBS is "Agency D3: Discover, Decide, Defend", which will be held Jul. 7-11 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. Vacation Bible School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. A final planning meeting will be held on Monday, Jun. 23 at 7:00 pm.

Summer vacation begins for several programs. Monthly activities beginning their summer hiatus include the Friday Night movie, WMU meetings, and the lunches with Watkins Cabinet. These programs will resume in September.

Health kits distributed. The WMU wishes to thank those who contributed enough supplies to make 32 health kits for migrant workers, prison inmates, homeless people, and seamen. The WMU sent these kits to the state convention headquarters in Columbia, from where the kits were sent out to those in need in places like the port of Baltimore.

Big thank you to Danny Moore. Pastor Danny Moore has been a friend to Barnesville Baptist Church for many years and feels like he is at home when he visits with our congregation. Danny spent three Sundays with us in May while Pastor Randy was in the hospital and then



recovering from surgery. Danny is a dynamic speaker and his messages on topics such as reflecting Jesus' love to all and considering whether we are "squeezers" or "pleasers" were very much appreciated. One young BBC member shared with Danny that she had taken to heart something he had shared in a message and how it had impacted her life. God speaks through His servants. Thank you, Danny.

(Pastor Randy notes: Oh yes, and thank you for the head of cabbage!)

Congratulations to high school graduate. Michael Oden will graduate from Poolesville High School on June 2, 2014.

The ceremony will be held at the Knott Arena at Mount Saint Mary's College in

Emmitsburg, MD. Michael plans to continue his education this fall at Montgomery College's

Germantown Campus, studying computer technology. Michael

received a \$13,000 grant to continue his schooling but plans to work also, either in the childcare or eldercare fields.

Barnesville wishes Michael the very best that life has to offer as he begins this new chapter of his life. Michael, may God bless you as you live to honor Him.



Congratulations to newlyweds. BBC offers up its prayers and best wishes to David & Elyse Gilliam who were married in New Jersey on Friday, May 16. David & Elyse will make

their home in Denver, Colorado.

Many prayers were offered up by members and friends of

Barnesville Baptist that Pastor Randy would be well enough to

attend and participate in his son David's wedding, and just as many

praises were given to the Lord that Pastor Randy was indeed able to

do so.



Local pastor will be nominated to lead SBC. Dr. Dennis Manpoong Kim, pastor of the Global Mission Church of Greater Washington in Silver Spring, MD, will be one of

three candidates nominated to serve as the next president of

the Southern Baptist Convention at the 2014 meeting in Baltimore. Global Mission is the largest congregation in

both the Montgomery Baptist Association and Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. If elected, Dr. Kim

would be the first ethnically Asian SBC president. You can learn more about Pastor Kim, the other presidential

candidates, and the 2014 Southern Baptist Convention at the Baptist Press website, www.bpnews.net.