



# 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

*"God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful" (I Corinthians 1:9).*

In our constantly changing, sometimes up, sometimes down world, one hugely important truth should give great confidence to all believers in Jesus Christ: God is faithful! By "faithful" we understand that "God will always do what He said and fulfill what He has promised"<sup>A</sup>. The Scriptures bear witness to God's faithfulness. Think of the great promise made to Abram so long ago: "...I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:2-3). Abraham and Sarah, both passed the age of having children, were enabled to have a son. It was through Abraham's descendants that the nation of Israel was created, and it was through that people that God chose to come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ and fulfill His plan of redemption for all people. God is faithful!

God is faithful to provide. Think of Elijah when there was a famine in the land and no rain or dew came for a few years. God told Elijah to go to the Brook Cherith, east of the Jordan River (I Kings 17:2-3). He did what the Lord said. Then God was faithful, "The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook" (v.6).

God is faithful! Simon Peter the fisherman-disciple had fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told him to, "...Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Unconvinced about catching anything, Simon said, "At Thy word I will let down the net" (v. 5). When he did what the Lord said to do, "they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break" (v. 6). God is faithful to all generations and He will be faithful to give you purpose and make you a blessing, "...He who began a good work in you; will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus..." (Philippians 1:6). God IS faithful!

God Bless,



Pastor Randy

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## Upcoming Events

- July 2** Business Meeting
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 7-11** Vacation Bible School



*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).*

A. Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994, Page 1241.

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

If you saw the following things around you, what would you think was going on: sulfurous gas and steam venting from the ground, boiling pools of water, bubbling tar, earthquakes and tremors, and falling ash? If you guessed you were near a volcano, you'd be right. That was the evidence the people of Los Angeles had as to what was going on around them in the 1997 movie *Volcano*, which starred Tommy Lee Jones as one of the lead characters who had to convince those around him that they needed to be concerned about what was happening. However, as the plot unfolded, it wasn't until lava started erupting out of the ground that people finally gave up their excuses and alternative hypotheses.

This year's VBS will be somewhat like the movie *Volcano* in that evidence will be presented that has to be interpreted. The children won't face a natural disaster, but instead will learn about someone named Jesus Christ. They will have to answer what could possibly be the most important question there is: who is Jesus Christ? Many people have come up with different answers: He was a good man, but nothing more, a teacher, a reformer, a member of a Jewish religious splinter group, or a prophet. But when you consider the evidence we have about Jesus Christ, that He healed the sick, made the lame walk, cleansed lepers, made the deaf hear, raised the dead, preached the Gospel and forgave sins, what conclusion can you come to other than to join with the multitude of eyewitnesses to Jesus' mighty works who *"...marveled...and....glorified the God of Israel"* (Matthew 15:31)? When you take Jesus' miracles, a life story that fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah, and especially His death, burial, and resurrection, who can argue that these are the life and acts of just a mere man or a moralist, and not, as Peter testified, *"Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (John 6:69)? Some people required more proof than others. Even though Jesus had preached about His death, many of His followers were dejected and ready to give up their faith when Jesus died on the cross. Thomas was one of those people who resisted believing that Jesus could actually do what He said until Christ appeared in front of Him and invited Thomas to observe the nail marks and wounds He suffered on the cross. Faced with incontrovertible evidence, *"...Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God'"* (John 20:28)!

Unlike the apostles who knew Jesus personally, today's VBS students can't introduce their Savior to people who don't know about or believe in Jesus, but they can *"...Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). Once they know the evidence about who Jesus really is, they can respond to His offer of salvation through faith and share the Gospel with anyone they meet. Just like in the movie *Volcano*, the Angelenos couldn't save their city until they admitted that the unthinkable had occurred and there really was a volcano about to erupt underneath their feet. So it is in real life: it is easy to answer the question "who is Jesus Christ?" and receive His salvation when the evidence is all around you.

## Exodus Event Scramble

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

- A. Pharaoh and his army pursued the children of Israel
- B. God hardened Pharaoh's heart
- C. God called to Moses from a burning bush
- D. Moses stretched out his hand and God divided the Red Sea
- E. God killed the livestock of Egypt
- F. God covered Egypt with frogs
- G. God told Moses to "bring My people...out of Egypt"
- H. God turned the dust into lice
- I. God sent locusts to eat everything that was green
- J. God sent thunder and hail upon Egypt
- K. God covered Egypt with darkness for three days
- L. God sent swarms of flies to cover the Egyptians
- M. God told Moses His name was "I AM WHO I AM"
- N. God struck down the firstborn of Egypt
- O. God turned the waters of Egypt into blood
- P. Aaron's rod swallowed up the rods of Pharaoh's sorcerers
- Q. the children of Israel crossed the sea on dry ground
- R. Moses instructed the children of Israel to sacrifice a lamb
- S. Moses led Israel to the Red Sea
- T. God covered men and beasts with boils

## Exodus Word Search

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

Word Bank: Aaron, blood, boils, burning bush, darkness, Egypt, Exodus, firstborn, flies, frogs, hail, I AM WHO I AM, lamb, lice, livestock, Moses, Passover, Pharaoh, plague, Red Sea, slavery, thunder

## July Birthdays

**8** Nancy Cooley  
**9** Fred Bird, Hollyanne Noegel  
**11** Megan Malik  
**14** Penny Barton, Vicki Keriakos  
**19** Brandon Cole  
**20** Margie Noegel  
**22** Douglas Cooley  
**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:*

- An Internal Administration Committee motion to increase the telecommunications budget line item by \$950 was adopted.

*Expected at the July Business Meeting:*

- A motion will be made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2014-2016 term.
- The Pastor will announce that the following members will serve on the Nominating Committee to select 2014-2016 officers: Pauline Fowler, Sandy Gilliam, Lee Michael, Ellen Williams, Joe Yates, and himself.

## Prayer Concerns

Pastor Randy Gilliam  
Mary Mossburg, recovering from surgery  
Virginia Magaha  
Mike Furr  
Junior & Arlene Luhn  
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother  
Jane Fowler  
Ollie Baumbaugh  
Linda Cain  
Tammy Combs  
June Luhn  
Elyse Burdette, severely burned  
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



## Exodus Event Scramble Answers

**1. C** (Exodus 3:4); **2. G** (3:10); **3. M** (3:14); **4. B** (7:3); **5. P** (7:12); **6. O** (7:20); **7. F** (8:6); **8. H** (8:17); **9. L** (8:24); **10. E** (9:6); **11. T** (9:11); **12. J** (9:24); **13. I** (10:15); **14. K** (10:22); **15. R** (12:6); **16. N** (12:29); **17. S** (14:2); **18. A** (14:8); **19. D** (14:21); **20. Q** (14:22)

## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School heading our way!* This year's "Agency D3: Discover, Decide, Defend" VBS will be held Jul. 7-11 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you would like to serve in a classroom,

**LIFEWAYS**  
**Agency D3**  
**DISCOVER DECIDE DEFEND | PETER 3:15**

music,  
crafts,  
recreation,  
or  
snack,

please contact Pastor Randy or Mary Yates. If you know anyone who needs transportation in order to come to VBS, please leave a message at the church office so we can make arrangements. The kick-off picnic and registration will start on Monday, Jul. 7 at 5:30 pm.

*VBS missions offering and mission project.* 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. The older students will have a missions rotation where they help assemble at least 21 heat retention cookers which will be sent to missionaries Matt & Ellen Zell for their ministry in Honduras. Ellen teaches Honduran women how to use the cookers to save on electricity costs and use less firewood for cooking, which helps Honduran families have a better life. Showing Christian love to people in this way provides an opportunity for the Zells to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the Honduran people they meet.

*Bell choir.* Ann Bennett is very interested in starting up the bell choir again. We have beautiful bells and equipment and a good director. Anyone who may be interested in ringing with the bell choir should contact Ann Bennett or drop off a note at BBC. This is a very rewarding ministry and brings an added part of worship to the BBC services during the year. It is not necessary to be able to read music to play in the choir. Those of us who have rung bells in the choir before are living proof of this fact! If you enjoy music and are up to a new experience, please pray about joining the BBC Bell Choir.



*Card ministry.* Barnesville Baptist has a card ministry led by Jane Fowler that sends out get well, praying for you, sympathy, and birthday cards to members and friends of BBC as well as their families and relatives. Please let Jane know if someone in your family might need a little uplift by a card from someone who is concerned about them.



*Baptist Men on summer break.* Monthly meetings of the Baptist Men will not be held in July or August but will resume in September.

*2014 SBC annual meeting.* The 157th Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting was held from June 10-11, 2014 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, MD's Inner Harbor. This year's meeting drew 5,294 messengers. Outgoing SBC President Fred Luter, Jr. of New Orleans, LA led the



*BBC messengers Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam and Lee Michael*

business of the convention.

The 2014 convention theme was "Restoration and Revival through Prayer", with the theme verse of *Psalms 80:18-19*.

Among the motions adopted was a constitutional amendment to update messenger qualifications that would permit each SBC church two messengers plus one additional messenger for each full percentage of a church's undesignated receipts or one additional messenger for each \$6,000 of giving to the SBC.

From the floor, SBC messengers proposed 17 motions, six of which were referred to SBC entities for consideration. A motion asking churches to "pray passionately and regularly for persecuted Christians" was adopted by unanimous consent. Ten motions were ruled out of order.

The SBC adopted nine resolutions on topics ranging from transgender identity to payday lending, church revitalization, global hunger relief, the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and casinos and lotteries.

During the International Mission Board (IMB) presentation, SBC messengers learned that on average, each IMB missionary helped lead 49 people to faith in Christ last year; led 24 new converts to be baptized; helped mentor at least five potential leaders; and was involved in discipleship with 90 people.

In this WMU's 125th year, the largest amount ever was given to the 2013 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, over \$154 million.

SBC messengers elected Rev. Ronnie Floyd of Arkansas to succeed Rev. Fred Luter as SBC president with 51.62% of the vote. Local pastor Rev. Dennis Kim of Global Mission Church in Silver Spring, MD received 40.70% of the ballots cast.

Next year's convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio.



*Rev. Ronnie Floyd (left) of Arkansas was elected to succeed Rev. Fred Luter (right) as SBC president*