



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 Pastors' Spotlight

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

While reading an article recently about why many people do not attend church, a surprising statistic was revealed. Surveys show that up to 80% of people not involved in a church would attend if they were invited. What? Could that be true? Many people who need to find a relationship with the Lord Jesus, or people who need to be in discipleship classes, or people who need the fellowship of a Christian church would attend if they were just invited? Let's see. How many people have I invited to our church in the last six months? Hmmmm, not many. What can be done to make it easier for you and me to invite neighbors, family, and strangers to come to a worship service or Bible study class? One thing would be to put an attractive invitation in their hand with the church's name and address, worship and Bible study times, and contact information if they want to ask questions. There is such an invitation card and those attending BBC will be given several of them during the worship service on Sept. 7.

You might ask, what if the person I invite has questions about the Christian faith that I can't answer? No problem. On the back of the invitation card is a website, truelife.org, which the person may go to on their own, at no cost, and watch short videos explaining some of the church's basic doctrines and providing clear answers to some of life's hard questions. Hmmmm. It doesn't get much easier than that.

In the parable of the great banquet in *Luke 14*, the master of the house told the servants to go out and compel the people to come in. Compel or entreat or invite people to come in: that is exactly what the Lord would have us do in order to make it possible for more people to hear the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please make this a matter of prayer for you and for your church. Plan to attend the Sept. 7 worship service for more information.



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

- September 1** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 3** Business Meeting
- September 19** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- September 20** Baptist Men's Breakfast
- September 26** Family Film Night



"So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him...blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands" (Judges 7:19).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What is the difference between worship and praise? The two words are often closely paired together like “peanut butter and jelly” or “bricks and mortar”. We often say in our church services that we’re going to “praise and worship”. The dictionary defines “worship” as “paying divine honors to the Supreme Being; religious reverence and homage; adoration, or acts of reverence”, and says “praise” is to “extol in words or song; to magnify; to glorify on account of perfections or excellent works”, especially to God. I would say that the main difference between worship and praise is that you worship God because of who He is, and you praise God for what He has done.

In *Matthew 2:2*, the Magi came to worship the newborn Christ, saying, “*For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him*”. Jesus hadn’t done anything at that point except to be born. But because of who He was, God incarnate, He was worthy of reverence and respect. Satan tempted Christ to worship him in *Matthew 4:9*: “*And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me”*”. It certainly wasn’t on the basis of Satan’s merits or great works that he wanted Christ to worship him, it was because he wanted Christ’s allegiance and surrender to his will. However, worship is something that God reserves unto Himself and will not share. In *Exodus 34:14*, Moses explained to the children of Israel that “*...you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God...*”.

Praise, on the other hand, can be given to anyone for their actions. You can praise a student for getting a good grade, an artist for painting a beautiful portrait, or an athlete for winning a competition. When we talk about praising God, He is deserving of continual compliments and congratulations because of His many and excellent works. David wrote in *Psalms 145:10*: “*All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You*”. A few of the things the Lord should be praised for include His great and awesome power (*Psalms 21:13*), goodness (*Jeremiah 33:11*), mercy (*II Chronicles 20:21*), loving-kindness (*Psalms 138:2*), faithfulness (*Isaiah 25:1*), salvation (*Luke 1:68-69*), consolation (*Isaiah 12:1*), judgment (*Psalms 101:1*), promise-keeping (*I Kings 8:56*), deliverance (*Psalms 40:1-3*), protection (*Psalms 28:7*), prayer-answering (*Psalms 118:21*), and blessings (*Ephesians 1:3*).

Worship is a more solemn and serious activity where we quiet ourselves and focus on the majesty and splendor of an infinitely superior Being whose love, even attention, we are unworthy of: “*But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him*” (*Habakkuk 2:20*). In contrast, praise is a more kinetic and jubilant affair where we can sing and dance and raise our voices in joy to celebrate our Heavenly Father: “*Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals*” (*Psalms 150:4-5*)!

What we can see is that worship and praise do go together, even though they are not the same. God deserves reverence and also wants our applause because He is both “*...the King of kings and Lord of lords...dwelling in unapproachable light*”... (*I Timothy 6:15-16*) and “*...Abba, Father*” (*Galatians 4:6*)! What is most important is that we never cease to do either: “*And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long*” (*Psalms 35:28*).

Gideon & The 300 Event Scramble

Can you place these 20 events in the correct order?
Answers are on the bottom of page 4, column 2.

- A. Gideon prepared an offering for the Angel of the Lord
- B. 22,000 men were sent home from Gideon’s camp
- C. Gideon received a dry fleece on wet ground
- D. Gideon listened to enemy’s dream
- E. Gideon took courage and worshipped the Lord
- F. Israel cried out to the Lord
- G. Gideon and the 300 chased the Midianites over the Jordan River
- H. Gideon watched how the men drank water
- I. Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress
- J. Israel enjoyed 40 years of peace
- K. Gideon received a wet fleece on dry ground
- L. the Midianites oppressed Israel
- M. the Angel of the Lord called Gideon a mighty warrior
- N. Gideon destroyed the altar of Baal
- O. only 300 men remained with Gideon
- P. the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord
- Q. the Lord told Gideon to dismiss all the “extra” soldiers
- R. the Angel of the Lord told Gideon to deliver Israel from the Midianites
- S. Gideon armed his men with trumpets and pitchers
- T. God made the enemy soldiers attack each other

Gideon & The 300 Word Search

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

Word Bank: altar, Angel of the Lord, army, Baal, camp, dew, dry, fleece, Gideon, Israel, lapped, Midianites, mighty man, pitcher, three hundred, torch, trumpet, water, wheat, winepress

September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler, Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole, Bill Morrison
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 21 Melissa Fisher, Logan Marsh



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved the Standing Committees' recommendations on Church officer authorizations for the 2014-2016 term, which will be used by the Nominating Committee in its work.
- At the recommendation of the Pastor and Deacons to call a part-time associate pastor, a Pastor Search Committee was elected consisting of Lee Michael, Chairman, Cris Driver, Larry Michael, Linda Roberts, Ed Williams, Ellen Williams, and Joe Yates to consider calling Rev. Danny Moore as a part-time Associate Pastor for Evangelism.
- At the recommendation of the Pastor and Deacons, the Church agreed to enter into a "mother church" agreement with Rev. Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel of Gaithersburg, MD.
- The Church accepted a bid from ADvantage LED Signs to install a new double-sided, changeable letter sign in the front yard.

Report from the Special Business Meeting on August 24:

- A series of administrative motions from the Internal Administration Committee were adopted to adjust the Church by-laws and 2014 budget to prepare for Associate Pastor Danny Moore's election.
- The Church elected Rev. Danny Moore as the associate pastor for evangelism of Barnesville Baptist Church by a vote of 32-0.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- The Pastor is seeking five members to serve as messengers to the 79th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Sept. 28 at Montrose Baptist Church in Rockville.

Prayer Concerns

the family of Virginia Magaha at her passing
the family of John Dunn at the passing of his brother
Margie Stream

Pastor Randy Gilliam
Mary Mossburg
Junior & Arlene Luhn
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
Jane Fowler
Ollie Baumbaugh
Tammy Combs
June Luhn
Larry Magruder
PFC Kevin Yates
Cale Zurakowski
Tyler Babyak
Patricia Stiles
Reese Burdette

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Mark Wilkinson, Mike Blinkhorn,
Jody Pelligrino, Donald Jericho, Cathy Mallory, JoAnn Clark, David
Fogle, Phil Brudner, Jan Woody, Jimmy Benson, Garnet Beam,
Donald Nugen, Freddy Parker, Sandy Anthony
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala),
Steve & Emily Ruffner (International 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).*

News You Can Use

Virginia Magaha, 1928-2014. Our dear sister Virginia Magaha passed away on Aug. 25 at the age of 86. Virginia became a member of our congregation about 1955. She served her Church and her Lord through her gift of hospitality. She will be remembered as an excellent cook and an active WMU member. We mourn Virginia's death with her daughters Connie and Donna and pray that the Lord will give Virginia's family comfort and strength in the weeks and months ahead.



Welcome to the Moores. BBC is happy to welcome Rev. Danny & Cindy Moore to our church family. Pastor Danny was elected on Sunday, Aug. 24 as BBC's new Associate Pastor for Evangelism. Danny will be serving on a part-time basis, primarily on Sundays. He will share in Pastor Randy's preaching and teaching responsibilities, and will assist in planning and executing a ministry strategy for the Church, as well as expanding, creating, and facilitating ministry activities and opportunities in the areas of evangelism, visitation, worship, and outreach to the unchurched.



Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware. The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. The BCM/D-wide goal for 2014 is \$190,000. BBC's goal this year is \$1,776, which will support local efforts like



language churches, collegiate ministries, and joining legacy churches with new plants. This year's theme is "Gofwd", taken from *Philippians 3:13-14*: "Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

Bluegrass gospel concert coming to Pig Pickin'. On Saturday, Oct. 11, the annual Pig Pickin' will be followed with a 7:00 pm bluegrass gospel concert starring Gold Heart. Be sure to attend the dinner at 5:30 pm and invite your friends and family to the concert afterwards.



MBA annual meeting & fall revival. The Montgomery Baptist Association has scheduled its annual meeting and fall revival for Sept. 27-30 at Montrose Baptist Church in Rockville. Speaking this year are Dr. David Lee, past president of the BCM/D, and Dr. Fred Luter, Jr., past president of the SBC. On Sunday, Sept. 28, the annual meeting will be held from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, with the revival service starting at 7:30 pm. Duly-elected messengers who participate in both events will be served dinner in between meetings. BBC is entitled to send five messengers.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Gideon & The 300 Event Scramble Answers

1. P (*Judges 6:1*); 2. L (*6:2*); 3. F (*6:7*); 4. I (*6:11*); 5. M (*6:12*); 6. R (*6:14*); 7. A (*6:19*); 8. N (*6:27*); 9. K (*6:38*); 10. C (*6:40*); 11. Q (*7:2*); 12. B (*7:3*); 13. H (*7:5*); 14. O (*7:8*); 15. D (*7:13*); 16. E (*7:15*); 17. S (*7:16*); 18. T (*7:22*); 19. G (*8:4*); 20. J (*8:28*)