



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

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed...we are being renewed day by day" (II Corinthians 4:8, 16).

One of the things that we as Christians can be extremely thankful for is that no matter what occurs in our lives, the Holy Spirit renews our spiritual strength day by day. When the Spirit directs our minds toward God, we experience the joy of fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We become aware of His grace and love that come to us each day in generous portions. So constant is God's grace to us that we never have to despair and we can confidently find rest in His presence. *"Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail, they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).*

Circumstances change so rapidly that it seems the only constant is God's grace. Our relationships change, there is birth and death, times of plenty and times of want, war, persecution of Christians, and abandonment and violence toward women and children, but there is always the hope of a better tomorrow. The Scripture says that we have this hope *"...as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..." (Hebrews 6:19).*

Part of the good news that we are privileged to share with others who do not know Christ is that in this complex and sometimes violent world there is a safe place of rest. Jesus said, *"Come unto Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me...and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).* There are many, many people whom we know that need to find the rest that Jesus offers. Take time this week to pray for someone who is struggling. Invite them to church. Befriend them in Christ's name.

God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny



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Upcoming Events

- October 1** 143rd Annual Business Meeting
- October 11** Baptist Men's Pig Pickin' & Concert
- October 13** Columbus Day
- October 17** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- October 25** Men's Beast Feast
- October 31** Halloween



"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me..." (Daniel 6:22).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of my special skills is hiding things from myself from time to time. Are you also gifted with that wonderful ability? I have sent myself on some epic scavenger hunts over the years. Some of my best work has included hiding my keys inside the sleeve of my coat and leaving the remote control in the fridge. Regardless of how obscure the hiding spot, I've always found all my missing items in the last place I looked for them. Jesus made this point—that you don't stop looking until you find what you've misplaced—in the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin in *Luke 15*. Both owners kept searching until they found what they had lost. The shepherd looking for his 100th sheep went after the one that was lost until he found it (*Luke 15:4*). The woman missing her coin kept searching carefully until she found it (*Luke 15:8*). The shepherd went out into the wilderness searching for his sheep, and the woman turned on extra lights and cleaned her house to locate her silver coin.

God has always been in the business of finding lost items, specializing in the most precious of lost items, people. Jesus explained to His disciples that even more than sheep and coins, "...it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish" (*Matthew 18:14*). My lost items are usually misplaced—temporarily—when I am not careful to remember where I put them down. Fortunately, a bit of searching and picking up after myself will help to locate what I'm seeking. However, when it comes to people, lostness is a more permanent condition resulting from sin that separates us from God, the source of life, meaning, purpose, and power. As Paul noted, "...there is none who seeks after God" (*Romans 3:11*). God seeks after us even when we don't want to be found and provided a way to overcome sin and restore fellowship. "...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5:8*).

Jesus Christ came to this world on a search and rescue mission to reunite people with their Creator, explaining that, "...the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (*Luke 19:9*). Jesus found Zacchaeus in a sycamore tree, Peter in a fishing boat, Lazarus in a tomb, and Paul heading down the highway. Jesus continues to seek and save today. He can find you kneeling in a pew on Sunday morning or in locked up in a penitentiary. Regardless of your past deeds or your present circumstances, God can change your future for eternity. If you will respond to His offer of salvation, He will be faithful to hold on to you forever. "And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen" (*II Timothy 4:18*)! I only wish that I could keep track of my things the way the Lord keeps track of His children. By the way, has anyone seen my sunglasses?

Daniel in the Lions' Den Event Scramble

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

- A. King Darius was upset for agreeing to the decree
- B. Daniel continued to prosper and serve King Darius
- C. Darius called out for Daniel to see if he had survived
- D. King Darius decreed that Daniel's living God must be respected
- E. the governors and satraps conspired against Daniel
- F. Darius sealed the lions' den shut with his signet ring
- G. King Darius made Daniel one of his three governors
- H. the conspirators found Daniel praying
- I. Darius spent the night fasting and not sleeping
- J. Daniel prayed to God toward Jerusalem as always
- K. Daniel was Darius' best and most faithful servant
- L. Darius threw the conspirators into the lions' den
- M. the other governors and 120 satraps envied Daniel
- N. Daniel told King Darius that an angel had shut the lions' mouths
- O. King Darius freed Daniel from the lions' den
- P. Daniel heard about the decree signed by Darius
- Q. King Darius ordered Daniel be cast into the lions' den
- R. the conspirators asked King Darius to prevent anyone from making supplication but to him for 30 days
- S. the conspirators told Darius about Daniel's praying
- T. the conspirators reminded King Darius that no one could change a law of the Medes & Persians

Daniel in the Lions' Den Word Search

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

Word Bank: angel, Daniel, Darius, decree, den, faithful, governors, Jerusalem, king, lion, living God, Medes, one hundred twenty, Persians, prayer, rescue, satrap, signet ring, supplication, thirty days

October Birthdays

- 1 Ashley Babyak
- 6 Michaela Driver
- 7 Iris Rodgers
- 10 David Shive
- 11 Zoe Thomas
- 13 Lynn Eplee, Peter Cole, Brooke Ahalt, Barbara Stidham
- 17 Sierra Tothill
- 23 Ray Randall, John Shreve
- 25 Judy Wright
- 30 Samantha Fowler, Amber Ennis



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:

- Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Associate Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael were elected to serve as messengers to the 79th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Sept. 28 at Montrose Baptist Church in Rockville.
- The Outreach Committee reported it had selected St. Mary's Pavilion as the site of the Dec. 7, 2014 Church Christmas party.

Expected at the 143rd Annual Business Meeting:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2015 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 9.
- The Pastor is seeking members to serve as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 9-11 in Severn, MD.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for 2014-2016 church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- Note: All outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

Prayer Concerns

Margie Stream
Pastor Randy Gilliam
Junior & Arlene Luhn
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
Jane Fowler
Ollie Baumbaugh
Tammy Combs
June Luhn
PFC Kevin Yates
Patricia Stiles
Reese Burdette
Lara Saylor
Vivian Neal
Jerry Neal
Ginger Gibson
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, David Fogle, Jan Woody, Jimmy Benson, Phil Brudner, Donald Nugen, Freddy Parker, Kim Slack
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)

Pig Pickin' Announcement

The Baptist Men invite the Church family to a Pig Pickin'



*Saturday, October 11 in the Fellowship Hall
Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm
Bring a side dish to share*

*The Gold Heart bluegrass gospel concert will begin at
7:00 pm*



*"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

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. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Committee heads to hold special meeting. The chairmen of the five standing committees will meet promptly after the morning worship on Sunday, Oct. 12 to briefly review the upcoming 2015 budget process. Any interested Church member is welcome to attend.



Wedding bells. Best wishes to Mark Williams and Carol Christopher, who were married by Pastor Randy at BBC on Saturday, Sept. 13, and to Bill Appleton and Tina Yates, who were married by Pastor Randy in Joe & Mary Yates' backyard on Sunday, Sept.

14. Bill & Tina Appleton's new address is 9 Jonesville Ct., Poolesville, MD 20837.

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". As of press time, BBC members have given \$945, which is 53% of our goal. Thank you for your prayerful generosity: these offerings are vital to the ongoing church planting and evangelism in Maryland and Delaware.

Bible study series on apologetics. From Oct. 8 through Nov. 29, Pastor Randy will teach a six-lesson series on Wednesday evenings about apologetics that will help us strengthen our faith and share and defend the tenets of Christianity and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others.

Congratulations to the Fosters. Scott & Carrie Foster are the proud parents of Brooks David Foster, born Sept. 25, 2014. Paul—who is retiring after a 40-year career—& Leslie Foster are the proud grandparents.

Men invited to beast feast. All men are invited to a "beast feast" on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5:00 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

Men's book study to begin Nov. 2. Pastor Danny will be leading a seven-week men's Sunday School class based on the book *Fight: Winning the Battles That Matter Most*. Discover who you really are—a man created in the image of God, with a warrior's heart! Exploring biblical examples, including Samson, will help you defeat the demons that make strong men weak; arm yourself with faith, prayer, and the Word of God; and win the battles that matter most to your heart, marriage, and family. This men's study will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Daniel in the Lions' Den Event Scramble Answers

1. G (Daniel 6:1); 2. K (6:3); 3. M (6:4); 4. E (6:4); 5. R (6:7); 7. J (6:10); 6. P (6:10); 8. H (6:11); 9. S (6:12); 10. A (6:14); 11. T (6:15); 12. Q (6:16); 13. F (6:17); 14. I (6:18); 15. C (6:20); 16. N (6:22); 17. O (6:23); 18. L (6:24); 19. D (6:26); 20. B (6:28).