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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

The Pastors' Spotlight

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100:4-5).

Having a grateful heart toward God for who He is and for His mercy to us, no matter what the physical world brings our way, is an act of true worship and pleases God. A grateful heart opens our spirits to God and allows that wonderful light of love and grace to fill our souls. The Psalmist says it so clearly, *"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:17)*. Sometimes we struggle to find God's will for our lives but we can always return to the common denominator of being thankful. Paul wrote, *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (I Thessalonians 5:17)*.

When we as Christians learn to routinely be thankful for the small things in our lives, it nurtures a close, intimate relationship with the Lord. Just as parents look forward to their children maturing to the point where they are grateful for things parents do for them (the pleasant things and the discipline), so God desires that His children glorify Him with their thanksgiving from grateful hearts. The Puritan pastor Richard Baxter wrote, "Resolve to spend most of your time in thanksgiving and praising God. If you cannot do it with the joy that you should, yet do it as you can. Doing it as you can is the way to be able to do it better. Thanksgiving stirreth up thankfulness in the heart." Being thankful to God in all circumstances describes a life that has matured in faith and understands God's sovereignty and grace. Sometimes bad things happen to us: disappointment, sickness, death of a loved one, family conflict. That is when we go in faith to the One who intercedes for us before the Father, who has felt and knows all the pain and grief we suffer, and who sympathizes with our weakness, the Lord Jesus. *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16)*. This Thanksgiving season in your joy and in your sorrow bless God with a grateful heart and give Him thanks, and He will satisfy the needs and desires of your heart.

God Bless,



Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

- November 4** Business Meeting
- November 11** Veterans Day
- November 21** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- November 26** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- November 27** Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



"Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench" (I Kings 18:38).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The Gyeongbu Expressway, Route #1, is the most heavily travelled highway in South Korea, formally known as the Republic of Korea (ROK). The road runs 258 miles from the capital of Seoul in the northwest to the ROK's second-largest city, Pusan, in the southeast. I happened to have the opportunity to spend over 10 hours on this lovely stretch of asphalt last weekend. The scenery is quite majestic, with forest-covered granite mountains outside my window during the day. At night, however, the view was quite thrilling, but for another reason. Instead of mountain grandeur, I saw the lights of towns and factories glowing in the night. Among those lights, along the entire route, were red neon crosses marking the locations of churches. It was obvious that many cities had multiple churches in close proximity to one another.

What is even more remarkable than the number of crosses is the fact that Christian missionaries have only been in Korea for a couple centuries; large-scale government-led persecutions and executions of Christian converts occurred several times in the 19th century. Unlike Western countries that have a Christian background, Korean history and culture were heavily influenced by Buddhism, which came to the Korea Peninsula as early as the 4th century A.D., and Confucianism, which was the state religion from 1392 to 1910. A fifth of the South Korean population is Buddhist. Even today, Korea's Buddhist and Confucian heritage is an important part of the national identity.

However, Christianity has played a major role in the ROK's modern development since the Gospel was brought to this "end of the earth" (*Acts 1:8*). Christian missionaries and teachers founded many schools and universities; their efforts helped to increase the national literacy rate. Christian beliefs gave rise to the belief that individuals had self-worth independent of one's rank or role in society (*Galatians 3:28*). Korean Christians were prominent advocates of national independence during the 1910-1945 Japanese occupation. After World War II, Christianity's growth in South Korea exploded. In 1945 only two percent of Koreans were Christian. Today, 20-30% of South Koreans are Christian, and the world's largest megachurch is the 830,000-member Yoido Full Gospel Church, located next to the ROK National Assembly building in Seoul. South Korea now sends out more missionaries than any other country in the world except the United States.

All of these developments were possible because Christians decided to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul asked in *Romans 10:14-15*, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" The early Christian missionaries who evangelized the Korean people overcame persecution and millennia of unfamiliar traditions and beliefs to tell a people on the other side of the world that Jesus loved them. How much easier is it for us to talk to our own friends and neighbors about following Christ? What would it be like to drive down an American highway and see the towns and villages of our own country lit up with glowing crosses?

Mt. Carmel Showdown Event Scramble

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

- A. the prophets of Baal were seized and executed
- B. Elijah proclaimed a drought
- C. the people of Israel cried out that the Lord is God
- D. ravens fed Elijah bread and meat
- E. Elijah built his altar with 12 stones, one for each tribe
- F. the prophets of Baal called for their god all morning
- G. Ahab brought 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah to Mt. Carmel
- H. Elijah prayed that the Lord God would answer him
- I. God told Elijah to confront Ahab
- J. Elijah had his altar soaked with water, filling the trench
- K. Elijah challenged all Israel to follow either God or Baal
- L. Elijah dug a deep trench around his altar
- M. Elijah proposed the god who answered by fire was God
- N. Elijah mocked Baal, asking if he was busy, traveling, or asleep
- O. the Lord sent fire down from heaven
- P. the prophets of Baal cried out to Baal and cut themselves
- Q. the fire consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and the stones
- R. Elijah challenged Ahab to meet him on Mt. Carmel
- S. the prophets of Baal built an altar and sacrificed a bull
- T. Elijah hid by the Brook Cherith

Mt. Carmel Showdown Word Search

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

Word Bank: Ahab, altar, Asherah, Baal, Brook Cherith, bull, drought, Elijah, fire, four hundred fifty, Israel, Lord God, mocked, Mt. Carmel, prophets, ravens, sacrifice, trench, twelve stones, wood

November Birthdays

- 1 Dorine Shields
- 4 Laura Luhn, Matt Burriss
- 5 Randy Gilliam, Clark Brown
- 6 Nancy Wells
- 8 Loraine DeFries
- 9 Lindsey Baumbaugh
- 11 Jane Fowler, Brenda Cross
- 12 Cris Driver
- 13 Faith Shive
- 15 William Rodgers
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Anna Michael, Todd Rice, Resha Layman
- 21 Junior Luhn
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley, Tod Luhn
- 24 Stephanie Fowler, Rose Furr
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream, Holly Crowe
- 28 Cheryl Shive



Prayer Concerns

Dick and Nancy Wells in the loss of their son Randy
Kaycee Saylor, Ellen Williams' granddaughter
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 and 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)



*"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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 143rd Annual Business Meeting in October:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2015 was adopted; the standing committees will report their budget requests to the Treasurer by Nov. 9.
- Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam and Associate Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 9-11 in Severn, MD.
- The Select Committee on Nominations reported five motions to fill church officer and committee positions for 2014-2016, all of which were approved by the Church. These officers and committee members began their positions on Oct. 2.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the November 2014 Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



News You Can Use

MBA annual meeting report. Two BBC messengers attended the 79th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Montrose Baptist on Sept. 28. Former BCM/D Executive



Dr. Ron Blankenship recognizing MBA Treasurer Leonard Raymo for his decades of service

Director Dr. David Lee and former SBC President Dr. Fred Luter were the keynote speakers for the MBA

Fall Revival. Five new churches received full membership affiliation and six churches were granted watch care status for future membership.

Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 7. The 2014 Christmas Dinner will be held at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:00 pm. The total cost is \$15.00 for adults. Children ages 12 and under are the guests of BBC. Please RSVP by Nov. 30 to Sandy Gilliam.

Christmas poinsettias for sale. If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in honor of/in memory of a loved one, please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services and throughout the holiday season.

Get ready for Operation Christmas Child. You can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world by packing a shoebox with toys. Brochures containing gift ideas and labels for the boxes are available in the church vestibule. The WMU needs your donations and \$7.00/box shipping fee no later than Sunday, Nov. 9.



October is pastor appreciation month. BBC recognizes Pastors Randy and Danny and their wives Sandy and Cindy during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to have two pastors who are dedicated to the service of God's Church in Barnesville and in the local community. If you haven't done so already, take a minute to let our pastors know how much you appreciate them.



Pig Pickin' report. The Baptist Men sponsored their annual pig roast on Saturday, Oct. 11. The Gold Heart band was sick and unable to perform, but everyone still had a good time of fellowship.



BBC giving recognized. The International Mission Board recently sent a Tengchow Challenge certificate to BBC for our 2013 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering contribution. Our per capita giving of \$50.00 put us in the top 0.4 percent of the SBC's 45,000 churches who gave 14 percent of the total offering. The Tengchow Challenge is named after the Chinese city where Lottie Moon began her overseas missions work. Your generous and faithful gifts provide the resources needed for the IMB's 4,810 missionaries (and their 4,000 children) to live, function and evangelize unreached peoples.

State missions offering report. As of press time, BBC has given \$1,615, which is 91% of its 2014 goal of \$1,776. Thank you for your prayerful generosity: these offerings are vital to the on-going church planting and evangelism in Maryland and Delaware.

Beast feast report. On Saturday, Oct. 25, about 20 men gathered for a special evening to get together and share stories about hunting and fishing. Dinner included fried fish, venison burgers, and buffalo and wild boar stew. Doug Fetty gave an evangelistic devotional and sang. Everyone received door prizes: hand warmers and a DVD about hunting and the Gospel. Bill Caudell and Charlie Meissner won the gift certificate drawing.



Bill Caudell and Joe Connelly frying fish

Mt. Carmel Showdown Event Scramble Answers

1. (I Kings 17:1); **2.** T (17:5); **3.** D (17:6); **4.** I (18:1); **5.** R (18:19); **6.** K (18:21); **7.** G (18:22); **8.** M (18:24); **9.** F (18:26); **10.** S (18:26); **11.** N (18:27); **12.** P (18:29); **13.** E (18:31); **14.** L (18:32); **15.** J (18:35); **16.** H (18:37); **17.** O (18:38); **18.** Q (18:38); **19.** C (18:39); **20.** A (18:40).