



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

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:9-15).

As we the faith community of BBC members and friends enter this new year, we recognize how God has been maturing us in Christian faith. In 2014 we witnessed Christian generosity through your giving to carry on a benevolence ministry. We saw continued commitment to local, national, and world missions through your giving to the Montgomery Baptist Association and the Cooperative Program. In the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions we witnessed sacrificial giving as the church goal was far surpassed. We continued praying for and supporting the Zells, Batreses, Ruffners, and Shives. We now have the opportunity to support in prayer, fellowship and financial assistance a new church plant, Calvary Life Baptist Chapel in Gaithersburg.

We have wept together when there was loss, and we have rejoiced together when there was joy. We have worshipped and prayed together and practiced forbearance and forgiveness when needed. With the Lord's help, we have also kept the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". The Lord is preparing BBC with a spiritual fervor to serve Him. There is an excitement growing in anticipation of what the Lord's will is for our faith community. BBC has in its spiritual "DNA" a love for missions, generosity, and hospitality. It could be that the Lord has chosen this time, 2015, to give this faith family the evangelism "gene". Be encouraged in this new year to live out your Christian faith in your everyday activities. The Lord will bless you and use your testimony to draw others to Himself.



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year's Day
- January 7** Business Meeting
- January 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- January 17** Baptist Men's Meeting
- January 18** Baptist Men's Day & Service



"...the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan...that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever" (Joshua 4:23-24).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2013, and now the year 2014 has already gone on its way. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing)? Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: Pastor Randy & Sandy on sabbatical, Danny Moore preached, activity nights for middle school students began

February: Baptist Men's Day, men shared testimonies

March: passing of Rhonda Burriss

April: "Jesus is Alive!" cantata, 16 volunteered for church clean-up day

May: 32 health kits made, Danny Moore preached while Pastor Randy was in the hospital, Rabbi Neal Surasky of Chosen People Ministries spoke

June: three BBC delegates attended the annual Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore

July: Agency D3 VBS held

August: Pastor Danny Moore called as part-time Associate Pastor for Evangelism, BBC voted to serve as mother church for Calvary Life Baptist Chapel, passing of Virginia Magaha

September: two marriages: Appleton-Yates and Williams-Christopher, birth of Brooks Foster

October: Pig Pickin', BBC received Tengchow Challenge recognition from IMB, Beast Feast for Men

November: youth bonfire held, 24 Christmas shoeboxes donated

December: joint worship service with Calvary Life Baptist Chapel, youth hayride held, "God With Us!" cantata performed for Christmas

God has certainly blessed BBC in the past year with many opportunities to engage in discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and worship. As we look forward to 2015, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." (Hebrews 10:24).

Battle of Jericho Event Scramble

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

- A. Joshua sent two spies to scout out Jericho
- B. Joshua, son of Nun, led Israel after Moses died
- C. the children of Israel promised to follow Joshua
- D. the army of Israel marched around Jericho once a day
- E. the Jewish spies were hidden by the harlot Rahab
- F. the army of Israel marched around Jericho seven times
- G. the Jewish spies promised Rahab's family safety if she displayed a scarlet cord when the Israelites took Jericho
- H. Rahab and her family were spared from Jericho's destruction
- I. the priests blew trumpets of ram's horn and the children of Israel gave a great shout
- J. the manna that sustained Israel during the Exodus ceased
- K. twelve stones were built into a memorial in the Jordan River
- L. the priests took the ark of the covenant across the Jordan
- M. the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River
- N. the swollen Jordan River dried up when the priests entered the water
- O. the second generation of Israelite men were circumcised
- P. the wall around Jericho collapsed and the city was taken
- Q. the Lord told Joshua to enter the Promised Land
- R. Joshua laid siege to Jericho
- S. the Jordan River flowed again when the priests carrying the ark left the water
- T. Joshua met the Commander of the army of the Lord

Battle of Jericho Word Search

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

Word Bank: ark of the covenant, city wall, harlot, Israel, Jericho, Jordan River, Joshua, march, memorial, priests, promised land, Rahab, scarlet cord, seventh, shout, son of Nun, spies, trumpet, twelve stones

January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 4 Bob Lillard
- 5 Dave Thomas
- 8 Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster,
Dan Yates
- 9 Pat Elam
- 10 Lois Hogue, Rebecca Thomas
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 15 Sara Oden
- 18 James Thomas
- 19 Joe Connelly Jr., Dick Wells
- 20 Julia Cole
- 21 Robert Fowler
- 22 Leslie Foster
- 26 TJ Marsh



Prayer Concerns

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
 Vivian Neal
 Margie Stream
 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, Jimmy Benson, Phil Brudner, Donald Nugen,
 Freddy Parker, Kim Slack
 Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
 Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres
 (Guatemala), Steve & Emily Ruffner (International School
 Project), David & Cheryl Shive (Faith Home Ministries),
 Matt & Ellen Zell (Honduras)



*"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 Monthly Business Meeting in
 December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee's motion to approve its 2015 Budget proposal.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2014 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2014 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

Church of the Covered Dish



by Thom Tapp



Battle of Jericho Event Scramble Answers

1. **B** (Joshua 1:2); 2. **Q** (Joshua 1:2); 3. **C** (Joshua 1:16);
 4. **A** (Joshua 2:1); 5. **E** (Joshua 2:4); 6. **G** (Joshua 2:17);
 7. **L** (Joshua 3:14); 8. **N** (Joshua 3:15); 9. **M** (Joshua
 3:17); 10. **K** (Joshua 4:8); 11. **S** (Joshua 4:18); 12. **O**
 (Joshua 5:3); 13. **J** (Joshua 5:12); 14. **T** (Joshua 5:13);
 15. **R** (Joshua 6:1); 16. **D** (Joshua 6:13); 17. **F** (Joshua
 6:15); 18. **I** (Joshua 6:20); 19. **P** (Joshua 6:20); 20. **H**
 (Joshua 6:25).

News You Can Use

Lottie Moon goal exceeded. Offerings for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are now at \$3,302, which is 136% of our 2014 goal of \$2,420. Praise God for your generous support of foreign missions! According to the SBC, every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas. The offering represents 59 percent of the International Mission Board's total annual income. To get an up-close view of how the Lord is touching lives through the Lottie Moon offering, pick up a copy of the Commission Stories paper at Church, or go online to www.commissionstories.com.

Baptist Men and WMU. Consider joining the men's or women's group this coming year. The WMU will take January off but usually gathers on the second Monday morning of each month, and the Baptist Men normally meet every third Saturday for breakfast. The Baptist Men will cook breakfast for the church on Sunday, Jan. 18. Join the men at 8:30 am for a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs, and other good food. The men of the church will then lead the morning service, to include the annual singing performance of the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir.



The Baptist Men preparing Christmas gift bags for the children at their Dec. 20, 2014 meeting

Snow policy. As we enter the season of ice and snow, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe for your family to travel on a given Sunday. Services will be held for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on the answering machine. We ask that Sunday School teachers or other leaders call in their absence to the Church office as soon as possible.

Go paperless in 2015. BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required. While back copies of the *Lantern* are always available on the BBC website, the calendar is for the current month only.

"God With Us!" cantata performed. Thanks to temporary director Jan Burdette and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical and video presentation on Dec. 21. Jan held the director's baton while Paul Foster augmented the men's section, David Bennett narrated, and Luke Fedders was the audio-visual technician. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



Youth hayride. Two wagons full of hardy souls enjoyed a hayride on Saturday, Dec. 20. Drivers Luke Fedders and Joe Yates pulled hay-filled trailers full of merrymakers down W. Harris Road, traversing the west side of Sugarloaf Mountain. The wind chill increased as the caravan picked up speed on Park Mills Rd. and Rt. 28. After reaching the Mouth of Monocacy Rd. boat ramp, everyone was ready to return to the church, where a pizza dinner, a birthday cake to celebrate Jesus' nativity, and several games were enjoyed. A parents' meeting will be held to plan youth activities on Sunday, Jan. 25 immediately following the worship service in the pastors' office.



Call for submissions. As the *Lantern* begins its 14th calendar year, the Editor would like to remind the readership that we accept original compositions, poems, lyrics or other appropriate materials for publication. Please contact the Editor with questions and for more specific guidelines.

Pastor on sabbatical. While Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam are on sabbatical during the month of January, Pastor Danny will be preaching each Sunday and will also be at the Church each Saturday if you want to speak with him. His cell number is 410-459-3993.

Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.