



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

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:3-5).

February is a good month to read the *Psalms*. It is a hard winter month, football is over, it's cold, the daylight hours are still short, and the only break is Presidents' Day. Folks suffer from SAD and look forward to spring. In the midst of this winter malaise the *Psalms* speak to our hearts about God's faithfulness, care, holiness, and majesty, about praise and worship due Him, and His mighty power as our rock, fortress, and defender. The *Psalms* help us to express our joy in Him and they lift our hearts to Him in adoration, thankfulness, and awe. They help us to verbalize our remorse for sin, our joy in forgiveness, and assure us of God's personal involvement with His people. *"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name" (Psalm 103:1)!*

We also find in the *Psalms* God's wise counsel to help our lives bring glory, honor, and praise to Him. Consider these three things from *Psalm 37*: trust in, delight in, and commit your way to the Lord. If we learn to trust the Lord's goodness, we live with the certainty that He can lead us through every situation life confronts us with and bring us out of each circumstance in victory. As we confidently trust in the Lord, we delight to be in His presence. This gladness is Jesus' own joy fulfilled in those who follow Him (*John 17:13*). When we trust the Lord, feed on His faithfulness, delight in His presence, and know the joy of His love, then we are compelled to commit our lives into His hands. He will cause His perfect will for our lives to be accomplished for our good and His glory. *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).* Thank the Lord for February!



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

- February 4** Business Meeting
- February 14** Valentine's Day
- February 16** Presidents' Day
- February 20** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- February 21** Baptist Men's Meeting; Youth Bowling



"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Barnesville Baptist celebrates communion, or the Lord's supper, on the first Sunday of every month. One of the key verses that is often used in the communion observance is *Luke 22:20*, which details Jesus' words during the Passover dinner He observed with His disciples we know as the Last Supper. It reads, "Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you'". With these words, Jesus linked His new ordinance for Christians with the new covenant promised by God in *Jeremiah 31:31-34*: "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah...I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people...For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more". As adopted heirs (*Ephesians 1:5*), we today are beneficiaries of the new covenant, based not on the system of animal sacrifices to atone for sins, but on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ which grants forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith.

The old covenant system required continual sacrifices for continuing sins. The new covenant God promised in *Jeremiah 31* did more, and better, than just addressing the sinful behavior of sinful men. The Law, God's holy standard, never changed, but instead of engraving rules on stone tablets, God imprinted a desire to love, obey, and worship Him on the hearts of men who trusted the Lord through faith. This was possible because those who trusted Christ's grace were born again with a new identity, a new nature, that transformed sinners into saints, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live lives pleasing to God. Even though the new covenant still required sacrifice to atone for sin, instead of animals, a superior and permanent sacrifice was offered to not just cover over, but forgive and remove sins for all time: Jesus Christ. His sinless and divine nature, His obedience unto death, and His resurrection from the dead allowed a holy God to justly forgive the sins of those who asked in faith for Christ to be their substitute.

The book of *Hebrews* explains that Christ served as a better high priest and a better sacrifice than what the Old Testament Levites could offer, making what was ceremonial, real, what was limited, abounding, and what was temporary, permanent. "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance" (*Hebrews 9:15*). Instead of relying on priests hidden behind curtains, through Jesus Christ we enjoy direct and permanent access to God. As our great High Priest, Jesus forever intercedes before the Father on our behalf, ministering our praise and thanksgiving as well as our prayers.

Jesus' disciples may not have understood all the deep and rich meaning of Christ's words at the Last Supper, but how marvelous, how wonderful it is that Jesus did shed His blood so we could have a new relationship—a better communion—with our Creator.

Creation Event Scramble

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

- A. God created man in His image
- B. God cursed Adam & Eve with strife, toil, and death
- C. Eve and then Adam ate of the forbidden fruit
- D. Adam & Eve were banished from Eden
- E. God rested
- F. God set man over His creation
- G. God created the sun, moon, and stars
- H. God, out of nothing, separated light from darkness
- I. God spoke of a Seed who would crush the serpent
- J. God separated the land from the seas
- K. God cursed the serpent
- L. God created Eve from Adam's rib
- M. God created the land animals
- N. God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to tend
- O. God created the birds and sea life
- P. Adam & Eve hid from God because of their shame
- Q. God separated the heavens from the waters
- R. a serpent tempted Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil
- S. God brought forth vegetation
- T. Adam named each living creature

Creation Word Search

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

Word Bank: Adam and Eve, breath of life, creation, creatures, evening, *ex nihilo*, fig leaves, firmament, forbidden fruit, four rivers, Garden of Eden, good and evil, heavens, morning, sabbath, Seed of woman, serpent, sweat of your brow, temptation, thorns and thistles

February Birthdays

3 Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
7 Michelle Vasko
9 Trudy Meissner
10 Carole Kears
11 Sam Furr
12 Luke Fedders
14 Dillon Clipp
20 Janet Magruder
21 David Gilliam, David Buchanan
22 Bradley Keriakos



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in January:

- The Treasurer submitted his Annual Report on the 2014 fiscal year.
- The Pastor appointed the Deacons to serve on the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2014 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.
- Ralph Cooley, a deacon since Sept. 1952, resigned from active service due to his health, effective Dec. 31, 2014.

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the February 2015 Business Meeting.

Prayer Concerns

Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam
Ralph & Nancy Cooley
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).*

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Creation Event Scramble Answers

1. H (Genesis 1:4); **2. Q** (Genesis 1:7); **3. J** (Genesis 1:9); **4. S** (Genesis 1:11); **5. G** (Genesis 1:14-15); **6. O** (Genesis 1:20); **7. M** (Genesis 1:24); **8. A** (Genesis 1:26-27); **9. F** (Genesis 1:29-30); **10. E** (Genesis 2:1); **11. N** (Genesis 2:15); **12. T** (Genesis 2:19); **13. L** (Genesis 2:22); **14. R** (Genesis 3:1); **15. C** (Genesis 3:6); **16. P** (Genesis 3:8); **17. K** (Genesis 3:14); **18. I** (Genesis 3:15); **19. B** (Genesis 3:16-19); **20. D** (Genesis 3:24).

News You Can Use

Revival scheduled. Barnesville Baptist Church will hold revival services on the weekend of Mar. 6-8. The theme of this three-day event is "Uniting the Family of God". Our special speakers will be Salvation Army evangelists Majors Brian and Loretta Gilliam from Tampa, FL. The revival services will begin with a 7:00 pm session on Friday, Mar. 6. On Saturday, Mar. 7, the second day will start with a 10:30 am continental breakfast followed by a round of worship and breakout sessions for youth and adults starting at 11:00 am. After a noon lunch, there will be a second round of worship and breakout sessions for adults and youth starting at 12:45 pm. We will conclude the revival weekend with a Sunday morning worship service followed by a potluck lunch on Mar. 8. Please start praying for these revival services, that the Lord would prepare our hearts.

Snow policy. During this winter 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 Barnesville Baptist local weather/ road condition message will be posted on the answering machine. We ask that Sunday School teachers or other leaders call in their absences to the Church office as soon as possible.



Snowfall from Feb. 2014

Go paperless in 2015. Barnesville Baptist 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 church website, the calendar is for the current month only.

Youth bowling event. On Saturday, Feb. 21, the next youth event will be a bowling party from noon to 2 pm at the Bowl America located at 1101 Clopper Road in Gaithersburg. The cost is \$5.50 per person per game, shoes included. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Pastor Danny if you need transportation to the bowling alley. All are welcome to attend.

Baptist Men's Day held. The 2015 celebration of Baptist Men's Day was held on Sunday, Jan. 18, starting with a church-wide breakfast at 8:30 am. In addition to the sides dishes men brought from home, the meal featured pancakes cooked by Pastor Danny Moore, eggs scrambled by Larry Michael, Lee Michael, and Jim Gong, hash browns fried up by Ed Williams, as well as Mary Yates' grits and sausage gravy over biscuits. The 10:45 am worship service began with the welcome and announcements by Lee Michael, followed by the morning prayer and Lord's Prayer from Joe Yates, a responsive reading from *I Timothy 6* led by Lee Michael, the offering led by Ed Williams with



Jim Gong, Larry Michael, and Ed Williams cooking eggs and hash browns



ushers Michael Oden and Wade Williams, and a children's story from Larry Michael. The Men of Barnesville (MOB) Choir's special was "Fishers of Men". The congregation joined in singing the hymns "Amazing Grace" and "Trust and Obey". Pastor Danny led the prayer concerns and praise time. Special speaker Doug Fetty (pictured, left) gave his testimony and sang several selections. The service concluded with Doug Fetty singing "Where He Leads Me" and the benedictory prayer led by David Bennett.

VBS offering sends Guatemalan kids to school. Last July, Barnesville collected \$1,400 in support of missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres' efforts to provide school supplies to poor children in Guatemala who would otherwise not be able to attend school. Cindy Batres wrote Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam to thank BBC and the VBS students who gave so generously and to share some pictures of the bookbags and school supplies that were purchased using our missions gift.

