



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

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You" (Psalm 85:6)?

BBC is very pleased to welcome Salvation Army evangelists Brian & Loretta Gilliam to lead in revival services Mar. 6–8. The theme of the weekend services is "Uniting the Family of God". Please pray fervently in your own way in your own "closet" for a revival of our spirits so that we may live out and share the joy of knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ. Pray that as we come before the Lord in repentance and humility that our zeal to serve Him will not only be refreshed, but would begin to burn in our hearts.

A useful definition of revival was offered by Rev. Walter Boldt: "God at work restoring His church to health." For the family at BBC this means renewal of our commitment to pray and to worship. When we gather as a family to worship, we encourage and edify one another in communal praise and worship toward God. When our love for God is revived, made truly alive again, the overflow not only blesses God, but blesses all that the church, the body of Christ, comes in contact with. When revival comes, God goes to work restoring each of us individually to a healthy relationship with Him. "Being right with God" is the first necessary step in having a healthy relationship with our family, our friends, and our church family. Revival brings us closer to fulfilling the Lord's own prayer for His church, "...that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:11).

Look around you. Your neighborhood, your workplace, and your country need a revived Christian influence empowered by prayer in the Holy Spirit. May our heart's prayer mirror B.B. McKinney's song about revival, "Send a revival, O Christ, my Lord. Let it go over the land and sea, send it according to Thy dear Word, and let it begin in me."



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

- March 4** Business Meeting
- March 6-8** Revival Services
- March 20** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- March 21** Baptist Men's Meeting
- March 28** VBS Planning Meeting
- March 29** Palm Sunday



"...Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God" (Ruth 1:16).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

How skilled, how talented, and how prominent do you need to be to serve God? The Bible teaches that you can serve God and be in His will regardless of who you are or what your circumstances or station are. Paul discussed this idea in his first letter to the Corinthian church, whose new Christians were concerned about “cleaning up” their past. Some even considered divorcing their still-pagan spouses so they could live more “Christian” lives. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians not to up-end their lives, but to be content as they were. They could serve God regardless if they were married, single, or widowed. There was nothing wrong with what they were, and they didn’t need to be “fixed” in order to serve or please the Lord. *“But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches” (I Corinthians 7:17).*

Paul continued to explain in his epistles that Christians should not equate their position in life with their worth. Even if they were slave or free, man or woman, young or mature, or Jewish or Gentile, they were still loved by God and fully capable of serving Him regardless of who they were or how the world viewed or valued them.

Joseph is a great example of someone who served God despite his low status and the adversity he faced. Joseph arrived in Egypt at the very bottom of the pecking order as a young foreign slave, but he still did the best he could to serve and honor God with what he had and what opportunities were available to him. Despite his disadvantages, with the Lord’s help Joseph rose up within his master Potiphar’s house to be the head servant. *“The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian” (Genesis 39:2).* Joseph held on to his integrity when Potiphar’s wife tried to seduce him, telling her he would do what was right in God’s eyes, even if Potiphar wouldn’t find out. When he was unjustly jailed, Joseph didn’t let that get him down or make him bitter or unproductive. Joseph still served the Lord the best he could while behind bars. *“But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison” (Genesis 39:21).* Joseph sat in that Egyptian jail on trumped-up charges for several years, but it was exactly where he needed to be so that when he was called up for greater things in God’s time, Joseph was prepared to respond. *“Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you’” (Genesis 41:39-40).* Years later, Joseph explained to his brothers that the adversity he faced in his past allowed him to be an even greater part of God’s will: *“And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt” (Genesis 45:7-8).* Joseph’s great misfortunes, which lasted for many years, allowed him to save his entire family. If God could use Joseph, what do you think the Lord can do in and with your life to serve Him? What obstacles or disadvantages can’t the Lord overcome?

Book of Ruth Event Scramble

Can you place these 20 events in the correct order?

Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

- A. Boaz instructed his workers to leave grain for Ruth to glean
- B. Boaz went to the city gate to find the closer relative
- C. Ruth pledged to stay with Naomi and follow her God
- D. Boaz agreed to be Ruth's kinsman redeemer if a closer relative would not
- E. the closer relative declined to redeem Elimelech's land and marry Ruth
- F. Naomi urged her widowed daughters-in-law to leave her
- G. Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz, Elimelech's kinsman
- H. the closer relative gave Boaz his sandal to signify he had transferred his rights to Boaz
- I. Naomi and Ruth returned Bethlehem during the harvest
- J. Boaz & Ruth had a son named Obed
- K. Boaz showed kindness and favor to Ruth
- L. Elimelech & Naomi and their sons moved to Moab
- M. Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David, King of Israel
- N. Ruth laid down by the feet of the sleeping Boaz
- O. Mahlon and Chilion took Moabite wives
- P. Boaz awoke at midnight to find Ruth at his feet
- Q. Boaz married Ruth
- R. Naomi instructed Ruth to ask Boaz to be her kinsman-redeemer
- S. all three men of the family died in Moab
- T. the elders witnessed that Boaz redeemed his family's land

Book of Ruth Word Search

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

Word Bank: barley harvest, Bethlehem, Boaz, daughter-in-law, Elimelech, Ephrathites, gleaning, Jesse begot David, kinsman, levirate marriage, Mahlon, Moabite, mother-in-law, Naomi, Obed begot Jesse, redeemer, Ruth, sandal, widows, your God shall be my God

March Birthdays

- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Douglas Heimlich
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 11 Jim Gilliam
- 17 Tammy Thomas
- 18 Steven Bennett
- 24 Janice Cole
- 28 Jack Hough, Todd Marsh
- 29 Sarah Marsh
- 30 Paul Keriakos
- 31 Tyler Babyak, Robert Shreve,
Jessica Thomas



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:

- There was no Old Business pending before the Church.

Expected at the March Business Meeting:

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2014 finances.

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)

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



*"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).

Book of Ruth Event Scramble Answers

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

News You Can Use

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal set. The WMU has set a 2015 goal of \$2,375 for BBC. The SBC-wide goal is



\$60 million. This offering is used to fund 49% of the budget for missionaries serving under the North American Mission Board. AAEO-supported missionaries start new churches, engage in student evangelism on college campuses, serve the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism, and serve as church planting catalysts. Let's do our part to support the missionaries who are spreading the good news of the Gospel in the United States & Canada. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

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.

Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 8. Remember to set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on the 7th.

Gideons presentation. Our own resident Gideon member, Joe Yates, will speak about his organization's Bible distribution efforts on Sunday, Mar. 15.

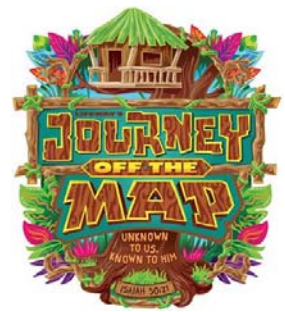
Get ready for Easter. Please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119 if you would like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one. A Good Friday service will be held on Apr. 3 at 7:00 pm. The BBC choir will present a special Easter Cantata, "Worthy is the Lamb", during the morning worship service on Sunday, Apr. 5. Jan Burdette will take up the director's baton again and Gary Burdette will make his narrating debut.

Revival weekend approaches. 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 continue to pray for these revival services, that the Lord would prepare our hearts.

Directory update coming soon. Attention all members: the next update to the church directory will be distributed in April. Anyone with changes to their contact information or regular attendees who would like to have their picture and information included for the first time should promptly submit their data to Lee Michael. After April, the next scheduled directory update is planned for October—don't delay!

Feb. events snowed out. Most weekend events scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 and Sunday, Feb. 22 were cancelled due to a foot of snow that fell on that Saturday afternoon. While the Baptist Men were able to squeeze in their breakfast meeting on Saturday before the snow arrived in full strength, the youth bowling event was cancelled, as was the Sunday worship service. The bowling event will be rescheduled, possibly in late March. Pastor Randy can't recall a previous Sunday in the last 14 years that services were not held.

VBS 2015 dates set. Believe it or not, Barnesville Baptist is already preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held Jul. 6-10. Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Talk to Pastor Randy if you'd like to participate. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year. A planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 28 at 4:30 pm.



Youth Activities & Interests

March 2015

The Importance of Youth Group in Church

by Ashley Babyak

You believe in God, you pray and talk to Him, and you attend services on Sunday. Yet, as children you need more. At a young age the Bible can be hard to understand and at times confusing, but we all know how important it is to learn God's message. In youth group, we can focus on teaching you the Bible in new and exciting ways. The Bible says, *"Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost"* (Proverbs 22:6). God wants to make sure we educate you in His ways and encourage you to walk with Him in your life. By meeting together with your friends and church in youth group we are creating a family that will support and love you.

Children are an amazing gift from God—*Psalm 127:3* says *"Don't you see children are God's best gift?"* As a church, we want to encourage you and help you grow in your faith.

Upcoming Youth Events

March 6th-8th
Revival Services

Join us for 3 days of
worship and sharing
our faith!

Monthly Scripture

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track"

(Proverbs 3:5-6).

Pastor's Note

We are so blessed to be part of this family of God known as Barnesville Baptist Church. One of the things I was so thankful for when I came here was that the church family really does love each other. That is a real blessing! I would like to encourage all of the youth and young adults to get involved in your youth group here at BBC. You are loved by God and by so many others here at BBC. Together we can be all that God wants us to be. Remember we need each other to be all that God wants us to be.

With love,

Pastor Danny

Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns and questions for your pastors:

COMPUTER VIRUS!



Proverbs 3:5,6

The computer has some sort of a glitch. When the verse was input, the words ran together in places and became difficult to read. Can you separate the words and write out the verse correctly?

