



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

"Hear the cry and the prayer that Your servant is praying in Your presence this day" (1 Kings 8:28).

On May 7 our nation will celebrate a National Day of Prayer. Christians and churches all across this land will spend time in prayer and cry out to the Lord for healing in a land whose moral roots are eroding faster than we ever imagined possible. As Christians we are obligated to pray for our leaders, for all those in positions of authority, and for the institutions that protect our liberties as a free people. BBC will be open for prayer from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm on May 7. At noon on May 7 the following prayer will be read by Dr. Jack Graham to help all believers in this great nation to focus on our faithful, sovereign God and to call for His mercy. *Heavenly Father, We come to you in the Name that is above every name-Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You. Knowing that You are a prayer-answering God-the One we trust in times like these-we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land. We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us. Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word. We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You. Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your righteousness. We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to follow You. Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope. Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that set us free. We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts. In Jesus' name, our Savior. Amen*



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

May 6 Business Meeting
May 7 National Day of Prayer
May 10 Mother's Day
May 15 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
May 16 Baptist Men's Meeting
May 23 C&O Canal Bike Ride
May 25 Memorial Day, Church Office closed



"This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of pastor he desires a good work" (1 Timothy 3:1).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Faith, the spiritual ability to believe and trust in God, is often described in terms of believing without evidence or proof. Thomas the doubting apostle only believed after seeing the risen Savior, and Jesus commended those who would not see Him in the flesh: *"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"* (John 20:29). While not seeing is certainly an important aspect of faith, it is also rooted in what we do know--not about the future, but about God. Paul explained to Timothy that his confidence in the Lord was based on what Paul knew about the God he trusted. *"...I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able..."* (II Timothy 1:12). Paul had strong faith because he had a strong personal knowledge of his Lord and Savior. Paul knew that the Lord was strong and loving and forgiving because he had experienced the Lord's power on the Damascus road and received mercy instead of punishment through the ministry of Ananias and Christian brethren in Damascus.

Many others throughout the pages of Scripture had strong faith because they knew something about the God they had faith in. Abraham, who had received blessings by obeying God's call to leave all that he knew and seek out an unknown home, was willing to carry out God's unusual request to sacrifice his only son. If God had promised Abraham descendants through Isaac, then Abraham trusted that even Isaac's death would not prevent that ironclad promise from being fulfilled, *"...concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead"* (Hebrews 11:19).

David, the shepherd boy who became king, was able to write verses like *"But the Lord has been my defense, and my God the rock of my refuge"* (Psalm 94:22) because he had enjoyed God's protection and provision from danger and adversity.

Peter, who ran away in fear at Jesus' arrest, came back in power and boldness to publicly preach Jesus to the crowds at Pentecost. Such an amazing turnaround was rooted in Peter's firsthand knowledge of His resurrected Savior. Peter explained in his first epistle that he was a *"witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed"* (I Peter 5:1).

So we too have faith in the Lord because of what we know about Him and what we have experienced of Him. We learn in the Bible that God is a good, almighty, and loving Creator. With that knowledge, our heavenly Father can nurture our faith so that we can accept His salvation through Jesus Christ. God continues to build up our faith through the Holy Spirit so that we can mature as Christians, experiencing trials and His constant provision that allows us to overcome. It is that same process of building faith that allowed Job, who suffered tragedy and severe trials for no apparent reason, to say about God: *"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him"* (Job 13:15). And we know that Job's faith was vindicated when God gave him back double everything he had lost. If you feel your faith is at low tide, then go back through the Scriptures to learn more about the Lord who is the object of your faith. Review your past to recall the times that God was faithful to you. Strengthen your knowledge of God and your faith in Him will become stronger.

Member of the Month: Cindy Moore

- ★ Born: December 17, 1957 in Baltimore, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since August 2014
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School teacher
- ★ How she first came to BBC: attended the BBC revival service in 2007
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Victory in Jesus"
- ★ Favorite Pew: in the balcony
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Philippians 4:13*
- ★ Age at baptism: 30 years old
- ★ Childhood church: The Salvation Army, Light Street, Baltimore, MD
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Captain Kangaroo
- ★ Personal claim to fame: loves cooking with her grandchildren
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Cancun, Mexico
- ★ Story on first name: named after a caretaker
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: cell phone
- ★ Childhood hero: Disney character Goofy
- ★ Hobbies: cooking, shopping



May Birthdays

- 1 Franklin Ennis, Frankie Fowler
- 2 Frank Fowler Jr., Heather Cross
- 15 Eddie Fowler
- 17 Leroy Watkins
- 18 Sandy Watkins
- 22 Vicki Crowe
- 24 Nicholas Cole, Wade Williams
- 28 Paul Foster
- 30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



Prayer Concerns

Bill Fowler
Bill Morrison
Harry Fowler
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
June Lehrman
Linda Cain
Patricia Stiles
Richard Cregger
Tod Luhn
Tammy Combs
Virginia Gravely
the family of Mary Mossburg at her passing
the family of Jan Woody at her passing
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Homebound: Jo Blalock, June Luhn, Junior & Arlene
Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Vivian Neal, Margie Stream
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Mark Wilkinson, Mike
Blinkhorn, Jody Pelligrino, Donald Jericho, Cathy Mallory,
David Fogle, Jimmy Benson, Phil Brudner, Donald Nugen,
Shirley Molitor, Randy Ward
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 April:

- The nominations of Lee Michael and Luke Fedders to serve as Deacons were announced by the Pastors and Deacons.
- A Pastor Search Committee was elected.
- A motion to establish a Pastoral Transition budget line item was referred to the Standing Committees.
- A motion to approve the membership application of Jim Gong by profession of faith pending baptism was approved.

Report from the Special Business Meeting on April 26:

- A motion to rename several budget line items related to pastoral salary and benefits was approved.
- The Church elected Rev. Danny Moore as Pastor, effective Sept. 1, 2015, by a vote of 41-0.
- Pastor Danny's associate pastor employment contract was amended to increase his hours and pay for July and August.

Expected at the May Business Meeting:

- The nominations of Lee Michael and Luke Fedders to serve as Deacons will both be voted on by the Church.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



News You Can Use

Danny Moore elected as next BBC pastor. During a special business meeting on Sunday, Apr. 26, Barnesville Baptist members unanimously elected Associate Pastor Danny Moore to succeed Pastor Randy Gilliam, who will retire on Aug. 31. Pastor Danny will begin his new post on Sept. 1. Please pray for Pastor Danny and his wife Cindy as he steps up to a new position of leadership and ministry in our congregation and community.



Pastor Danny Moore with missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres visiting from Guatemala

Easter activity report. Thank you to those who participated in the 2015 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. BBC received \$2,161 to support the North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries who spread the Gospel to people across the United States and Canada. Many of our state convention and local association leaders receive support through the NAMB, so this offering truly makes a difference in our community.

Clean-up day. Twenty people came out on Saturday, Apr. 18 to help beautify and maintain the church grounds:



Pastor Randy Gilliam and Joe Yates chopping up a dogwood tree in the front yard of the church

Bill & Tina Appleton, Jesse Lee Appleton, Gary & Jan Burdette, Bill Caudell, Jack Cooley, Luke Fedders, Dot Fowler, Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Johnny Haney and daughters Rebecca and Evelyn, Larry Michael, Lee Michael, Ed Williams, Wade Williams, and Joe & Mary Yates. These

volunteers took out the old brick sign and bushes in the front yard of the church and the old barbecue pit in the back of the parsonage, raked leaves and sticks, spread mulch, and washed windows. Many thanks to those listed above for their time and effort.

Summer kick-off picnic. After church on Sunday, Jun. 7, BBC will meet at Black Hills Regional Park's Shelter C at 1:00 pm. Pastors Randy and Danny will grill hot dogs and hamburgers; bring a dish to share. This will be a great time of fellowship with volleyball and a brief time of worship.

"Worthy Is The Lamb" cantata performed. Thanks to part-time cantata director Jan Burdette (pictured, right) and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical presentation on Easter Sunday, Apr. 5. Soloists were Eddie Fowler ("Hail Jesus Medley") and Nancy Taylor ("Agnus Dei"). Gary Burdette narrated and Luke Fedders manned the audio-visual presentation. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



WMU collecting health kit supplies. Please join the WMU and the BCM/D in their port and international student ministries. Items for a health kit include a new, large bath towel and washcloth, an adult toothbrush, toothpaste, a large comb (not a rattail comb), a full-sized shampoo bottle and bar of soap, and deodorant. If you would like to contribute items for the health kits, please bring them to church no later than Sunday, May 10.

C&O Canal bike ride. Be sure to sign up for the bike ride on the C&O Canal scheduled for Saturday, May 23. The 11.4-mile roundtrip ride will start at 11:30 am at the Brunswick MARC train parking lot (Mile 55) and go as far as Harper's Ferry (Mile 60.7). Bill & Elnora Caudell will provide a mid-way picnic lunch at Lock 31 in Weverton (Mile 58).

Youth missions and bowling day. Thanks to the work of the BBC youth and other members, 200 ham and turkey sandwiches and other lunch items were prepared and bagged on Saturday, Apr. 25 to donate to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless in Rockville. Each lunch bag also included Christian literature to let the recipients know about God's love. After delivering the lunches at the homeless shelter, the youth and adults enjoyed several hours of bowling at Bowl America. Competing definitions of who "won" or not were offered, but everyone agreed that a good time was had by all.



Mary Mossburg, 1925-2015. Our dear sister Mary Mossburg passed away on Apr. 28 at the age of 89. Mary became a member of our congregation in Feb. 2006. We mourn Mary's death with the Mossburgs, Morrisons, and Wrights and pray that the Lord will give them comfort and strength in the weeks and months ahead.



Youth Activities & Interests

May 2015

Let's Attend Sunday School

by Ashley Babyak

Although you may not all see it now, as children, we all know that school is important. It is a place to learn and grow, and helps to shape us into the people we will become. Just as important as the school we attend Monday through Friday, though, is the school we attend on Sundays. Before the worship service on Sunday morning, Sunday School is a chance for us to spend time with the other children in the church while learning God's Word. In our Sunday School classes we learn and grow in the LORD, and strengthen our faith; it helps to shape us into strong Christians as we grow up. Unlike the school we attend everyday, Sunday School doesn't have homework, there aren't any assignments or grades, and it is a place where you are surrounded by people that love God and love you. God has blessed our church with amazing Sunday School teachers, and we, as the children of our church, should be taking the opportunity to attend Sunday School and learn from them.

Monthly Scripture

"Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way"
(II Timothy 3:16).

Pastor's Note

As we get closer to summer, we all need to examine ourselves to make sure that we are growing closer to God daily. This will require us to read the Bible daily, and to pray to the Lord for His guidance and love. One of the best ways to do this is by joining us in Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We have a class for all ages, including our youth and young adults. Cindy teaches our youth, and Vicki and I teach the high school and Young adults class. Please come and join us as we learn more about our heavenly Father! Remember we need each other to be all that God wants us to be. I would not ask you to come if I didn't know for sure that we all can grow closer to God if we study and pray together!! See you in Sunday school this week! Remember we all care about YOU!!

With love,
Pastor Danny

Youth Service Day

The youth filled 90 lunch bags with sandwiches, water, granola bars, crackers, and fruit for the homeless with the assistance of parents and adults. It was a day of honoring the LORD and helping those in need. We

hope to continue outreach by the church youth and to share God's Word with the community. A big youth group thanks to Vicki Keriakos and the other adults for planning and setting up the service day in April.



Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns and questions for your pastors:

Fruit of the Spirit Word Search



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

love
peace
righteousness
self-control
truth

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

"Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8-10).