



# 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

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:4-5).*

One of the great truths of Scripture is that Jesus Christ loves the Church--all those who profess faith in Him and commit to follow Him--with a love that is sacrificial and constant. The Apostle Paul used the love Jesus has for the Church to describe how husbands ought to love their wives, "*Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her*" (Ephesians 5:25). The Church is described as the bride of Christ and in the last days the Church will be presented to Jesus. "*Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready*" (Revelation 19:7). What a wonderful occasion that will be. But we, the local church, are the bride of Christ now as well as in the future. We look forward to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9), but as the local church we need to love and rejoice in our Bridegroom and be ready for His coming now in the present.

The Lord has added and will continue to add to Barnesville Baptist Church the members and friends that He is pleased to call. And as His Church the Holy Spirit has given each person a supernatural spiritual gift to exercise in the life and ministry of the Church. The miracle of the Church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit is unity, fellowship, peace, and love in the midst of great diversity. The Holy Spirit has made each person unique and special. Like the parts of a human body, each person has an important role to play. Identifying and applying your own spiritual gift not only works for the "*common good*", but glorifies the Lord and allows the outside world to see evidence of His presence among His people.



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- June 3** Business Meeting
- June 7** Deacon Ordination, Picnic at Black Hills Park
- June 14** Flag Day
- June 20** Baptist Men's Meeting, 7:00 am
- June 21** Father's Day
- June 22** VBS Planning Meeting, 7:00 pm
- June 28** Frederick Keys Faith Night



*"...See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36)?*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

In the April *Lantern*, this column reviewed the biblical qualifications for pastors found in *I Timothy 3:1-7*. The qualifications for deacons immediately follow starting in *I Timothy 3:8*, which directly parallel the pastoral standards by starting with the words “*Likewise deacons*”. A deacon is to be a role model in the congregation who is beyond reproach or blame just like a pastor. The only difference between the lists is that a pastor should be “*able to teach*”. We see in *Philippians 1:1* that deacons are part of the leadership structure of the church: “*To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons...*”. Paul did not provide a specific job description, but the word “*deacon*”, which means servant, waiter, or administrator, comes from the Greek term for one who leaves a trail of dust as he moves about in service.

In *Acts 6:1-7*, we see an example in the early Church that models the principle of deacons’ service. In order to meet the needs of the Hellenistic widows, the apostles had the disciples choose seven men to care for those overlooked women. The apostles then blessed those men’s call to service so that the apostles could “*devote their attention to prayer and the ministry of the word*”. But why didn’t the apostles take care of those widows? Wouldn’t it have been “*Christian*” for the apostles to make sure those widows were fed? Certainly, it wouldn’t have been beneath the apostles to address that need, but it would not have been the best for the Church or the cause of Christ by expecting the apostles to squeeze in their full-time responsibilities of preaching and teaching after running the first-century equivalent of Meals on Wheels.

We see a similar situation in *Exodus 18:17-23*. Moses was wearing himself out from judging the people day after day. He received some godly wisdom from his father-in-law Jethro, who advised Moses to select able men to share the burden of leadership so that he could endure. No one person can accomplish all that needs to be done to serve God. When deacons address a church’s needs through practical service and administration, pastors are freed to concentrate on the higher good of prayer and preaching, which leads to the spread of the Gospel and the making of new disciples.

Here at Barnesville Baptist, the deacons’ service occurs in several ways. As a group, the deacons are prominently visible during the Lord’s Supper, serving the congregation the elements. The deacons are also active in meeting benevolence needs. More behind the scenes, the deacons support, encourage, counsel, and edify the pastor, his ministry, and his family. Individually, the deacons use their unique spiritual gifts to serve in many different ways, such as Sunday School teachers or committee heads, but all as willing volunteers and regular participants in the activities and ministries of the church.

There is a lot of “*dust to kick up*” in the Lord’s service. Just as the pastor can’t do it all, the deacons can’t do it all. Pray for and encourage them as they serve the church and the Lord. Discover your own spiritual gifts and ways to serve; we are all “*co-laborers*” and “*fellow workers*” for Christ in God’s great work (*I Corinthians 3:9; II Corinthians 6:1*).

## Member of the Month: Jim Gong

- ★ Born: August 25, 1946 in Guandong, China
- ★ How long a BBC member: since May 2015
- ★ How he first came to BBC: invited by Larry Michael
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “Victory in Jesus”
- ★ Favorite Pew: left side, middle pew, aisle seat
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 68 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Trulight Christian Chinese Church, New York City
- ★ Most famous person he’s met: Muhammad Ali
- ★ Personal claim to fame: was a karate teacher in New York City
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: the fall of the Berlin Wall
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Beijing, China
- ★ Story on first name: his father named him after King James I of England
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the Internet and smartphone
- ★ Childhood hero: Superman
- ★ Hobbies: karate, handball, racquetball, volleyball, bicycling



## June Birthdays

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**4** Marva Cole  
**7** Stephanie Rice  
**8** Lisa Fedders  
**9** David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole  
**10** Gary Burdette, Sharon Engle  
**11** Jan Burdette  
**14** Marty Woods  
**16** June Luhn  
**17** Donna Elgin, Matt Yates  
**23** Bill Appleton, June Ivey  
**27** Mark Crowe, Danny Moore,  
Sandra Oden



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:*

- Lee Michael and Luke Fedders were elected as Deacons.
- A motion to approve the membership application of Carol Williams by profession of faith pending baptism on May 17 was approved.

*Expected at the June Business Meeting:*

- The Deacons will offer motions to approve the membership applications of Joe & Connie Connelly, Evelyn Haney, Doug Heimlich, and Bradley Keriakos, each by profession of faith and baptism on May 17; Johnny Haney by statement; and Liz Heimlich by transfer of letter from Capitol Hill Baptist Church of Washington, DC.

## Prayer Concerns

Bill Fowler  
Bill Morrison  
Harry Fowler  
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother  
June Lehrman  
Ola Moore, Pastor Danny's mother  
Tod Luhn  
Tammy Combs  
Virginia Gravely  
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  
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Mark Wilkinson, Jody Pelligrino, Donald Jericho, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Jimmy Benson, Phil Brudner, Donald Nugen, Shirley Molitor  
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).*

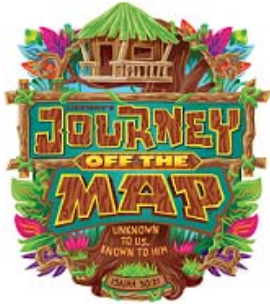
## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School heading our way!* The theme for this year's VBS is "Journey Off the Map", which will be held Jul. 6-10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you would like to serve in a classroom, music, crafts, recreation, or snack, please contact Pastor Randy or Mary Yates. Vacation Bible School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. A final planning meeting will be held on Monday, Jun. 22 at 7:00 pm.



*C&O Canal bike ride.* On Saturday, May 23, BBC members enjoyed an 11-mile bike ride on the C&O Canal towpath from Brunswick, MD to Harpers Ferry, WV. Thanks to Bill & Elnora Caudell, who organized the event and provided a mid-way picnic lunch at Lock 31 and ice cream in Harpers Ferry.



*Deacon ordination and summer kick-off picnic.* Lee Michael and Luke Fedders will be ordained as deacons during the morning worship service on Sunday, Jun. 7. BBC will then meet at Black Hill Regional Park's Shelter C at 1:00 pm for a lunchtime cookout to kick off the summer. Pastors Randy and Danny will grill hot dogs burgers; bring a side dish or dessert to share. This will be a great time of fellowship with volleyball, games, and a brief time of worship.

*Summer vacation begins for several programs.* Monthly activities beginning their summer hiatus include the Friday Night movie, WMU meetings, and the lunches with Watkins Cabinet. These programs will resume in September.

*June youth event.* Join the youth for the Frederick Keys' Faith Night on Sunday, Jun. 28 starting with a Christian concert by the Waterboyz for Jesus at 3:30 pm and a 6:00 pm game against the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under. Please pay Vicki Keriakos for your ticket no later than Sunday, Jun. 14. Stay tuned for details on a July swim party and cookout.

*Church sign lit up.* Thanks goes out to Bill Caudell, Luke Fedders, Randy Gilliam, Marlowe Mentzer, Larry Michael, Lee Michael, Ed Williams, and Joe Yates for helping on Saturday, May 16 to lay the electrical conduit to power the church sign. Special thanks to David Jaray and Ronnie of National Propane Buyers CoOp for lending and operating the trencher.



*Baptism service.* On Sunday, May 17, eight people were baptized by Pastors Randy and Danny in obedience to Jesus' command: Joe & Connie Connelly, Jim Gong, Evelyn Haney, Doug Heimlich, Bradley Keriakos, and Carol Williams. Megan Fedders was also baptized as a rededication. We look forward to having these brothers and sisters as new and active church members.



*Health kits distributed.* The WMU wishes to thank those who contributed enough supplies to make 25 health kits for migrant workers, prison inmates, homeless people, and seamen. The WMU sent these kits to the state convention headquarters in Columbia, from where the kits were sent out to those in need in places like the port of Baltimore.

*Congratulations to high school graduate.* Megan Fedders will graduate from Poolesville High School on May 28. The ceremony will be held at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg. Megan will wear an extra tassel for having earned over 375 Student Service Learning hours. One of Megan's biggest high school accomplishments was being a yearbook editor her senior year. After graduating, Megan will take a gap year and work during that time until she chooses what to do with her future. Barnesville wishes Megan the very best that life has to offer as she begins the next chapter of her life. Megan, may God bless you as you live to honor Him.



*Annie Armstrong goal exceeded.* Additional offerings in May put our total at \$2,436, which is 103% of our 2015 goal. Thanks again to all who supported North American missions this year.

**Barnesville Baptist Church 2015 Summer Activities for  
Youth, Young Adults, and the Church Family  
Save the Dates!!**

**June 7 (Sunday)** Church-wide picnic and celebration 1:00 pm at Black Hills Regional Park, Shelter C! Bring a side dish or a dessert to share. The Pastors are doing the cooking. The church will provide the meat. Volleyball, games, and worship!

**June 28 (Sunday)** Faith Night at the Frederick Keys! Christian concert at 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm game. Cost: \$7 adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Pay Vicki Keriakos for the tickets by Sunday, June 14.

**July 6–10 (Monday-Friday)** VBS! Come join the fun, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm! Join us Monday, July 6 at 5:30 pm for the VBS registration cookout! Classes for all ages, food, fellowship, and great worship!

**July, TBD** Swim party and cookout.

**Tuesday, August 18** Hershey Park Amusement Park! Cost: \$37, ages 9–54; \$29 ages 55–69; \$22, age 70 and up.

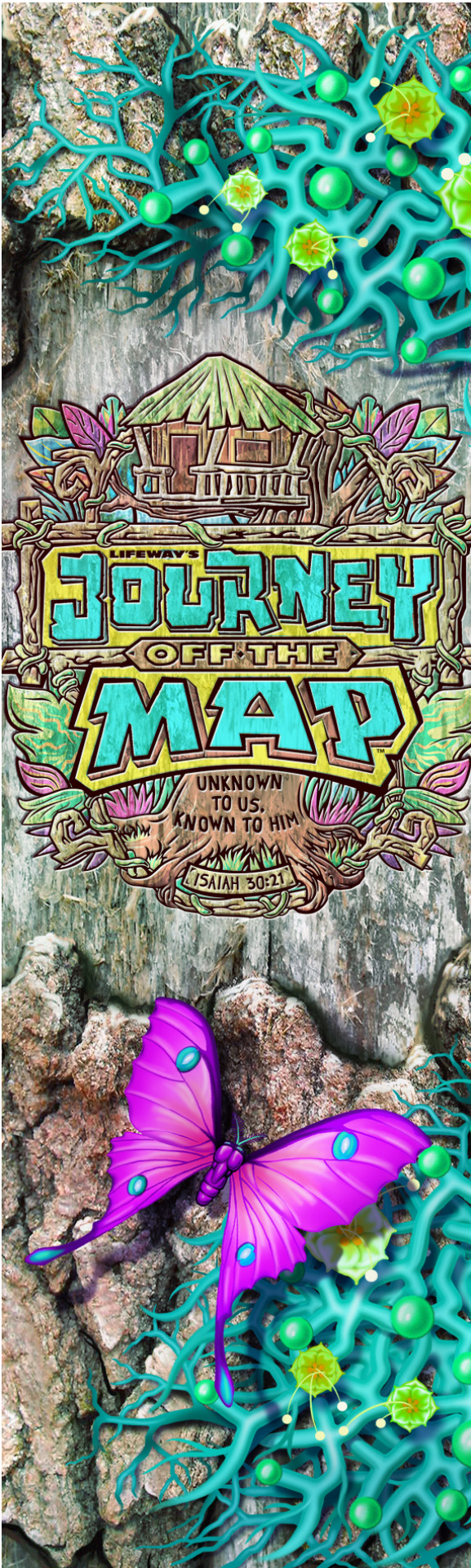
**Thursday, August 20** Operating the Montgomery Baptist Association booth at the Montgomery County Fair for 12 hours! A great opportunity to share the Gospel! Pick a time to come and share the good news!

These activities are being planned for fellowship, and to grow stronger, and closer to God, and each other!

**SAVE THE DATES AND PASS THE WORD! WE NEED EACH OTHER TO BE ALL THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE!**

**Make plans to support and attend these events if you are able. Let's all invite people to join us in Christian fellowship!**

Get more details at [\*\*facebook.com/barnesvillebaptistchurch\*\*](https://www.facebook.com/barnesvillebaptistchurch)



# REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(street address, city, state, and zip code)*

Mailing Address *(if different)* \_\_\_\_\_

## Phone Numbers

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Age Information

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed in school \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Medical or other information we need to know. (Please include any food allergies.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contacts (other than listed above)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

## Dismissal Information

Who may pick up your child at the end of each VBS day?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Other Information

Does your child attend Sunday School? If so where?

\_\_\_\_\_

If your child is visiting our church, who is he a guest of?

\_\_\_\_\_

May we have permission to photograph your child? Yes      No

May we have permission to use your child's photograph for the purpose of promotion? Yes      No