



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

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. You turn men back to dust, saying, 'Return to dust, O sons of men'. For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night... Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:1-4, 12).

It is a mystery how time can seem to drag on, like when children are waiting for the last day of school, and then flies by so fast that we can barely keep up. Parents feel this when a child graduates from high school and think, "How did this child get to be 18 years old already? Where did the time go"? Those entering their retirement years look back over a career and view the years like a blur, they passed so quickly. Sometimes the routine in our lives leads us to believe that things will stay the same indefinitely. But before you can say "oops", a job is gone or a new job is offered, a family member or friend passes away, illness invades your life, or you are suddenly responsible for taking care of an elderly parent.

Life is unpredictable and brief. *James 4:14* says it is like "a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away". The miraculous thing about this life is that it is given to us for a time by the One who is "from everlasting to everlasting". God not only gives us life but also has a specific plan for the time He gives us both here and in the life to come (*Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 139:16, John 3:16*). Therefore, we should pray like the Psalmist, "Oh God, teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom".

Lord, help us to reverence and to love You, to seek Your will for our lives, to enjoy the fellowship of Your Spirit, to know the abundant life You intend for us to experience, and by Your mercy confirm our faith in the life everlasting. Amen.



God Bless,

Pastors Randy & Danny

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Upcoming Events

July 1 Business Meeting
July 4 Independence Day
July 6-10 Vacation Bible School
July 19 Youth Picnic & Swimming Party



"...be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess..." (Deuteronomy 11:8).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

July is the time of year we think about heroic revolutionaries who stood up for liberty in the face of oppression. One such hero we should all know about was John Wycliffe. He never rode into battle at Yorktown or signed his name to parchment in Philadelphia because he died 400 years before those times.

Wycliffe was an English preacher and Oxford University professor who lived in the 14th century. He was among the first to stand up against the abuses and corruption of the medieval church and claim that a Christian should obey the Bible instead of Church practices and customs that had strayed from the teachings of Jesus. Wycliffe and other reformers were inspired by verses like *Galatians 5:1*: “*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage*”. One of Wycliffe’s radical beliefs was that common men should be able to read the Scripture in their own language. In those times, the Bible was only available in Latin for use by priests and prelates, who considered the thought that commoners would have ready access to the Bible a “vulgar” idea.

Pope Gregory XI and the Church hierarchy in Rome and England condemned Wycliffe for his beliefs, but Wycliffe replied, “Englishmen learn Christ’s law best in English. Moses heard God’s law in his own tongue; so did Christ’s apostles”. Wycliffe spent the last years of his life in jail, translating the Bible into English. Wycliffe died in 1384 before his enemies could kill him, but they were still angry enough that in 1415 at the Council of Constance Wycliffe was declared a heretic and his writings were ordered to be burned. In 1428, Wycliffe’s corpse was exhumed, burned, and his ashes cast into the local river. Even so, the spark of Christian liberty that Wycliffe kindled was never extinguished. Instead, it began to grow until his teachings were picked up by other reformers like John Huss and Martin Luther, who also realized that salvation comes through faith and not by purchasing indulgences or partaking in sacraments.

Today it is commonplace that Bibles are easily available to everyone in multiple languages. Many of us own multiple copies of the Bible, can easily access the Bible in libraries or online, and are accustomed to having Bibles in pew racks and Sunday School rooms at church. Consider how far we have come from Wycliffe’s time, when most people were illiterate and Bibles were extremely rare because they were copied by hand and cost more money than most people made in their lifetimes.

By the time of the Founding Fathers, the Bible was considered an indispensable support of democracy, for a biblically literate nation was the only society that could rule itself. John Adams wrote in 1798 that, “...we have no government, armed with power, capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge and licentiousness would break the strongest cords of our Constitution, as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” As we come to celebrate yet another Fourth of July, let us always remember that our political freedoms are rooted in our religious liberty.

Member of the Month: Mark Williams

- ★ Born: April 24, 1964 in Lakeland, Florida
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 1999
- ★ How he first came to BBC: “walked next door”
- ★ Favorite Hymns: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” and “Amazing Grace”
- ★ Favorite Pew: back row, left side
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: six years old
- ★ Childhood church: Ardella Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida
- ★ Most famous person he’s met: Kenny Rogers
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: election of Ronald Reagan
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- ★ Story on first name: “my parents liked it”
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: the Internet
- ★ Hobbies: hunting, fishing, playing with tools



July Birthdays

9 Fred Bird
11 Megan Malik
14 Penny Barton, Vicki Keriakos
22 Evelyn Haney
23 Mary Yates
25 Matthew Burriss
26 Joe Yates
28 Jackie Cole
30 Sherri Marsh



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

- 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, were adopted.
- The Church approved the membership application of Johnny Haney, who came by statement.
- Liz Heimlich was received as a member by transfer of letter from Capitol Hill Baptist Church of Washington, DC.

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration and Outreach Committees will propose funding for one-time expenses to be funded via a Pastoral Transition budget line item: moving expenses for Associate Pastor Danny Moore (\$1,500), painting the parsonage (\$2,000), and expenses related to the retirement service and luncheon in honor of Pastor Randy Gilliam on Sunday, Aug. 30 (\$2,500).
- The Pastor will announce that the following members will serve on a Nominating Committee to fill vacancies in committee positions: Luke Fedders, Lee Michael, Cindy Moore, Danny Moore, Ellen Williams, and Joe Yates.
- The Deacons will offer motions to approve the membership applications of Marlowe & Susan Mentzer, each by statement.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Morrison
Heath & Erin Runkles leaving for the mission field in Honduras
Julie Foster, Paul Foster's mother
June Lehrman
Ola Moore, Associate Pastor Danny's mother
Tammy Combs
Virginia Gravely
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Homebound: Tod & June Luhn, Junior & Arlene Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Vivian Neal
Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Jody Pelligrino, Donald Jericho, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Jimmy Benson, Phil Brudner, Donald Nugen, Gail Zingg
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).*

News You Can Use

Deacon ordination. On Sunday, Jun. 7, Lee Michael and Luke Fedders were ordained as deacons during the morning worship service. Deacon Chairman David



*Paul Meissner praying for new deacons
Luke Fedders and Lee Michael*

Bennett introduced the current deacons, Pastor Randy Gilliam presented Luke and Lee as the deacon candidates, and Paul Meissner read *I Timothy 3:1-10*.

Next, David Bennett presented the charge to Lee

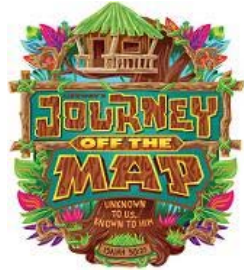
and Luke, Associate Pastor Danny Moore presented the charge to the church, and Joe Yates explained and called for the laying of hands. The deacons and pastors then laid hands on and prayed over Luke and Lee. Ralph Cooley concluded the ordination service with a prayer, after which all the deacons served the Lord's Supper. The service was followed by a picnic at Black Hill Regional Park.

Summer youth activities. July and August activities for the youth start with a cookout and swimming at the Yates' house on Sunday, Jul. 19 at 1:00 pm. On Tuesday, Aug. 18 a trip to Hershey Park has been scheduled. Ticket costs are \$37, ages 9–54; \$29, ages 55–69; \$22, age 70 and up. On Thursday, Aug. 20, BBC youth will be at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair to man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth. Invite your friends and family to join in and have fun at these opportunities for Christian fellowship.

Life events. Our prayers and best wishes go out to those starting a new chapter: Ann Bennett, Cindy Moore, Eddie Fowler, Leslie Foster, and Sherry Morrison have retired. Laura Luhn is getting married and moving to Spokane, Washington. Jo Blalock moved to Dallas, Georgia and Eddie & Pauline Fowler moved to Hagerstown, MD.

Special service. In our role as mother church to Calvary Life Baptist Chapel, BBC will host the re-ordination of Rev. Lord Boadu on Sunday, Jun. 28 in support of his NAMB accreditation as a church planter. Rev. Michael Mattar, the Language Church Missionary for the Montgomery Baptist Association, will deliver the message.

Vacation Bible School heading our way! This year's VBS theme is "Journey Off the Map" and 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. If you know anyone who needs a ride in order to come to VBS, please leave a message at the church office so we can make arrangements. The kick-off picnic and registration will start on Monday, Jul. 6 at 5:30 pm.

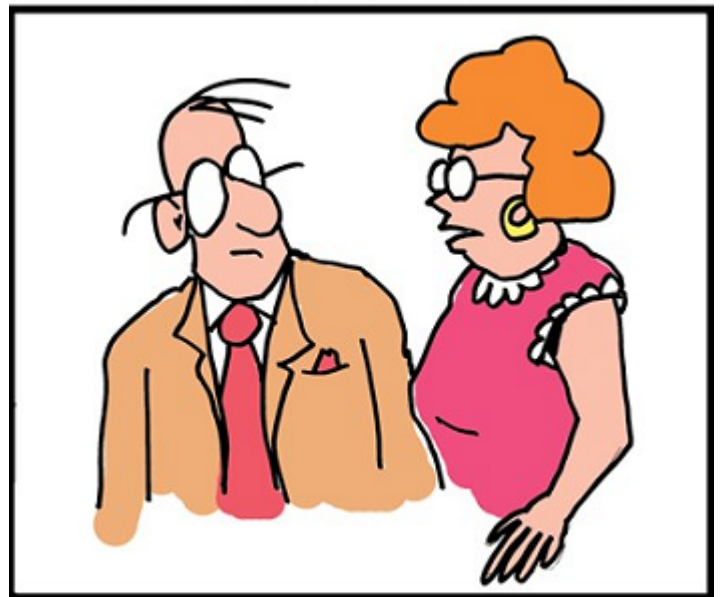


Missionaries to speak. Matt & Ellen Zell will be visiting BBC on Sunday, Jul. 26, when they will share what the Lord has been doing in Honduras.

Retirement service. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug. 30, when Barnesville Baptist will say goodbye to Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam, who have served faithfully for 14 years. Details about the special service and luncheon will be announced soon.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I just realised why no one was in church today... I forgot to unlock the doors."

Youth Activities & Interests

July 2015

Sharing the Gospel

by Ashley Babyak

In 2009, NFL quarterback Tim Tebow was still in college. In the BCS Championship game that year, he wore eye black with "John 3:16" written across it. During that game and in the day following, *John 3:16* became a trending search on Google. Because just one person took a stand and was proud of being a Christian, millions of people were exposed to God's love. In 2012, exactly three years after the BCS Championship game, Tim Tebow played for the Denver Broncos in what is known as the "316" game. In several statistics of that game, "316" can be found, including Tebow throwing for 316 yards, Tebow averaging 31.6 yards per completion, and Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger throwing an interception on 3rd and 16 that lead to the Broncos taking the lead. Following that game, Google reported the most searches ever for "John 3:16." It is even reported that these events have led to them becoming Christians. Sharing the Gospel with people may be the most important information you ever share with anyone. It doesn't matter if you're still a child, sharing the Gospel and your testimony can change the lives of many.

Monthly Scripture

"Then he said, 'Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all.'"
Mark 16:15

Pastor's Note

School is out!!! Summer has begun!!! The question to ask yourself is, what can I do this summer to grow closer to God and to my church family? I have some suggestions!

- Get involved in the activities that are planned at BBC this summer.
- Invite your friends to come and worship God with you and your church family on Sundays.
- Volunteer to get involved in the worship services themselves. Use your talents to encourage all of us to allow God to use us!
- Stay focused on your personal devotions and prayer time!
- In other words, Pray, Study, Fellowship, Invite, and Get Involved!! God has a plan for you, just say yes. If you don't know how to get involved, please call me! Remember we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be!!

In His Love,
Pastor Danny

July and August Youth Activities

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!

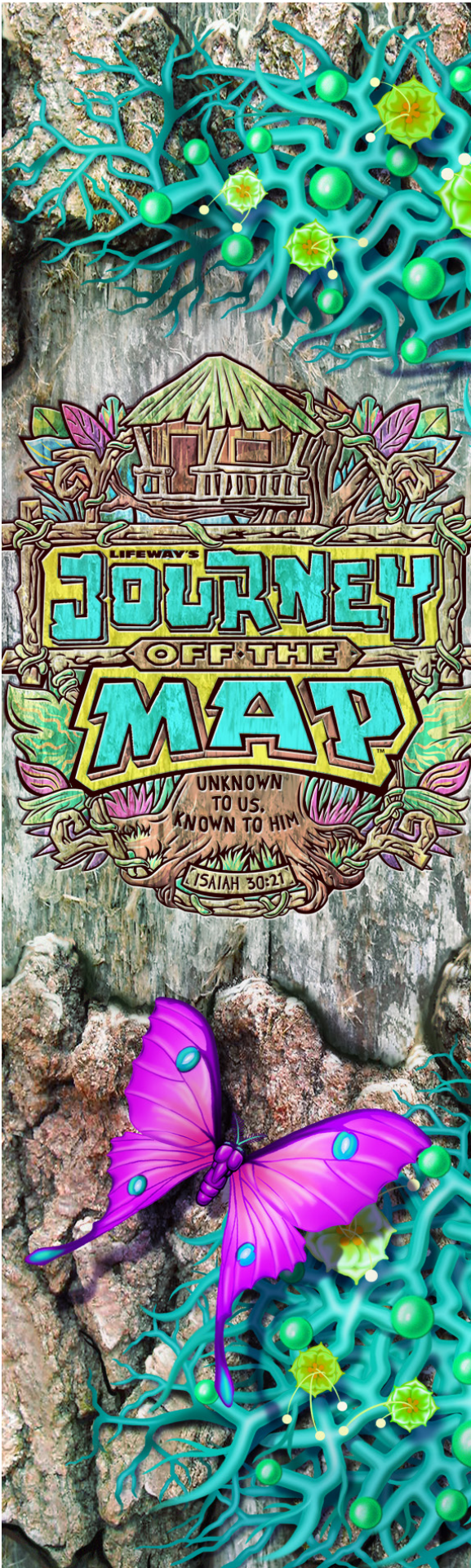
Sunday, July 19 Swim party and cookout at the Yates' house starting at 1:00 pm!

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!

Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns and questions for your pastors:



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