



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 Pastor's Spotlight

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20).

At the end of August Sandy and I will complete 14 years of ministry and fellowship with the members and friends of Barnesville Baptist Church. In September we will venture into a new life phase known as retirement. That we were privileged to serve the Lord at BBC for these years is evidence to us that God truly can "do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think".

From the first day we arrived with our insecurities and questions about what the Lord had in mind for us, your love and friendship and support were a constant source of encouragement. You accepted us into the special BBC family and trusted us to share in your joys and sorrows. Our great desire has been to be faithful to God's Word and to be channels of His love and grace to every person we were blessed to interact with. Only eternity will tell if our ministry here was effective. We cannot begin to express to you our gratitude for your kindness to us. We discovered, as so many others have, that love and hospitality are very much in the DNA of Barnesville Baptist Church. Because of that and because BBC has demonstrated over and over its heart for missions, we believe that the Lord has positioned BBC for dynamic spiritual growth and new opportunities for outreach ministry. We will truly miss being present with you, but you will always be in our hearts and in our prayers.

We know that you will love and support Pastor Danny & Cindy as you supported us. The Lord's timing is always perfect and the Lord has prepared Danny for this time at His church in Barnesville. "May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (II Corinthians 13:14).

God Bless,

Pastor Randy & Sandy



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Upcoming Events

August 5 Business Meeting
August 20 MBA Tent at Montgomery County Fair
August 30 Pastoral Retirement Service and Luncheon



*"...Well done, good and faithful servant..."
(Matthew 25:21).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Where were you on Jun. 17, 2001? For most people reading these words, they weren't at BBC. Our church was much smaller back then. We had been without a pastor for almost a year by the summer of 2001. We had fewer people in the pews, not so many fellowships and activities, less giving, a smaller budget, infrequent baptisms, and barely any new members joining—all the indicators that you might think of to gage the vitality of a congregation. But those that were sitting in the pews on that Sunday morning 14 years ago will remember it as the first day that Pastor Randy Gilliam and his wife Sandy began serving our congregation. The average pastorate lasts 3.6 years, but we have been blessed to keep the same shepherd four times longer than most churches.

A long pastorate is actually recommended in the Scripture. The Apostle Paul, writing to his protégé Timothy, urged him to "...remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct..." (*I Timothy 1:3*). The Greek word for "remain" includes the idea of being constant and persevering. A pastor must at times endure disappointment, persecution, crises, and spiritual warfare. Timothy was faced with a group of false teachers, but instead of being discouraged and moving on to a bigger and better church, he stayed and taught people the truth of the Gospel and how to live more like Christ.

A pastor has a great opportunity to lead people toward salvation through faith in Christ, and then nurture those new believers toward spiritual maturity. "...the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith" (*I Timothy 1:5*). But those things require time: time to become familiar with people and their lives, time to develop relationships, time to earn trust and respect, and time to guide, exhort, correct, and encourage. Barnesville Baptist has been blessed by God with a pastor and pastor's wife who have done all those things, so to Randy & Sandy, let me, on behalf of the congregation, thank you especially for three things:

Thank you for staying so long. If we were an average church, we would have had to stop and start four times over the last 14 years instead of maintaining our momentum in fellowship, teaching, worship, ministry, and evangelism.

Thank you for stepping up when you could have stepped back. When our congregation needed continuity and a familiar face the most, you stayed on, carried burdens you didn't ask for, and walked through the storm with us.

Thank you for setting us up for the future. When we sent you off to weekend seminary classes, we just expected you to learn some Greek and Hebrew, but you also brought back a friend whom we have also grown to love and trust as a shepherd.

In the last 14 years, our pews have filled with new faces, we regularly fellowship and participate in activities both inside and outside the church walls, our giving toward Kingdom work has outpaced that of much larger churches, and the baptistry is filled with water and new believers much more often. I suspect that come Aug. 30, 2015, most people will say, when asked where they were, that they were at BBC.

Member of the Month: Doug Heimlich

- ★ Born: March 8, 1965 in Philadelphia, PA
- ★ How long a BBC member: since June 2015
- ★ How he first came to BBC: His wife Liz researched and found BBC on the Internet.
- ★ Favorite Hymns: "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" and "Were You There"
- ★ Favorite Pew: fourth row from the front, left side
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Philippians 4:4-7* and *Romans 7:6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 50 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Ambler, PA
- ★ Most famous people he's met: members of the 1974 Stanley Cup champion Philadelphia Flyers
- ★ Personal claim to fame: He has the same last name as the man who invented the Heimlich maneuver, but is not related.
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: the 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place he's been from Barnesville: Seoul, South Korea
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: wide, soft-camber powder snow skis and the machine that cranks out Rita's Frozen Custard!
- ★ Childhood heroes: Marvel Comics superheroes Spider-man, Iron Man, The Thing, and Captain America
- ★ Hobbies: outdoor activities like hiking, skiing, camping, sailing, jogging, and biking



August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal
7 Matthew Ennis
11 Rick Thomas
12 Madison Marsh
16 Stephanie Runkles
17 Pauline Fowler
19 Kyle Marsh
20 Bill Williams
25 Jim Gong
26 Lee Michael
28 Ann Bennett
29 Paul Meissner
30 Matthew Cole
31 Bob Runkles



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:

- A Pastoral Transition budget line item was created for the following items: 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 Church approved the membership applications of Marlowe & Susan Mentzer, each by statement.

Expected at the August Business Meeting:

- The Education Cmte. will recommend bylaws to create the positions of Youth Program Coordinator and Youth Program Representatives.
- The Education Cmte. will recommend a motion to redesignate the Singles Sunday School class as the Young Adults Sunday School class.
- The Nominating Cmte. will recommend that the following members serve on the Education Cmte. for the remainder of the 2014-2016 term: Vicki Keriakos as Youth Program Coordinator and Young Adults Sunday School Teacher, Paul Keriakos and Ashley Babyak as Youth Program Representatives, and Luke Fedders as Adult I Sunday School Teacher effective Sep. 1, vice Sandy Gilliam, resigned effective Aug. 31.
- The Nominating Cmte. will recommend that the following members serve on the Outreach Cmte. for the remainder of the 2014-2016 term: Mary Yates as Chairman and Bereavement Coordinator, effective Sep. 1, vice Sandy Gilliam, resigned effective Aug. 31; Elnora Caudell as Kitchen Coordinator, effective Sep. 1, vice Mary Yates, resigned effective Aug. 31; and Cindy Moore, effective Sep. 1.

Prayer Concerns

Bill & Sherry Morrison
Dani Runkles & twins
Heath & Erin Runkles, missionaries in Honduras
Kelly Moore and new baby, doing well
Margie Stream
Megan Malik and new baby, doing well
Ola Moore, Pastor Danny's mother
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Ralph Cooley, recovering from knee surgery
Rex Schmidt, Watkins Cabinet friend
Tammy Combs
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Virginia Gravely
Homebound: Tod & June Luhn, Junior & Arlene Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Vivian Neal
Cancer patients: Cathy Mallory; David Fogle; Donald Jericho; Doug Swank; Gail Zingg; Jody Pelligrino; Jimmy Benson; Phil Brudner
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

Vacation Bible School a good time. The motto of "This is the way. Walk in it!" was called out on the evenings of Jul. 6-10 during our tropical adventure-themed VBS, Journey Off the Map. Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS 2015 a success, especially to those in the classroom, crafts, recreation, snacks, and behind the scenes. Your service in building God's Kingdom and sharing His Gospel is appreciated. The total enrollment this year was 53. The missions offering totaled \$1,355 and will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school.



Fall activities to start up soon. September is coming sooner than you think. Activities that will resume from their summer hiatus after Labor Day include the monthly WMU meetings and the lunches with Watkins Cabinet.

Missions giving recognized. The North American Mission Board recently recognized BBC with a certificate for our missions giving in 2014. Barnesville Baptist was the top-ranked church in the Montgomery Baptist Association for per capita giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Thank you for your willingness to invest in God's Kingdom and share the Gospel with others.

Summer youth activities. August activities for the youth start on Thursday, Aug. 20, when BBC youth will be at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair to man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. On Sunday, Aug. 23, a cookout and swimming will be enjoyed at the Yates' house from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Invite your



Youth enjoying the Yates' pool on Jul. 19

friends and family to join in and have fun at these opportunities for Christian fellowship. The Hershey Park trip planned for Aug. 18 has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts and will be rescheduled for later in the year.

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. Invitations with the details about the special service, which will start at 10:30 a.m., and the catered luncheon have been sent out. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, Aug. 16.

Calvary Life launch. Eight members of the BBC choir participated in the official launch of BBC's daughter church, Calvary Life Baptist Chapel, at their new worship facility in Gaithersburg on Saturday, Jul. 11. The BBC choir sang "Our God Reigns" and "Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You".



Congratulations. Miss Aleena Kauren Malik was born on July 23rd to Megan Malik. Ed & Ellen Williams are the proud grandparents. Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore are pleased to welcome their first grandson, Wesley William Moore, who was born on Jul. 31.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Youth Activities & Interests

August 2015

God's Trend

by Ashley Babyak

We are growing up in the age of social media, where being "popular" can be determined simply by how many "followers" you have. As children and young adults, it can be easy to give into the pressures of friends, culture, and whatever trend is current that day. It is important to step back and look at those trends, and decide if they are Christ-like or not; often times, they are not. It can be tempting to give in and follow what everyone else is doing, if it means having more friends and becoming popular. During those times, remember what the Bible teaches us. Look to the story of Jesus in particular. Jesus had 12 followers, and didn't follow the trends set by most of His time. With just 12 followers, Jesus set God's trend.

Pastor's Note

As you prepare to return to school, ask yourself one important question: What can I do to be more effective for God in my daily walk with Him at school this coming year?

As we all grow closer to God, we should strive to be more like Him! That means being more loving, more caring, and having real compassion toward others. It all starts by having a sincere and true prayer life. Just like your best friends, we all long to share our fears, our likes, what makes us happy, and what hurts us deeply with someone that really cares.

The good news is that Jesus cares!! Jesus cares enough for you that He died for you on the cross to give you new life through Him! Celebrate that new life today by striving to be more like Jesus in all that you do. You will be blessed for it! Please remember that your church here at BBC loves you. We care and we want to be there for you. Please trust that and let us know how we can help! You can call me, Miss Cindy, your youth program coordinator Vicki Keriakos, any of your deacons, or your youth program representatives Ashley Babyak and Paul Keriakos. The bottom line is that YOU are LOVED!! You are not alone. Just reach out to someone and let's walk together.

Please remember that with our youth and young adult group we have a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus with many people. We need your help! On August 20 we are meeting at the Montgomery Baptist Association booth at the Montgomery County Fair from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm. Let me or Vicki know when during that Thursday you could come out to help us share the GREAT NEWS OF JESUS! We are going to have games set up to

play, give away bottled water, and just share with the fairgoers about God and what He is doing at BBC. Please come and help us share the good news!!

In His Love,

Pastor Danny



**"Faith means believing in things
you've never seen...like your feet!"**

Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns with and questions for your pastor:

GOD'S GOT YOUR NUMBER!

Ephesians 4:32

The Challenge

Use the number code below to discover the words of the verse.

A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 E=5 F=6
G=7 H=8 I=9 J=10 K=11 L=12
M=13 N=14 O=15 P=16 Q=17
R=18 S=19 T=20 U=21 V=22
W=23 X=24 Y=25 Z=26

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