



# 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

As we start out together with the platform that God has given us here at Barnesville Baptist Church, I would like to share a prayer from my heart for all of us at BBC: that everything we do and say, and all of our plans for worship and fellowship, will bring glory and honor to God and God alone. *"May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer"* (Psalm 19:14).

As we move forward in God's plan for our lives, it is so important that we all, starting with myself, stay focused on God and His will for His church. God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. *"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you"* (Joshua 1:5). He has given His promise that He has a wonderful plan for our lives and for His church! *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

Our hope and our future are not entrusted in me as your pastor or in any other person. It is only to be found in Jesus! But as your new pastor, I promise that I will do everything in my power to stay focused on God's plan for His church at Barnesville Baptist. With your commitment to do the same, we will all be able to bring true honor and glory to God together. I am so excited about the bright future that God has planned for us at BBC. I am also so thankful to God for Pastor Randy's time here at BBC. We will all be blessed for many years because of Pastor Randy & Sandy's dedication to God.

My prayer is that if anyone reading this *Lantern* has not attended for a while, please come home and join us in bringing honor and glory to God together! Remember, we need each other to be all that God wants us to be!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

**September 2** Business Meeting  
**September 7** Labor Day, Church Office Closed  
**September 18** Watkins Cabinet Lunch  
**September 26** Pig Pickin' & Gold Heart Concert



*"And He said to them,  
'Go into all the world  
and preach the gospel to every creature'"*  
(Mark 16:15).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

When you reach the end of your Christian walk, what will you have achieved? In *II Timothy*, the Apostle Paul was about to conclude his pastoral ministry. He wasn't enjoying a warm send-off from long-time friends and well-wishers. Instead, he sat alone in a cold jail cell under the streets of Rome, awaiting execution at Emperor Nero's order. But Paul wasn't bitter or defeated; instead he was confidently awaiting his final reward and ultimate vindication from God. He wrote to his friend Timothy, "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing*" (*II Timothy 4:7-8*). Paul's work for Christ was at an end, but Timothy's was still ongoing, so Paul encouraged his young friend to keep on striving.

*I Corinthians 3:8* explains that "...each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor", and *I Corinthians 3:14* teaches that Christians are rewarded for their enduring works built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. In addition to the crown of righteousness, the New Testament describes four more crowns that a Christian can earn: an imperishable crown and crowns of rejoicing, life, and glory.

Paul described the imperishable crown in *I Corinthians 9:25* as the reward for those who master self-control so they can serve as effective witnesses for Christ. Just like an athlete preparing for a competition, Paul said that he worked to "...discipline my body and bring it into subjection" (*I Corinthians 9:27*).

The crown of rejoicing described in *I Thessalonians 2:19* celebrates the victory of salvation over powers and principalities and persecution. Paul wrote, "...what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming"?

In *James 1:12*, the crown of life is the reward for those who endure trials, proving the genuineness of their faith and the eternal security of their salvation in Christ Jesus. This crown "...the Lord has promised to those who love Him".

Those who are charged with overseeing the people of God as pastors and elders are given extra responsibility and thus extra honor for serving well, meriting a crown of glory. The Apostle Peter exhorted such ordained men to serve with excellence, so that "...when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away" (*I Peter 5:1-4*).

What will Christians do with the crowns they have earned through years of faithful service to the Kingdom once they have come to their final reward and stand at last before their Savior? In *Revelation 4:10*, the Apostle John saw a vision of the throne room of heaven, where eternal praise and worship was offered up to the Lamb. Those with crowns will find a good use for them; they will fall "...down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne". What a scene that will be, and how great it will be to have something to offer up glory and honor and power to Jesus the King. How blessed are those who have already run their race and earned their crowns! How blessed are those who are running now, and how blessed are those who even now still have the opportunity to start the course.

## Member of the Month: Carol Williams

- ★ Born: November 15, 1958 in Ridgecrest, California
- ★ How long a BBC member: since May 2015
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "Through my husband Mark. I was blessed to have been married and baptized by Pastor Randy at BBC".
- ★ Favorite Hymns: "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Joy to the World"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "A few rows up from the back, right side, and I prefer to sit on the end, but my husband mostly beats me to it"!
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Hebrews 13:5*
- ★ Age at baptism: 56 years old
- ★ Childhood church: LDS Church (it was by miracle that God showed me His truth and light and I later became a Christian).
- ★ Most famous person she's met: President Reagan
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "Being a mom, and at age 18 being the only female to play on a men's league baseball team".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Brazil
- ★ Story on first name: "My dad named me after the actress Carole Lombard".
- ★ Childhood hero: John Wayne
- ★ Hobbies: sewing, knitting, crocheting, macrame, jewelry design, and cooking



## September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler, Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole, Bill Morrison
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 21 Melissa Fisher, Logan Marsh
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:*

- The Education Cmte. recommended bylaws to repeal the position of Director of Youth and to create the positions of Youth Program Coordinator and Youth Program Representatives, which were adopted.
- The Education Cmte. recommended a motion to redesignate the Singles Sunday School class as the Young Adults Sunday School class, which was adopted.
- The Church approved the nominations of the following members to 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 Church approved the nominations of the following members to 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.

*Expected at the September Business Meeting:*

- The Pastor is seeking five members to serve as messengers to the 80<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 4 at Greenridge Baptist Church in Boyds.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer bylaws recommended by the Pastor and Deacons on BBC's views of faith and practice regarding marriage, sexuality, gender, and the sanctity of life; the religious nature of church positions; and to define the Church's assets and facilities use policy.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will propose minor modifications to the Nov. 2005 bylaw on the Church Custodian position and the Aug. 2015 bylaws on the Youth Program positions.

## Prayer Concerns

the family of former BBC member Onan Hill at his passing  
Bill & Sherry Morrison  
Margie Stream  
Ola Moore, Pastor Danny's mother  
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel  
Rex Schmidt, Watkins Cabinet friend  
Flora Gilliam  
Tammy Combs  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Virginia Gravely  
Recovering from surgery: Ashley Babyak, Ralph Cooley  
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, Patti Watkins, Eddie Weston  
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

**New chapter begins.** Rev. Danny Moore begins his pastorate at Barnesville Baptist Church on Tuesday, Sep. 1, succeeding Pastor Randy Gilliam, who will retire on Monday, Aug. 31 after a 14-year ministry at BBC. Pastor Danny & Cindy will move into the parsonage on Sep. 18, but Pastor Danny will be available at the church throughout the week starting Sep. 1.

**Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware.** The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. The BCM/D-wide goal for 2015 is \$190,000. BBC's goal this year is

\$1,776, which will support local efforts like language churches, collegiate ministries, and joining legacy churches with new plants. The offering's theme is "Gofwd", taken from *Philippians 3:13-14*: "Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

**Bluegrass gospel concert coming to Pig Pickin'.** On Saturday, Sep. 26, the annual Pig Pickin' dinner sponsored by the Baptist Men will be followed with a 7:00 pm bluegrass gospel concert starring Gold Heart. Be sure to attend the dinner at 5:30 pm and invite your friends and family to the concert afterwards.



**MBA annual meeting & fall revival.** The Montgomery Baptist Association has scheduled its annual meeting and fall revival for Oct. 4-6 at Greenridge Baptist Church in Boyds. Speaking this year are SBC Executive Committee President Dr. Frank Page and NAMB Northeast Regional Mobilizer Rev. Kevin Marsico. On Sunday, Oct. 4, the annual meeting will be held at 4:30 pm and the revival service will start at 7:30 pm. Duly-elected messengers who participate in both events will be served dinner in between meetings. BBC is entitled to send five messengers.

**BBC member on mission to Honduras.** Megan Fedders will be in Honduras Sep. 12-26, helping missionaries Matt & Ellen Zell. She will be taking gently-worn children's clothing and shoes, soccer balls, and small to medium-sized stuffed animals to give to the local children. Please contact Megan if you would like to donate any of these items.



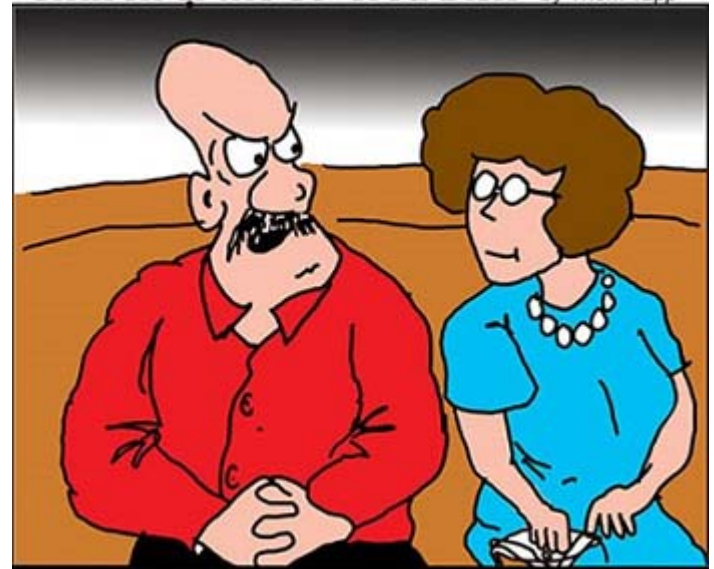
**BBC at the fair.** On Thursday, Aug. 20, BBC members were at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, passing out New Testaments, water, candy, tracts, and TrueLife cards with BBC's contact information. Over the course of the day, 250 bottles of water and 150 tracts were handed out to fair-goers. Several people asked about our congregation or had a question about the Bible. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to man the tent and represent both BBC and the Montgomery Baptist Association to the local community.



**BBC giving recognized.** For the second year in a row, the International Mission Board recognized BBC with a Tengchow Challenge certificate for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering contribution. Our per capita giving in the 2014 campaign of \$71.78 put us in the top 4% of the SBC's 50,000 churches who gave 14% of the total offering. The Tengchow Challenge is named after the Chinese city where Lottie Moon began her overseas missions work. Your generous and faithful gifts provide the resources needed for the IMB's 4,700 missionaries to evangelize unreached peoples.

## COTCD Cartoon

**Church of the Covered Dish** by Thom Tapp



"He preaches on love too much. That makes me mad!"

# **Youth Activities & Interests**

September 2015

## Pastor's Note

Summer has come and gone! My prayer is that all of us have stopped long enough to thank God for all the blessings that He has given us. God's Word tells us that all things have been made by God. For example, in *John 1:3*, we read that "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made". This is a great reminder to us all that we need to be grateful to God for our families and loved ones, our friends, and for His church that truly does love and support all of our youth and young adults.

All of us at times have taken God's blessings and love for granted. We go about our lives and our busy days and we don't take time to thank Him. At times we don't even stop long enough to recognize all that we are blessed with. My prayer for all of us is that we will start out this new chapter in our lives by recognizing all that God really has and is still doing in our lives. If we would really commit to slow down and look around, we will all grow closer to God.

As school and college start, now is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to God. This is easier to do when we start out our days in prayer and by reading God's Word. This can be a way to remind ourselves that God is sovereign, holy, true, and faithful to keep all of His promises! Slow down today and thank Him for all of your blessings and for His love for you!! It will make a huge difference in your life, I promise! Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be!

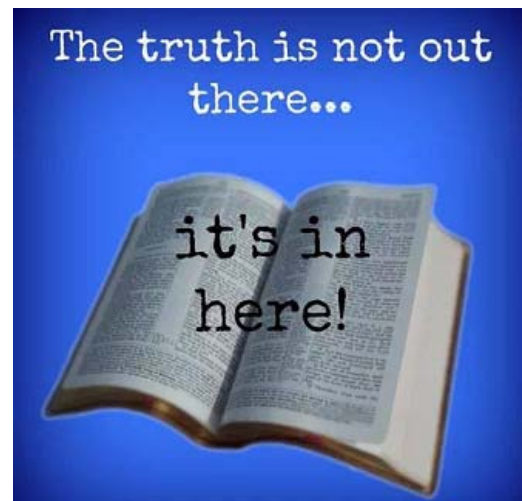
In His Love,

Pastor Danny

## Youth Activity Coming Up!



Join the youth as we share in fellowship around a bonfire at Summers Farm in Frederick on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10:00 PM! Please see Vicki Keriakos for more information.



## Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns with and questions for your pastor:

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# Trustworthy Info

How can you help others understand that Jesus is totally trustworthy? Find the Bible verses. The words that fit the blanks are in the grid. When you cross those words out, you'll have the answer to this silly scientific question:

*Why can't you trust atoms?*

never	seen	with	truth
Because	we	heard	they
God	make	sin	touched
up	everything	able	beginning



**John 1:2**

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.



**John 6:37**

Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ send away anyone who comes to Him.



**John 14:6**

Jesus says He is the way, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the life—the only way for people to come to the Father!



**Hebrews 4:15**

Jesus was tempted just like \_\_\_\_\_ are, but He did not \_\_\_\_\_.



**Hebrews 7:25**

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ to save anyone who comes to God through Him.



**1 John 1:1**

People have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus!

Answers: with, God, beginning, never, truth, heard, seen, able, sin, we, we, make, touched, Because they make up everything!