



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

*"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"
(II Chronicles 7:14).*

I am so thankful to God for allowing Cindy & me to be part of the Barnesville Baptist congregation. The Lord has been blessing His church here for many years and I am so grateful to Him for allowing me to shepherd the loving BBC family.

We all have another opportunity to invite people to come worship God with us at our May 20-22 weekend revival services. The theme is Family, Part Two! Our returning revival leaders are Salvation Army Majors Brian & Loretta Gilliam. The Friday night service will begin at 7:00 pm on May 20. The Saturday sessions on May 21 will begin at 10:00 am with a continental breakfast. At 10:30 am we will have our first joint worship service followed by breakout sessions at 11:15 am. Rev. Gilliam will lead the adults in the sanctuary, I will share with the young adults and youth in the choir room, and Cindy and Loretta will teach the children downstairs. After lunch, our second joint worship time will start at 12:45 pm followed by a second round of breakout sessions from 1:30-2:45 pm. We will follow our normal Sunday morning schedule on the 21st with the worship service led by Rev. Gilliam.

Please start praying now for God to draw us all closer to Him and to prepare us to reach out in love to the community in Jesus' name. Please mark your calendars and come worship with us. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be. We have special music planned for all three services. I know that if we all start praying now that God will bless us with His presence and love. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your support.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

May 4 Business Meeting
May 5 National Day of Prayer
May 8 Mother's Day
May 14 Baptist Men's Meeting
May 20 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet Friends
May 20-22 Revival Services
May 23 Deacons' Meeting
May 30 Memorial Day, Youth BBQ for Homeless



*"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you..."
(Isaiah 66:13).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

How would you respond to an encounter with God's Word? When King Josiah of Judah had such an experience, he led his nation to spiritual revival in 622 B.C. Josiah's ancestors had participated in and encouraged idol worship in Judah. Instead of following God, those wicked kings profaned the Temple by allowing idols and temple prostitutes in Jerusalem and child sacrifice upon mountaintop altars to false gods. In *II Kings 22*, faithful priests rediscovered God's Word during repairs to the Temple and gave King Josiah those scrolls to read. When Josiah read the Law for himself and learned that God would judge Judah for its sin (v. 18), the king displayed a tender heart and a humble spirit before the Lord and repented of his country's sins (v. 19). In response, God heard Josiah's plea (v. 19) and promised to spare the king from witnessing Judah's future judgment. Indeed, Josiah lived out his days in peace (v. 20).

Josiah's walk with God didn't stop with reading the scroll of the Law. In *II Kings 23*, Josiah went out to rid Judah of all the trappings of idolatry. He led people to take a stand for God's Word (v. 3) and cleaned out evil from their worship (v. 4) and their nation (vv. 5-24). Josiah tore down altars, smashed graven images, and drove out false priests. For his steadfast devotion to God's will, Josiah was known as man of God like no other (v. 25).

Josiah's deeds are instructive on so many levels. First, Josiah's reaction to God's Word is a model of personal salvation. We too must learn from God's Word that we are estranged from Him because of our sin and deserve to face His just and righteous judgment. However, when we repent of our sins and ask the Lord for mercy, we will receive His grace and can live in peace with Him.

Second, Josiah's story inspires us to seek revival within ourselves, our church, and our nation. After Josiah got his own heart right with God, he led others to do the same. He started in Jerusalem, restoring God's Temple with the elders, priests, and people of the city and then worked his way out to cleanse the entire nation. When we seek to follow God, our strengthened walk will strengthen our families' walks. Families strong for the Lord will in turn strengthen the local church. When strong congregations are bold for the Lord, we are in position for God to move among His people and use us to share His love among our neighbors, friends, and country.

We have two great opportunities to put Josiah's example into practice this month. On May 5, we can pray for our families, church, and country on the National Day of Prayer. The theme verse for this annual event is *II Chronicles 7:14*, which tells us that spiritual revival comes when God's people turn back to Him. The Lord is looking not to the unsaved, but to His own, for repentance and rededication. Only when believers seek after God will He shower all the land with His blessings. As Pastor Danny noted in this month's Pastor Spotlight, our May 20-22 revival services will be a time when we can renew our focus on the Lord and His will for our lives. Follow Josiah's example and allow God to revive your spirit and draw you closer to Him.

Member of the Month: Robin Berry

- ★ Born: December 5, 1962 in Baltimore, MD
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 2015
- ★ How she first came to BBC: invited by Danny & Cindy Moore
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
- ★ Favorite Pew: back row
- ★ Age at baptism: 13 years old, rededication after 40
- ★ Childhood church: Salvation Army in Baltimore
- ★ Most famous person she's met: country music singer Brad Paisley
- ★ Personal claim to fame: a mother, wife, grandmother, and baker
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the day her children's adoptions were finalized
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Germany
- ★ Story on first name: named after the song "Rockin' Robin"
- ★ Most important technologies invented in her lifetime: computer and cell phone
- ★ Childhood hero: her mother
- ★ Hobbies: baking and crafts



May Birthdays

- 2 Heather Cross
- 14 John Beach
- 15 Eddie Fowler
- 24 Nicholas Cole, Bobbi Comert
- 28 Paul Foster
- 30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in April:

- There was no Old Business pending before the Church.

Expected at the May Business Meeting:

- The Pastor and Deacons will recommend that 20 inactive members be dismissed from church membership for one or more of the reasons described in Article II, Section 1 of the Church Constitution: upon their request, because they have moved away, or because reasonable efforts to re-establish communication have been unsuccessful.

Prayer Concerns

Amy Rogers' mother
Dot Fowler
Jane Fowler
June Lehrman
Kaitlyn Cole
Kris Drews
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Reese Burdette, burn victim
Rob Hendricks
Rose Burdette
Tammy Combs
Homebound: Flora Gilliam, Tod & June Luhn, Junior & Arlene Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Margie Stream
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Cancer patients: Billy Heaton, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Doug Swank, Gail Zingg, Jody Pelligrino, Phil Brudner, Patti Watkins, Eddie Weston, Shirley Molitor, Butch Thompson, Donald Jericho, Dave Rose
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

Revival weekend approaches. Barnesville Baptist Church will hold revival services on the weekend of May 20-22. The theme of this three-day event is "Family, Part Two". Our special speakers will be Salvation Army evangelists Majors Brian and Loretta Gilliam, who are returning to complete the second half of the messages on uniting the family of God that they presented last year. Please continue to pray for these revival services, that the Lord would prepare our hearts.

Clean-up day. On Saturday, Apr. 16, the following men and women came out to help beautify and maintain the church grounds: Gary & Jan Burdette, Bill Caudell, Luke &



Lisa Fedders, Paul Foster, Marlowe Mentzer, Larry Michael, Lee Michael, Danny & Cindy Moore, Ed Williams, and Joe Yates. These volunteers organized the shed, power-washed the entrance ramp, raked leaves and sticks, spread mulch, and cleaned

windows. Earlier in the week Michael Oden Sr. and Jr. raked the parking lot gravel back into place. Many thanks to those listed above for their time and effort.

Apr. 10 service. The Sunday morning service on Apr. 10 featured two guests and a lunch in the Fellowship Hall. First, Lori Bowers, worship leader of Mars Hill Baptist Church in Essex, MD (pictured, right) sang "Redeemer". Dr. Ron Blankenship, Director of the Montgomery Baptist Association, was on hand to present Barnesville Baptist with a certificate of recognition from the state convention for our congregation's commitment to missions. BBC was one of the top 50 MD/DE churches supporting the Cooperative Program in 2015. Thank you, BBC, for your heart for missions.



VBS 2016 dates set. Believe it or not, Barnesville Baptist is already preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held Jul. 11-15. This year's theme is "Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface". The VBS Scripture is *Psalm 139:23-24*. The VBS motto is: "Jesus sees. Jesus knows. Jesus saves." Talk to Cindy Moore if you'd like to volunteer. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year.



National Day of Prayer on May 5. The National Day of Prayer is a time for Americans to pray for their country and ask for God's blessings and guidance. BBC's sanctuary will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 5 if you want to come and pray.

WMU collecting health kit supplies. Please join the WMU in supporting the state convention's 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 8.

C&O Canal bike ride. Be sure to sign up for the second annual bike ride on the C&O Canal scheduled for Saturday, Jun. 4. The 11.4-mile round trip ride will start at 11:00 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 noontime picnic lunch at Lock 31 in Weverton (Mile 58).



BBC bikers enjoying lunch on the Canal on the 2015 ride

Summer kick-off picnic. After church on Sunday, Jun. 5, BBC will meet at Black Hills Regional Park's Shelter C at 1:00 pm. The church will provide 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.

Youth activities. The youth enjoyed duckpin bowling in Mt. Airy on Saturday, Apr. 23. On Monday, May 30 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Montgomery County homeless shelter in Rockville, the BBC youth will serve hot dogs and hamburgers for 80 homeless people. If you would like to prepare a side dish for the youth to take, please bring it to Church by Sunday, May 29. If you would like to participate in the cookout, please sign up with Vicki Keriakos.



Easter activity report. Thanks to all who gave to the 2016 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. BBC received \$1,951.60 to support SBC 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 matters.