



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

Summer is a very busy and exciting time of year. Schools are closed, vacations are planned, and gardens are (over-) producing tomatoes, zucchini, and all sorts of fresh fruits and vegetables. Out of all the summertime fun that you can have, there is one event that is truly even more exciting and rewarding than cookouts, swimming, camping, hiking, or fishing, and that is Vacation Bible School (VBS). There is no greater ministry outreach to our local community that can we do as a church family than VBS. I believe VBS is one of the most effective ways to share the great news of the Gospel with our friends, family members, and neighbors. Remember, Jesus gave us the Great Commission command to "...go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Our underwater-themed VBS is called "Submerged", based on Psalm 139:23-34: "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way". Over the course of the five nights, the children will learn how Jesus encountered all types of people--a tax collector, a Samaritan woman, a Pharisee, a blind man, and small children--that many people might have rejected or found unimportant. In each case, Jesus saw past surface issues and looked deeper, into their hearts, sharing with them His everlasting love that changed their lives forever. The same life-changing encounter that those men, women, and children experienced with Jesus is available to people today, and the Lord is giving us the privilege this Jul. 11-15 to be a part of His Kingdom work.

So won't you pray for God's blessings on our VBS week and then come and take part in this year's VBS? Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and see firsthand the Gospel in action. Remember, Jesus commanded us to go, so come, and bring someone with you! My prayer is that we will be found faithful to His command to share God's love with everyone we can! See you all at VBS!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

July 4 Independence Day, Church Office closed
July 6 Business Meeting
July 10 Frederick Keys Faith Night
July 11-15 Vacation Bible School
July 19 Seniors' Lunch
July 23 Baptist Men's Meeting
July 25 Deacons' Meeting



Declaration of Independence, John Trumbull, 1817

"...He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God..." (II Samuel 23:3).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

On June 28, 1787, the Constitutional Convention meeting in Philadelphia was in gridlock. Representatives from large states and small states were opposed to each other on many issues. Into the fray stepped Benjamin Franklin. While not a born-again Christian, Franklin believed in God and His providential care for the new American nation. He, like many Founding Fathers and most Americans in that era, was also very familiar with the Bible, and quoted from both the Old and New Testaments in recommending prayer for the Lord's guidance in drafting a new form of government the same way Americans requested God's favor during the perilous years of revolution. Quoting *Psalm 127:1*: "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it..." and *Matthew 10:29*: "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will", Franklin asked "...if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid"? As we celebrate our country's independence this July 4th, we can also take a cue from Dr. Franklin and recall that the Bible is a source of wisdom for any undertaking, be it living a life pleasing to God or creating a society that promotes life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Consider the Constitution's goals, found in its preamble, and how biblical truths underpin all of them.

* We the people of the United States: "...select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers...." (*Exodus 18:21*).

* in order to form a more perfect union: "...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand" (*Matthew 12:25*).

* establish justice: "You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor" (*Leviticus 19:15*).

* insure domestic tranquility: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (*Psalm 133:1*)!

* provide for the common defense: "For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety" (*Proverbs 24:6*).

* promote the general welfare: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan" (*Proverbs 29:2*).

* secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity: "...proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof..." (*Leviticus 25:10*).

* do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God" (*Romans 13:1*).

Our country needs biblical wisdom and Christian witness just as much as it did in Franklin's day, be it in the voting booth, the jury box, or even the foxhole. This Independence Day, won't you consider how you can serve our nation?

Member of the Month: Bobbi Comert

- ★ Born: May 24, 1954 in Washington, DC
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 2015
- ★ How she first came to BBC: invited by Jane Fowler
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- ★ Favorite Pew: fourth pew on the left
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Psalm 46:10*
- ★ Age at baptism: 61 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Calvary Methodist Church, Kensington, MD
- ★ Personal claim to fame: known as "Bobbi Crocker" the baker
- ★ Most famous person she's met: country music singer Toby Keith, at a restaurant in Colorado
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 1969 moon landing
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Key West, FL
- ★ Story on first name: "My name is Robin but my nickname is Bobbi because my dad wanted a boy".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: cell phone
- ★ Childhood hero: the Lone Ranger
- ★ Hobbies: Liberty, her chocolate labradoodle



July Birthdays

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



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

- A motion to approve the membership application of Lara Saylor by profession of faith pending baptism was adopted.
- An amendment to an Outreach Cmte. motion decreased the Missions Support budget line item by \$12,230.
- The Pastor announced that the following members will serve on a Nominating Committee to nominate officers for the 2016-2018 term: Luke Fedders, Vicki Keriakos, Lee Michael (Chairman), Cindy Moore, Danny Moore, Ellen Williams, and Joe Yates.
- Three inactive members recommended by the Pastor and Deacons were 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.

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- A motion will be made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2016-2018 term.

Prayer Concerns

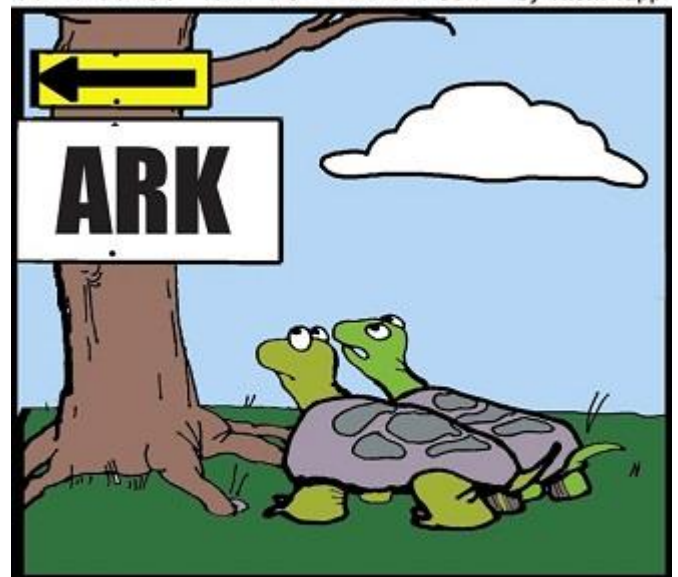
Amy Rogers' mother
Jane Fowler
Kaitlyn Cole
Kris Drews
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Paul Foster's mother
Ralph Cooley, recovering from hip surgery
Reese Burdette, burn victim
Rob Hendricks
the Yates family at the passing of Mary's brother,
Tommy Ward
Tod Luhn, broken leg
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Flora Gilliam, Tod & June Luhn, Junior &
Arlene Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Hisle Beach, Margie
Stream, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, Jo
Blalock, Vivian Neal
Cancer patients: Billy Heaton, Cathy Mallory, David
Fogle, Doug Swank, Jody Pelligrino, Phil Brudner, Patti
Watkins, Eddie Weston, Shirley Molitor, Butch
Thompson, Donald Jericho, Dave Rose
Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres
(Guatemala), 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



Uh-Oh... Was that today?

News You Can Use

Summer youth activities. July and August activities for the youth start with the Frederick Keys' Faith Night at Harry Grove Stadium on Sunday, Jul. 10 with a Christian concert by the Waterboyz for Jesus at 3:00 pm and a 6:00 pm baseball game against the Winston-Salem Dash. On Sunday, Aug. 21, there will be a cookout and swimming at the Yates' house after church. Invite your friends and family to join in and have fun at these opportunities for Christian fellowship.

C&O Canal bike ride. Saturday, Jun. 4 was a great day to be riding bikes from Brunswick to Harper's Ferry (and back) with good weather, good food, and good fellowship. After getting over a fallen tree on the path, we saw an owl, a black snake, plenty of turtles, and a family of wood ducks. Thanks to Bill & Elnora Caudell for making this outing possible.



Homeless shelter lunch. On Monday, May 30, BBC members served lunch at the Montgomery County homeless shelter in Rockville. Several BBC men grilled hot dogs and hamburgers outside while others staffed the serving line and passed out drinks and Bibles. Thanks to everyone who prepared a side dish to take to the shelter. BBC provided enough food for lunch as well as dinner. The men at the shelter were very appreciative of our efforts; we also had a time of prayer and encouragement with them.



Seniors' lunches. Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 19 and Tuesday, Aug. 2. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 10 and Sunday, Jul. 24, respectively, for the Jul. and Aug. lunch dates.

Baptism service. We will officially welcome Lara Saylor into the BBC family with her baptism on Sunday, Jul. 10. Lara's membership application was approved at the June business meeting.

Vacation Bible School heading our way! The theme for this year's VBS is "Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface", which will be held Jul. 11-15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classes will be held for children from pre-K through high school as well as adults. If you would like to help in this community missions outreach, please contact Cindy Moore or Mary Yates. The registration picnic will start on Monday, Jul. 11 at 5:30 pm. We will also have a moon bounce on Monday. Friday will be Family Night with an ice cream social after the 7:00 pm Worship Rally. Classroom set-up and decorating the sanctuary will begin after the worship service on Sunday, Jul. 10. Lunch will be provided for those involved with the VBS preparations.



Calvary Life anniversary. Our "daughter church" Calvary Life Baptist Chapel has invited BBC members to join in celebrating its first year of ministry with a celebration service at its Gaithersburg location on Saturday, Jul. 9 from 1:00-5:00 pm. See their website at calvarylifebaptistchapel.com for more details.

Service opportunities. If you are interested in serving in a church committee position for the 2016-2018 term, please speak to a member of the Nominating Cmte. this summer. Openings are anticipated in the following categories: tellers, groundsmen, pre-K Sunday School teachers and assistants, and on the Outreach Cmte. Additionally, the Adult and Bell choirs are always looking for a few good men and women to join their ranks.

Disaster response. In response to the Jun. 23 flash floods that caused great damage and loss of life in southern West Virginia, BBC is collecting emergency relief supplies and donations to support the victims. Items requested include: nonperishable food items, bottled water, new or lightly worn clothing including underwear and socks, diapers and baby wipes, toiletries including feminine products, pet care products and food, washcloths and towels, first aid kits and hand sanitizer, garbage bags and cleaning supplies including rubber gloves, laundry detergent, flashlights and batteries, and blankets and pillows. Supplies can be brought to church until 9:00 am, Saturday, Jul. 9. Donations can be made out to BBC; we will send a check to our local Baptist relief agencies responding to the WV floods.