

About Barnesville Baptist



Founded in 1871, Barnesville Baptist Church sits among a stand of large white oaks in western Montgomery County, Maryland's Agricultural Reserve, near the burgeoning suburbs of the nation's capital.

We are a traditional, evangelical Southern Baptist Church. Our members believe Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, and that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God. We fully concur with the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message.

We seek to follow the Great Commission by sharing the gospel with all, discipling new believers, fellowshiping with each other, ministering to those in need, and worshipping God together. We look forward to the opportunities and challenges our Heavenly Father will place before us as we seek to serve His Kingdom.

Barnesville Baptist is known in the local community for its summertime Vacation Bible School, annual pig pickin', Southern Gospel concerts, and for having the local volunteer fire department come down the road to fill the baptistery.

You can learn about BBC's activities and ministries by reading the monthly newsletter, *The Barnesville Lantern*, logging onto our website, barnesvillebaptist.org, or receiving prayer requests by email. If you want to visit our congregation in person and experience the Christian friendship and fellowship Barnesville offers to a first-time visitor and a 60-year veteran member alike, we welcome you to join us.



Sunday worship begins at 10:45 am and ends at noon. We sing out of the Baptist Hymnal plus a few praise songs off the projector. Our service features prayer, a responsive reading, an offering, a children's story, and a choir special, followed by a sermon from God's Word. After a brief invitation, we end with a prayer.

Sunday School classes, Children's Church, and nursery are also offered on Sunday mornings. We celebrate the Lord's Supper once a month. Special services include the annual Christmas and Easter cantatas and occasional bell choir performances. During the week we have choir practices and a Bible study and prayer meeting on Wednesdays.



Barnesville has a close-knit fellowship. With a membership of over 130, BBC is big enough to offer a wide range of ministries yet is small enough so you can know everyone's name. Many extended family groups are represented in our pews, but more than 65% of our members have joined since 2000.

Barnesville has a congregational form of government. Church members vote on major decisions and fiscal issues at monthly business meetings. A committee system supervises our educational, financial, outreach, administrative, and worship activities, and reports motions to the Church for its approval. The Pastor and Deacons attend to the spiritual oversight of the Church and search out new opportunities for service. Our Church values the spirit of unanimity and cooperation that characterizes our activities.

BBC has a deep, historic commitment to supporting missions, and punches well above its weight class in missions giving. In 2010 the state convention named BBC a "Top 50 Giving Church" for supporting the Cooperative Program. The International Mission Board noted in 2008 and 2009 that BBC was among the top 13% of SBC churches giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In 2008 BBC was the top ranked Montgomery Baptist Association church in total and per capita missions giving to the North American Mission Board. In 2010, BBC gave over \$92,000 to missions (36% of our annual budget). By 2017, we would like to send out our own mission teams within the United States and overseas. We should also have the strength and resources to plant a new church in nearby suburbs.



The women of Barnesville Baptist Church take an active role in supporting community outreach and missions activities under the broad umbrella of the WMU, which leads the Church in observing the Weeks of Prayer for foreign and state missions. The women collect items for clothing and health kits and prepare holiday baskets three times a year for shut-ins. Our women serve meals, save soup labels, mail cards, visit and form prayer chains, and other acts of hospitality.



The Baptist Men sponsor Church-wide fellowship meals, Father-Child banquets, family fishing trips, and distribute Christmas presents to children. Each January during Baptist Men's Day the men cook breakfast for the Church and lead the morning worship. The MOB, or Men of Barnesville choir, gives its annual performance. The men are always looking forward to serving the Church family and our community.