



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 Pastors' Spotlight

As many of the BBC members and friends know, we are anticipating the dedication of the "Laura Bennett Memorial Library" in the early fall. Shelving has been ordered and plans are underway for a library open house. Keep an eye out for family workshops on how to get the most out of your church library.

On Page 3 of this month's *Lantern* there is a short poem called "Worshiping God". The library would be a good place to look for information about worship. What is worship? How do I worship? When do I worship? What kind of worship is God pleased with? Do I have to go to church to worship? Is singing worship? Is prayer part of worship? Can I worship God by reading the Scriptures? You might even explore A.W. Tozer's statement that worship is "the missing jewel in the evangelical church". What can he possibly mean by that?

One thing is certain, the more we realize who God is, the more we are compelled to worship Him in His majesty!

*O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and
Girded with praise."*

(O Worship the King, by Robert Grant)

God Bless,

Your Pastors

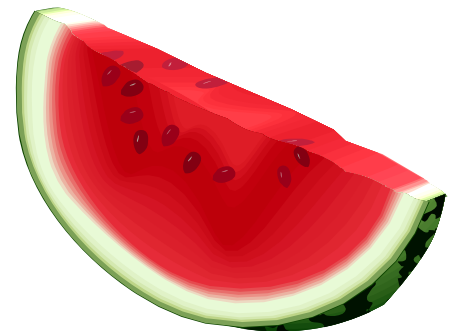


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Upcoming Events

August 3 Business Meeting
August 20 Baptist Men's Meeting
August 21 Baptist Men's Father-Child Banquet



"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the memory verses I used this past week in my VBS class came from *Ephesians 6:13*, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand”. There are many examples of people in the Bible, many of them young, who had to take a stand for God in the face of opposition of the culture around them and those in authority. Many of them were cut off from their family, religion, and native lands. There are several examples from the Old Testament: Joseph stood up to Potiphar’s wife’s infidelity (*Genesis 39*); Moses stood up to the system of Egyptian slavery and Pharaoh’s idolatry (*Hebrews 11:24-27*); Daniel stood up to Babylonian customs and to King Darius when they threatened his ability to worship God (*Daniel 1, 6*); Daniel’s friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego stood up to Nebuchadnezzar’s fiery wrath and refused to worship him (*Daniel 3*); Mordecai literally stood up to Haman and would not bow down to him (*Esther 3:2*). I find it compelling that these individuals were so devoted to the worship of their God that the mightiest kings and the most dominant cultures of the day were unable to sway them.

Another memory verse I used was *Romans 12:2*, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”. Not only did people in the Bible stand for God, but they found new purposes for their lives when they encountered God. The apostles Peter, Andrew, James, and John dropped their nets, left their boats, and dedicated themselves to following Jesus when He called them to be “fishers of men” (*Matthew 4:18-22*). The apostle Matthew was called out of the tax collector’s office and also left everything to follow Jesus (*Matthew 9:9*). Similarly, Stephen was called to be a deacon, and shortly thereafter eloquently preached the Gospel to the Sanhedrin at the cost of his life (*Acts 6-7*). Christ transformed these men’s lives. They started out as Galilean fishermen and common Jewish men, but ended up proclaiming a message that has preserved their names for 2000 years.

This year’s VBS theme, based on *Psalms 25:4*, was about teaching the children the importance and benefits of allowing God to direct their paths through life. There are many important decisions we must make every day. I find it inspirational that there are so many examples of people in the Bible who decided to allow God to direct their daily decisions and their lives. Just as the children learned stories about Jesus and how important it is to follow His ways, let us also remember the admonition found in *Hebrews*, “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (*Hebrews 12:1*).

Member of the Month: Leslie Tod Luhn

Mr. Tod is a dependable, solid man of few words who lets his positive actions speak for his sincere dedication to our Church and all its members. He truly cares for others and the Church’s continued influence in this community.

- ★ Born: November 23, 1919 in Baltimore, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: 50 years
- ★ Church offices held: Sunday School secretary, choir member, teller, deacon
- ★ How he first came to BBC: he was invited by Mrs. Edith DuBois
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “Church in the Wild Wood”
- ★ Favorite Pew: third from the front on the right side
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age when baptized: 44 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Poolesville Methodist
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Atlanta, Georgia
- ★ Story on first name: named after his father (Leslie) and Dr. Tod, his delivering physician
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: computer
- ★ Hobbies: reading, yard work, enjoying grandchildren



August Birthdays

1 John Brennan
3 John Michael Williams
5 Susanne Neal
11 Rick Thomas
12 Madison Marsh
14 Will Pleasants IV
19 Kyle Marsh
21 Edith Fowler
 Jamie Thomas
26 Lee Michael
 Shayna Campbell
28 Ann Bennett
 Robert Normoyle
29 Paul Meissner
30 Matthew Cole



Prayer Concerns

Annie Cooley
Virginia Shreve
Margie Stream
Lena Wright, Margie Stream's sister, lung cancer
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Eileen Stull, June Ivey's mother
the Van Houtens, relatives of the Michael family
Kitty Cooley
Margie Lillard
Gale Cole
Doug Swank
Betty Savage
Mary Barr
Lisa Grant, stationed in Iraq
Sgt. Alexandre Gerena, stationed in Iraq
Madison Straw, 8 year old girl, leukemia
Dean Scoggins
families in distress
Our missionary friends: the Dennis & Batres families
(Guatemala); Steve & Emily Ruffner (Campus Crusade)
our nation and its leaders
All of our military men and women



*"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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:

- A Finance Committee motion to designate the Maggie Cole memorial funds toward the roof fund was adopted.

Expected at the August Business Meeting:

- There is no known new business at this time.

"Worshipping God"

*When you find that the valley is lonely and deep
Or the trails of the mountain keep getting more steep;
In those nights when it's harder to laugh than to weep,
Have you thought about worshipping God?*

*When the sand castles built in the dreams you have dreamed
Start to crumble and fall, and all hope seems to end;
When you wish you could turn and start over again,
Why not stop and try worshipping God?*

News from Lifeway on VBS 2006

Can't wait for next year's VBS? Here's a preview of the theme for VBS 2006, which is only 51 weeks away. Read more online at: <http://www.lifeway.com/yourvbs>.

Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage! Trek north to LifeWay's VBS 2006, Arctic Edge, where daily excursions from Big Bear Lodge will have kids hiking across the tundra, exploring the seascape by kayak, and skimming the backcountry in a float plane. Based on *Joshua 1:9*, Arctic Edge helps kids find the courage required to follow Jesus in the every day challenges of their lives as they learn that God is always with them. More information, including the Arctic Edge Web site, will be available on August 1, 2005.



"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

News You Can Use

Roof fund meets goal. Due to the faithfulness and generosity of members and friends, we have met our goal of raising \$10,500 for the roof fund that was started at the beginning of the year. In total, we have collected \$11,234 toward our goal of \$10,500, or 108% of our goal, up from 92% in July. The sanctuary and front porch roofs have already been covered with an attractive green metal roof, replacing the old tin roof and an even older cedar shake roof under that! On Aug. 2, the bell and cap will be set, and the rest of the steeple will follow soon thereafter.

Vacation Bible School a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School 2005 (Ramblin' Road Trip: Which Way Do I Go?) a success, especially to those in the classroom, crafts, recreation, snack, and behind the scenes. Your service in building God's Kingdom is appreciated. We had great kids and adults and the consensus is that everyone enjoyed the week! An offering of \$402.10 was collected and will be sent to missionaries Steve and Emily Ruffner. Steve & Emily train college campus workers for Campus Crusade for Christ in Orlando, Florida. They have visited Barnesville twice, and have two children, and one on the way. The total enrollment for VBS this year was 101. We are already looking forward to VBS 2006!

Fishing trip and picnic a fun time. On Saturday, July 23, about two dozen children, Baptist men, and church members tested their fishing skills at Cliff Neal's pond in Barnesville. A large number of sunfish were caught, as well as a few bass. (Jessica Thomas caught the bass!) Hot dogs, hamburgers, and roasted marshmallows were served for lunch. The weather was very cooperative that morning, giving us one of the coolest and driest days all month. Thanks to Cliff Neal for letting us use his pond and to the Baptist Men for arranging this time of family fellowship.

Baptist Men to hold Father-Child banquet. Don't forget--on Aug. 21, those fathers and children who have RSVP-ed will join the Baptist Men for a time of fellowship at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Frederick from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Sign up on the bulletin board and make your checks payable to Barnesville Baptist Church before Aug. 7.

Celebrate with the Sunday School. A Sunday School Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3. Please bring a covered dish to share. The Church will provide fried chicken and drinks.

Fall activities to start up soon. September is coming sooner than you think. Three activities will resume from their summer hiatus: Parents' Night Out, Lunch with Watkins Cabinet, and WMU meetings, which will all start up again in September. Watch for details in next month's *Lantern*.

Steeple Construction Pictures



Our thermometer runneth over: we have exceeded our goal for the roof fund

The super-structure for the new steeple is up and awaiting the bell and cap



Baptist Press Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You were preaching in your sleep again dear, you just finished point three, and were about to start into your poem."

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