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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

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

As we look ahead at this new year of 2016 that God is giving us, my prayer for all of us is that we will take time to be thankful to God for all things. As I was searching for the scripture that God wanted me share in this article, I found *Hebrews 12:28*. As I was reading this powerful word from God, I received a real sense of peace. Consider the promise offered in the words of this passage again: "...we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken...". What a promise from God! No matter what this new year has in store for us, we can know with certainty that the Kingdom of God cannot be shaken and that as children of God we cannot be shaken if we stay focused on God and His plan for us. My prayer for all of BBC is that we will trust these words from God and stand on them no matter where we find ourselves.

Psalm 118:24 says "This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it". This psalm's message of rejoicing in God regardless of our circumstances is not just a statement to recite; it has to be our lifestyle. The greatest testimony we can have concerning our faith in God is to live it out daily in our lives!

We are all so blessed here at BBC to have a real loving and caring family to worship with. Cindy & I are so thankful to God for allowing us to serve Him and all of you. I am so excited about 2016. God is sending real revival to us and I can't wait to see what He is going to do next. Be part of the worship and let's all celebrate Jesus together. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be!

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

January 1 New Year's Day
January 6 Business Meeting
January 15 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
January 16 Baptist Men's Meeting
January 24 Baptist Men's Day & Service
January 29 "War Room" Movie at Town Hall



Simeon beholds Jesus in the Temple

"For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples" (Luke 2:30-31).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2014, and now the year 2015 has already gone on its way. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing)? Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: Baptist Men's Day with Doug Fetty

February: snow cancels service for first time in 14 years

March: new church sign installed, Pastor Randy Gilliam announces his retirement date, revival weekend with Brian & Loretta Gilliam, passing of Nancy Cooley

April: "Worthy Is The Lamb" cantata, church clean-up day, Batreses visit from Guatemala, youth feed homeless and bowl, passing of Mary Mossburg

May: Danny Moore elected as pastor effective Sept. 1, C & O bike ride, men lay conduit for church sign, eight baptized

June: Lee Michael and Luke Fedders ordained as deacons, youth attend Frederick Keys Faith Night

July: Journey Off the Map VBS held, BBC recognized as top church in MBA for 2014 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering per capita giving, Zells visit from Honduras

August: retirement of Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam after 14 years of service, youth swim at Yates' pool

September: Rev. Danny Moore begins pastorate, Megan Fedders goes on mission trip to Honduras, Pig Pickin' with Gold Heart concert, BBC recognized with Tengchow Challenge certificate for 2014 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving

October: youth bonfire at Summers Farm, Beast Feast for men, passing of Bill Morrison, one baptized

November: Church Constitution amended, youth hayride to Sugarloaf, 40 Christmas shoeboxes donated, one baptized

December: Christmas celebrated all month: "Breath of Heaven" cantata, dinner at St. Mary's, cookie exchange, bell choir, parsonage open house & hymn sing, Dec. 24 service

God has certainly blessed BBC in the past year with many opportunities to engage in discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and worship. As we look forward to 2016, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

Member of the Month: Sam Berry

- ★ Born: Nov. 6, 1956 in Harford County, Maryland
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 2015
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Amazing Grace"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "I like the back row aisle seat so that I can see the pastor and the door".
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: "I was in my early forties".
- ★ Childhood church: Creswell Baptist Church
- ★ Most famous person he's met: "Brad Paisley, thanks to a wish granted by my daughter to go to Tennessee".
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "My beautiful wife Robin and all our children".
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest places he's been from Barnesville: Maine, Florida, Tennessee, and Ohio
- ★ Story on first name: named after his father
- ★ Most important technology invented in his lifetime: cell phones and laptop computers
- ★ Childhood hero: "My dad, hands down".
- ★ Hobbies: "I enjoy building things out of wood, fishing, and most importantly spending time with my family, whom I love very dearly".



"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." (Hebrews 10:24).

January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 4 Bob Lillard
- 5 Dave Thomas
- 8 Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster,
Dan Yates
- 10 Lois Hogue, Rebecca Thomas
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 15 Sara Oden
- 19 Joe Connelly Jr., Dick Wells
- 22 Leslie Foster
- 26 TJ Marsh



Prayer Concerns

Rob Hendricks
Brenda Meadows
Kris Drews
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Rex Schmidt, Watkins Cabinet friend
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, Jimmy Benson,
Phil Brudner, Patti Watkins, Eddie Weston, Shirley Molitor,
Butch Thompson
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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in
December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee's motion to approve its 2016 Budget proposal.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2015 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2015 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon



News You Can Use

Lottie Moon offering. Offerings for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are now at \$1,475, which is 57% of our 2015 goal of \$2,600. According to the SBC, every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas. The offering represents 59 percent of the International Mission Board's total annual income.

Go paperless in 2016. BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required. While back copies of the *Lantern* are always available on the BBC website, the calendar is for the current month only.

Baptist Men and WMU. Consider joining the men's or women's group this coming year. The WMU gathers on the second Monday morning of each month, and the Baptist Men meet every third Saturday for breakfast. Baptist Men's



Day 2016 will start with the men cooking breakfast for the church on Sunday, Jan. 24. Join the men at 8:30 am for a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs, and other good food. The men will then lead the

morning service, to include the annual singing performance of the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir.

Snow policy. As we enter the season of ice and snow, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe for your family to travel on a given Sunday. Services will be held for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on the answering machine. We ask that Sunday School teachers and other leaders call in their absence to the Church office as soon as possible.

Special Sunday School class. Are you a new Christian, a new BBC member, or someone who would like a refresher on key Christian beliefs? Then you will want to participate in the Basic Doctrine class, which will meet in the Church office during the Sunday School hour starting Jan. 10. Taught by Lee Michael, the eight sessions comprise: The Bible, God, Jesus Christ, Sin & Salvation, The Church, Christian Living, Last Things, and Baptist Heritage.

"Breath of Heaven" cantata performed. Thanks to Paul Foster and the Adult Choir for their excellent musical and video presentation on Dec. 20. Leslie Foster and Nancy Taylor sang solos, Lee Michael and Jan Burdette narrated as Joseph & Mary, and Luke Fedders was the audio-visual technician. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir and making a joyful noise unto the Lord on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

Christmas activities. The month of December was chock full of worship and fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The festivities started with the annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 6 at St. Mary's Pavilion. Bobbi Comert and Doug Heimlich won recognition as the best-dressed for Christmas with their festive headgear and lederhosen, respectively. Thanks to Gary & Jan Burdette for organizing the meal and games. The Bell Choir performed during the service on Sunday, Dec. 13. Directed by Ann Bennett, the ringers performed "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night". The ladies of the church

enjoyed a Christmas cookie exchange on Saturday, Dec. 19.



After the cantata on Sunday, Dec. 20, Pastor Danny & Cindy hosted an open house at the parsonage, where everyone got their fill of sloppy joes and meatballs. Afterward, an hour of singing carols was enjoyed at the annual Christmas hymn sing. The month-long celebration concluded with a candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

Movie night. BBC will show the movie "War Room" at the Barnesville Town Hall on Friday, Jan. 29 at 7:00 pm. Invite your family and friends to come to this free event. A box office success in 2015, "War Room" shows the power and importance of prayer. Park at the church parking lot and walk over for a fun evening of fellowship.

Youth Activities & Interests

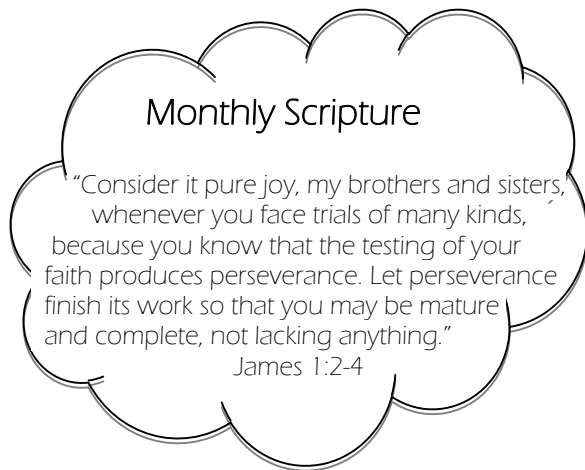
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God's Tests by Ashley Babyak

As 2015 comes to a close I can't help but look back on the past year and reflect, both on the good and the bad. I did great in school, I've watched the youth group in our church grow, and I've got amazing family, friends, and a wonderful church family, to name some of the good. But when I look back on the bad, I realize things were not as bad as I thought at the time. I found myself questioning too often, why is this happening to me? As I think about it more, I realize that those events were tests, chances for me to turn to God when I needed help rather than abandon my faith.

God has tested people since the beginning of time. He tested the obedience of Adam in the Garden, He tested Abraham when He told him to sacrifice Isaac, and He tested the faith of the Israelites when He sent them out of Egypt. As you read the Bible, you encounter many events when God tested the faith of His people. Just why does God test us? I often find myself asking this question. I know that my Heavenly Father loves us and I know that He is always there for us, in good times and bad. I turned to the Bible to learn more about why He tests us. He tests our obedience to Him, how much we love Him, and to prove our faith. He also tests us to show us just how strong we can be when we rely on Him. I am a firm believer that God will never give me more than I can handle, and that when I go through tough times, it is because God has something better for me in the end, like the Israelites who reached the Promised Land after years of being tested in the wilderness.

I am not usually one for New Year's resolutions, but this coming year, I hope to stop questioning why the bad happens, but rather trust in God more and turn to Him to ask for strength and wisdom to endure.



Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns with and questions for your pastor:

Pastor's Note

The new year is here! As we approach 2016, it gives us all the opportunity to look inside ourselves and ask the question: how can I do better this coming year in my worship, devotions, and witness about Jesus' love for others? We all can do better every day in how we love others and how we go about sharing God's love. It all starts with us understanding that God truly does love us and that His love is unconditional. When we better understand that, we will start to love others with that same unconditional love. However, we must remember that if we don't love ourselves then we will never be able to truly love others.

You are uniquely made by God, He has made you for a purpose, and you are made in His image. *Isaiah 44:24* says "This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by Myself." God loves you. When you are His child, you are perfect in His sight. This year, let's try a little harder to love God, others, and ourselves. Please support your youth and young adult group here at BBC. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be.

In His love,

Pastor Danny

DEAR DIARY!

The Challenge

Joshua 1:9

Number each word on the diary page (Dear = 1, God = 2, and so on) till you reach the end of the page. Then fill in the numbered blanks at the bottom with the matching words to find a special Bible verse for you.



Dear God,

I am going to the dentist today and I'll try to be brave, but you know I'm not very courageous. Please do not be discouraged with me. Lord, you know I will try hard to be strong and with your help, I will be! I know you are concerned for me and look after me wherever I go. You are the most awesome God!



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