



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

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world" (Psalm 19:1-4).

As I was preparing to start another day, I found myself looking out the window. The birds were singing and eating and all was at peace. Then I stopped long enough to realize how God has given me the same peace if I would only receive it. God is still God and always will be God. He is our Creator and provider of life. The scripture that I opened up to in my devotion was *Psalm 19*. God is so great that all of heaven declares His glory day after day and night after night. My question for all of us today is: what are we doing to proclaim God's glory in our lives day after day and night after night? Are our voices going out to the world proclaiming God's greatness and forgiveness?

As we move forward in God's plan for us here at BBC, I am asking you to join me in proclaiming God's greatness in our lives and in our church body every day and every night. Jesus demonstrated God's power over nature, disease, demon possession, paralysis, blindness, addictions, anger, burdens, and even death. We need to always remember that God is a great God and that His power is available to those who trust in Him. I know that we all believe in God's Word and in His promises, so I am asking you to hold me accountable to God's Word. I will do the same for you. If we really will do this great thing for each other, there is no way that Satan can derail us in our worship or in our praise of God's greatness. *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being" (Revelation 4:11).*



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- February 3** Business Meeting
- February 7** Baptist Men's Day
- February 15** Love Our Seniors Lunch
- February 19** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- February 20** Baptist Men's Meeting
- February 27** Youth Bowling



"Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services" (Nehemiah 13:14)!

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Everyone knows the story of Jonah and the whale (really, a large fish): how Jonah was fleeing from God until he was thrown overboard from a ship and swallowed up for three days and nights. Less familiar is what happened before and after that aquatic adventure. The book of *Jonah* is really a strong testimony about God's salvation and grace.

Jonah should help us remember that God's purpose of salvation for all people is not just a New Testament idea. While the Old Testament does teach that the Jews are God's chosen people, they were not chosen to hoard God's love and blessings. Instead, the Jewish nation was called to preach about Him to the world. Unfortunately, much of the Old Testament documents God's judgment on His chosen people for their disobedience and failure to serve as His witnesses to the nations. When Jonah was called to preach to Nineveh in the eighth century B.C., Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrian Empire and the largest city in the world, with an estimated population of 600,000. God cared about the people of Nineveh as much as He cared about those in Jerusalem, so He sent His prophet Jonah to preach to them. *"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me"* (*Jonah 1:2*). Nineveh was an evil and pagan city, but it responded to Jonah's preaching and repented of its sins, saving an entire generation from God's righteous judgment.

Jonah should also help us remember that God gives grace in proportion to how much we need it, not how much we deserve it. Nineveh was an enemy of Israel, explaining Jonah's refusal to preach to them and his foolhardy attempt to flee from God. Jonah desired Nineveh's judgment and destruction, but he knew God's character. *"...I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm"* (*Jonah 4:2*). The Lord's desire is to save and redeem lives, not to destroy people and cast them away. We can see this vividly in the life of the Apostle Paul. In *1 Timothy 1:13-14*, Paul recalled his past as a Pharisee who put Christians in jail, scattered the Church, and supported the stoning of Stephen. *"...I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus"*. God could have struck Paul down for his many sins, but he instead received the Lord's forgiveness and a new life. We as Christians today think of the Apostle Paul as a great Christian leader and missionary, but he started out as one of Christianity's greatest enemies. In the same way, the people of Nineveh were God's enemies, but He had pity on them (*Jonah 4:11*). The Ninevites had done nothing to deserve God's favor, but they desperately needed it. Upon hearing Jonah, the entire city repented, with their king leading the way: *"...let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands"* (*Jonah 3:8*).

Let us thank our Heavenly Father that He has also extended His salvation and grace to us through His Son Jesus Christ. We need God's love just as much as the Ninevites did.

Member of the Month: Susan Mentzer

- ★ Born: February 7, 1952 in Washington, DC
- ★ How long a BBC member: since July 2015
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "I drove by and decided to visit".
- ★ Favorite Hymn: "Because He Lives"
- ★ Favorite Pew: "Third/fourth from the back on the left aisle, or otherwise under a ceiling fan."
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Matthew 5:3-12*
- ★ Age at baptism: nine years old
- ★ Childhood church: "I had multiple childhood moves, so a Baptist church nearby to my then-residence".
- ★ Most famous people she's met: Captain Kangaroo, President Lyndon Johnson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and Elvis Presley
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "Being Chris' mom and Mackenzie's grandmom".
- ★ Most important historical events in her life: the Civil Rights Movement and 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: CA
- ★ Story on first name: "My mother and aunt chose Linda for a first daughter and Susan for a second; I was born second."
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: the personal computer and evolving DNA technology
- ★ Childhood heroes: "Several public school teachers who inspired/nurtured a desire to learn and pursue more education".
- ★ Hobbies: biking, walking, cooking, and reading



February Birthdays

3 Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
7 Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko
9 Trudy Meissner
10 Carole Kears
11 Sam Furr
12 Luke Fedders
14 Dillon Clipp
20 Janet Magruder
21 David Gilliam, David Buchanan
22 Bradley Keriakos



Prayer Concerns

Kris Drews
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel
Rob Hendricks
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

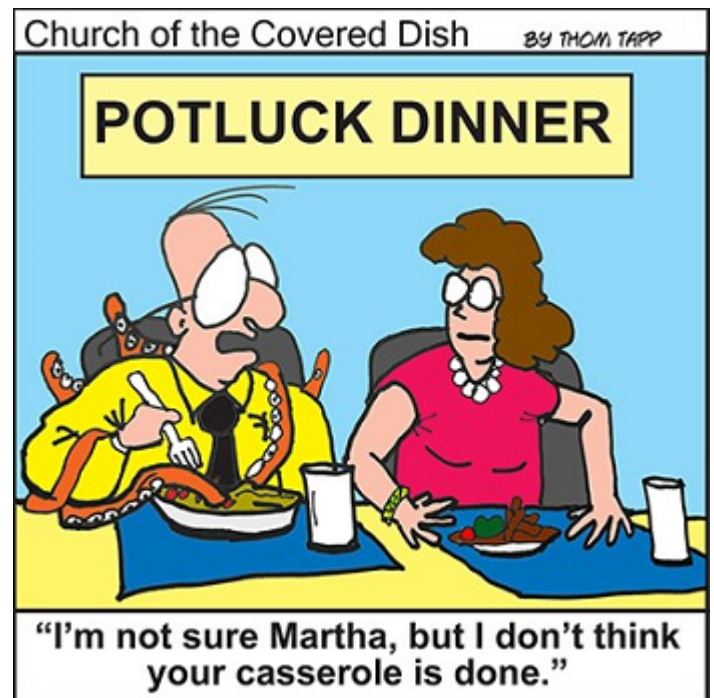
Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in January:

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

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the February 2016 Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon



News You Can Use

Blizzard postpones Baptist Men's Day. Almost three feet of snow fell on Barnesville on Jan. 22-23, postponing the Baptist Men's Day service until Sunday, Feb. 7,



Snow covering the front porch on Jan. 23

when the men will serve breakfast to the church at 8:30 am. The men will then lead the morning service. The MOB will sing "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" and "Victory Chant". Our guest speaker will be Rev. Bill Higgins, pastor of Northeast Baptist Church in downtown Baltimore. Thanks to Pastor Danny, Luke Fedders, Mark Williams, and Patrick Stidham for all their work in clearing the church parking lot and steps. The BBC Facebook page features several pictures and videos about the snowfall and clean-up effort at BBC.

Snow policy. During this winter 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 Barnesville Baptist local weather/road condition message will be posted on the answering machine. We ask that Sunday School teachers and other leaders call in their absences to the Church office as soon as possible.



Snow starting to fall on Jan. 22

Seniors' lunch. If you are over 55 years of age, you are invited to attend the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Monday, Feb. 15 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We thank God for our seniors and we would like to show our appreciation to you by hosting a lunch and sharing in God's Word together. Please RSVP to Stephanie Runkles at 301-525-8194 by Feb. 7.

Movie night. BBC showed the movie "War Room" at the Barnesville Town Hall on Friday, Jan. 29. A sizeable crowd came out to enjoy the movie's powerful message about faith and prayer and to get out of the house after being cooped up by the snow for so many days.

Church sign. The final stage of the church sign's installation was completed on Saturday, Jan. 16, when the base was wrapped with stone façade to match the stonework around the base of the sanctuary. Our new sign should serve us well in the years to come.



New sound system. Thanks to Luke Fedders for installing our new wireless audio-video system, which will free us from having cables and controls at the front of the sanctuary. The new projector will allow for wireless video, allowing the new laptop to be used anywhere in the sanctuary. The new laptop will provide higher and more reliable video quality to the projector. It will also allow the volume and speakers to be controlled wirelessly. Some wired microphones will be replaced with wireless units.

Pastor travel. Pastor Danny & Cindy will be visiting family in Florida Feb. 8-13. Please contact the deacons for anything that arises during that week. Joe Yates will lead the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting on Feb. 10. As Pastor Danny is returning late on the 13th, our former pastor Randy Gilliam will be preaching on Sunday, Feb. 14.

Wed. night Bible study. Pastor Danny will lead a 12-week study of *1 Peter* on Wednesday evenings starting Feb. 17. We will use the "1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ" book written by Jen Wilkin, which will challenge us to look beyond our current circumstances to our future inheritance.

Go paperless in 2016. Barnesville Baptist offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those who 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 church website, the calendar is for the current month only.



Youth bowling in 2015

Youth activities. On Saturday, Feb. 27, the youth will have a bowling party from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Bowl America located at 1101 Clopper Road in Gaithersburg. The cost is \$5.75 per person per game, shoes included. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Pastor Danny if you need transportation to the bowling alley. All are welcome to attend. The Montgomery County homeless shelter has asked if the BBC youth are interested in hosting a barbecue for the homeless at their facility on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 from noon to 1:30 pm. If people are available, please talk to Vicki Keriakos.

Planning meeting. Church officers and ministry leaders will meet to schedule major activities for the 2016 calendar after the service on Sunday, Feb. 21 in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Activities & Interests

February 2016

This Year's Events

by Ashley Babyak

Well, it is the start of the year and your youth ministry has been working hard to set up tons of great events for you in 2016! From bowling to community outreach to swimming parties, there will be plenty of events for you to attend and invite your friends. As Pastor Danny always says, people may not come to church, but they will come for food. The same idea applies when inviting our friends to youth events—they may not want to get up early on Sunday morning and come to church at first, but inviting them to one of our many youth events is the perfect way to start. What better way is there to introduce your friends to the Lord than to bring them bowling with us or to inviting them to a swim party?

For many young adults and children in today's world, it can be hard to find fellow Christians our age. Inviting friends to church can set the foundation for your friends to get to know the Lord and for you to grow as Christians together. Stay tuned for the dates of this year's activities. I look forward to seeing you at our events!

Monthly Scripture

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."
Mark 16:15-16



Scenes from Youth Events in 2015

Prayer Concerns

Share your prayer concerns with and questions for your pastor:

Pastor's Note

I know that January was a long cold month, but February is here! It won't be long now before spring arrives and we will be celebrating the new season. God has promise us a new life through His son Jesus. If we would just trust in Jesus and call on His name, we shall be saved. New life, new creation, old things will be pass away; all things will be new. Don't take my word for it. Look with me at God's Word, the Bible:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here" (II Corinthians 5:17).

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38).

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

I would like to encourage you today to call on the Lord personally for forgiveness and salvation. If you would like me to pray with you just call; I promise I will be there. You will never regret it.

I am so excited about 2016. God is moving so many hearts. Please come and support your youth and young adults Sunday School classes and fellowships. If you have any suggestions or comments on how we can better meet your needs, please let us know. We all need each other to be all that God wants us to be. See you Feb. 27 for bowling. Bring a friend and let's celebrate Jesus together.

In His love,

Pastor Danny

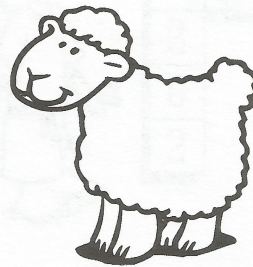
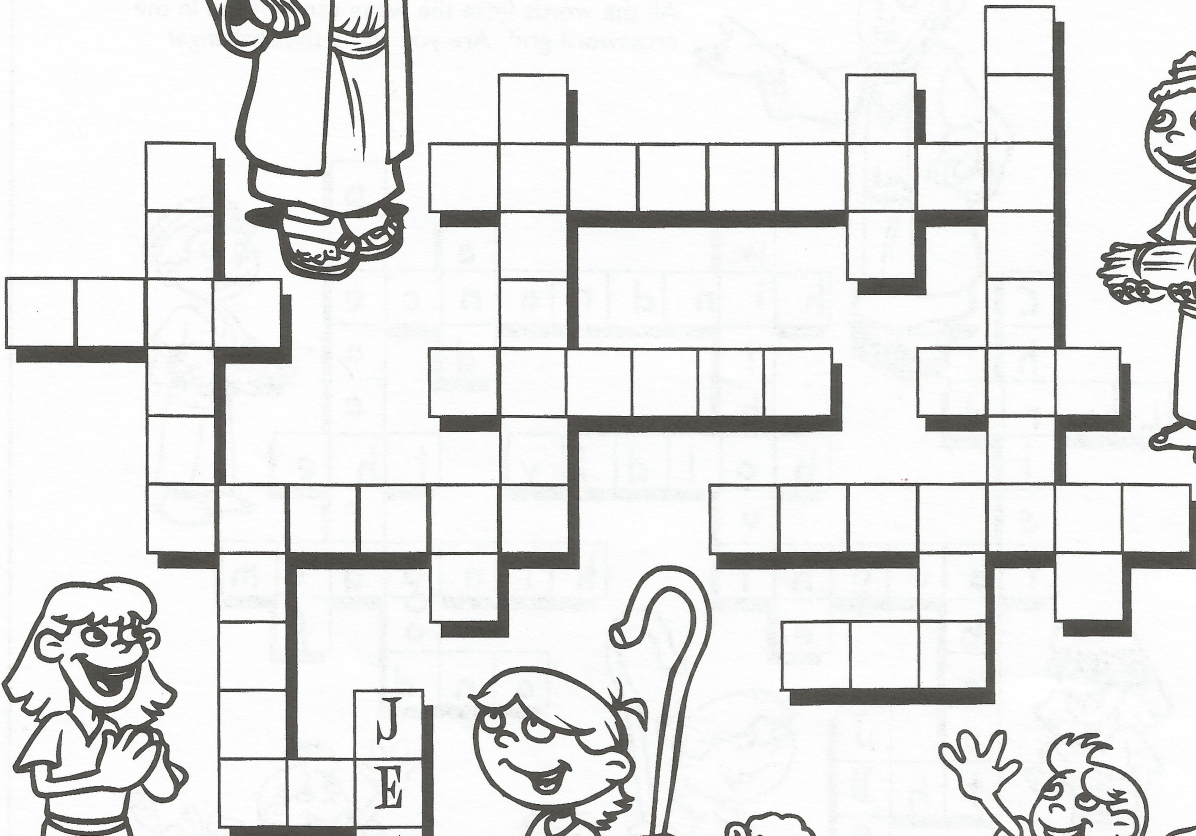
THE TALK OF THE TOWN!

Acts 28:31

The Challenge

"Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

All the words from the verse can be filled in the crossword grid. Are you up to the challenge?



2 Letters
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3 Letters
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5 Letters
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Jesus

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Christ
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7 Letters
kingdom
without

8 Letters
preached

9 Letters
hindrance