



# 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

*"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" (Philippians 2:12-13).*

For Christians, all that we are and all that we do is intended to bring honor and glory to God. Instead of setting out on our own path, we long to follow His direction in our lives. Instead of defining our own morality, we read and learn about the truths that are in the Bible. Instead of pleasing ourselves, we strive to obey Jesus' example and to be found faithful in His eyes. Instead of relying on our own strength, as sinners saved by His grace we are thankful and grateful to Jesus for His mercy and love.

As we end the old church year this month and start a new church year in October, my prayer for all of BBC is that we will be found to be faithful to God's Word and to His calling on us as His children. As we start out the next chapter in our church life, please pray about what God would have you do to reach out in love to others and to be found diligently engaged in His Kingdom work here at BBC. We all must follow His commands to go and preach and live out His great news of salvation, found only in Jesus. *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).* Together we can be all that God wants us to be in this new chapter of our lives. It is an honor to serve with you hand-in-hand. May God receive all the glory and honor because He is the great I AM.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

**September 4** Labor Day, Church Office Closed  
**September 7** Business Meeting  
**September 12** WMU Meeting  
**September 16** Watkins Cabinet Lunch  
**September 24** Pig Pickin' & Bluegrass Gospel Concert  
**September 26** Deacons' Meeting



September 11 is Grandparents' Day

*"Children's children are the crown of old men..."*  
(Proverbs 17:6).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Have you ever walked through snake country? Especially out West, there are many warning signs instructing you how to avoid and respond to encounters with poisonous reptiles. The Bible similarly warns us about the spiritual dangers posed by the devil, teaching us what we need to know about where he came from, what he's doing now, and where he's headed.

The devil was an angel whose pride led him to challenge God's authority. "...*God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment...*" (II Peter 2:4). The third of the angels who participated in Lucifer's failed rebellion were also cast out of heaven and are now called demons.

The devil is a defeated adversary. Jesus' redemptive work on the cross dethroned Satan as the spiritual king of this world. "*Having disarmed principalities and powers, He [Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it*"

(Colossians 2:15). Paul's language here references the practice of Roman generals, who after a military triumph would parade back into Rome. Following behind a general's chariot was the defeated king of the enemy, chained and exposed to shame. For Christians who are dead to sin but alive to God in Christ, the devil has no more authority over us than we allow him to have.

The devil and his fallen angels are organized and active. "*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*" (Ephesians 6:12). The ultimate evil empire in this world, the Bible teaches that demons are assigned to nations and seats of power. They work to maximize wickedness in their territories and lead people into sin and hostility toward God.

The devil hates God's creation and Kingdom and desires to destroy and distort His goodness and truth. "*But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them*" (II Corinthians 4:3-4). The devil hinders the preaching and reception of the gospel and spreads false religions. He seeks to undermine the strength and stability of God-ordained institutions like the family and the church.

The devil should be resisted by Christians. Our weapons in this spiritual warfare are the Scripture, righteousness, faith, salvation, and prayer. "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world*" (I Peter 5:8-9). The devil deceived Eve and tempted Jesus by (mis)quoting God's Word, but Jesus rebuffed him with just a few "*It is written...*" references.

The devil is destined for eternal judgment. Too many people think of God and the devil like Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader from *Star Wars*. Unlike the Force from that fictional galaxy far, far away, the balance between good and evil does not hang by a thread. "*The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever*" (Revelation 20:10). God is infinitely more powerful than the devil. There is no contest, there is no doubt that God will finally and permanently triumph over sin, death, and hell.

## Member of the Month: Lara Saylor

- ★ Born: May 12, 1982 in Manhattan, Kansas
- ★ How long a BBC member: since July 2016
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "My family attended this church".
- ★ Favorite Hymns: "The very first one I learned: 'Jesus Loves Me' as well as 'Leaning On The Everlasting Arms' and 'In The Garden'".
- ★ Favorite Pew: Front row in the balcony
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*
- ★ Age at baptism: 34 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Poolesville United Methodist Church
- ★ Most famous person she's met: Eunice Kennedy Shriver
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "I got the leads in two college plays: *The Glass Menagerie* and *Proof*".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: "My mom saw the spelling of my name in a movie and loved it. I am the fourth generation with my middle name and my daughter is the fifth".
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: the smart phone
- ★ Childhood hero: Lou Gehrig
- ★ Hobbies: Reading and attending live theatre



## September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler, Andrew Yates
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 4 Kristina Cole
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 21 Melissa Fisher, Logan Marsh
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:*

- The Church approved the Standing Committees' recommendations on Church officer authorizations for the 2016-2018 term, which will be used by the Nominating Committee in its work.

*Expected at the September Business Meeting:*

- The Pastor is seeking up to five members to serve as messengers to the 81<sup>st</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 9 at First Baptist Church of Rockville.
- The Pastor is seeking members to serve as messengers to the BCM/D annual convention, being held Nov. 13-15 in Towson, MD.

## Prayer Concerns

Amy Rogers' mother  
Ashlinn Cole  
Janet Magruder's son Larry  
Joyce Dunn's brother David  
Kris Drews  
Liz Heimlich's mother Lesley  
Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel  
Reese Burdette, burn victim  
Rob Hendricks  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Seniors: Flora Gilliam, Bob Lillard, June Luhn, Junior & Arlene Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Hisle Beach, Margie Stream, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, Jo Blalock, Vivian Neal, Paul Foster's mother  
Cancer patients: Billy Heaton, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Doug Swank, Jody Pelligrino, Phil Brudner, Eddie Weston, Shirley Molitor, Butch Thompson  
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



## News You Can Use

*Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware.* The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. The BCM/D-wide goal for 2016 is \$150,000. BBC's goal this year is \$1,000, which will help teenagers attend camps to learn about Jesus and develop leadership skills; teach



collegians about Jesus and how to share their faith with others; enable Disaster Relief volunteers to care deeply for individuals and

families drastically affected by floods and other natural disasters; and support the soul care of church planters and others who vigorously share their faith throughout our region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

*Bluegrass gospel concert coming to Pig Pickin'.* On Saturday, Sep. 24, the annual Pig Pickin' dinner sponsored by the Baptist Men will be followed with a 7:00 pm bluegrass gospel concert starring the Barrettones. This talented band features award-winning bluegrass artists Randy Barrett on the banjo and Rickie Simpkins on the fiddle. Be sure to attend the dinner at 5:30 pm and invite your friends and family to the concert afterwards.



*MBA annual meeting & fall revival.* The Montgomery Baptist Association has scheduled its annual meeting and fall revival for Oct. 9-12 at First Baptist Church of Rockville. Speaking this year are new BCM/D Executive Director Dr. Kevin Smith and three MBA pastors. On Sunday, Oct. 9, the annual meeting will be held at 4:30 pm and the revival service will start at 7:30 pm. Duly-elected messengers who participate in both events will be served dinner in between meetings. BBC is entitled to send five messengers.

*Fall activities.* The first WMU meeting of the fall season will be on Monday, Sep. 12; talk to Linda Roberts for details. Lunch with Watkins Cabinet is scheduled for Friday, Sep. 16. Ann Bennett will start up fall bell choir practices on Thursday, Sep. 22 at 7:00 pm with some easy Christmas pieces. All interested participants may come and give it a try. Inability to read music is not a problem. Call Ann at 301-631-1847 with any questions.

*Congratulations.* Kitty & Jack Cooley were chosen as the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Parade Grand Marshals held on Aug. 14. They have volunteered at the Fair for over 50 years. Kitty started the Fair's souvenir booth and the annual Ag. Leaders' luncheon, and is still chairman of the booth. Comptroller of Maryland Peter Franchot presented Jack & Kitty with a gold medallion for their service.

*BBC at the fair.* On Thursday, Aug. 18, BBC members were at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, passing out Gideon New Testaments, water bottles with BBC logos and contact information, and evangelistic tracts. Over the course of the day, 400 bottles of water and 60 testaments were handed out to fairgoers. We were able to talk



at length and pray with two people concerning their relationship with Jesus. Thanks to Joe & Mary Yates, Tina Appleton, Cris and Michaela Driver, Luke Fedders, Lee Michael, and Danny & Cindy Moore for manning the tent and representing both BBC and the Montgomery Baptist Association to the local community.

*BBC giving recognized.* The North American Mission Board (NAMB) recently recognized BBC with a certificate for our 2015 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering contribution. In addition to being the top-ranked church in the Montgomery Baptist Association for per capita giving two years in a row, Barnesville Baptist was also the overall top giving church in the MBA for 2015. Thanks to all who gave so that NAMB missionaries can share the Gospel with the lost in the United States and Canada.

*Special Sunday School class.* Are you a new Christian, a new BBC member, or would you 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 at 9:30 am starting Sunday, Sep. 11. Taught by Lee Michael, the eight sessions comprise: The Bible, God, Jesus Christ, Sin & Salvation, The Church, Christian Living, Last Things, and Baptist Heritage.

*Pastor traveling.* Pastor Danny & Cindy will be visiting family in Canada Sep. 8-16. Please contact the deacons for anything that arises during that week. Our former pastor Randy Gilliam will be preaching on Sunday, Sep. 11 and will share stories and slides about his and Sandy's mission trip to Guatemala this summer. Lee Michael will lead the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting on Sep. 14.

*Directory update coming soon.* Attention all members: the next update to the church directory will be distributed in October. Anyone with changes to their contact information or regular attendees who would like to have their picture and information included for the first time should promptly submit their data to Lee Michael. After October, the next directory update is planned for April 2017—don't delay!