

# 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

"When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen...Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 'I tell you,' He replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out" (Luke 19:37-40).

God has blessed us in so many ways here at BBC and I am so excited about coming to God's house every Sunday to join you in worship. In September we saw God's hand at work in mighty ways. Three new believers were baptized, healing has occurred, and many prayers were answered. I also know that we have been growing closer to God as a family each and every week. My prayer is that we will be found faithful to God and that we will have hearts filled with thanksgiving and awe. The Lord has been at work; He deserves all the honor and glory, for He is worthy of all our praise. *"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom" (Psalm 145:3).* 

I want to encourage you to get involved in your church, share in the great works that God is doing in His house of worship in Barnesville, and move together toward what God wants us all to be. As *Luke 19* says, if we don't share the great news of the Gospel, the rocks will! It will be hard at times as God shapes us, tries us, and grows us. Sometimes we might be in a Sunday School class or outreach activity with only a few. Other times we will be asked to go the extra mile and take on things that others cannot do. When discouragement or hard times come, always remember it is for the glory of God and it is a privilege to participate in His Kingdom's work! As Corrie ten Boom explained, "When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer".

Please keep the faith and continue to pray for your church family. We are blessed and God is doing great and mighty things right among us. I say thank you Lord for Your love and for guiding us as we grow closer to you!

God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## **Upcoming Events**

October 5 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting October 8 Beast Feast for Men October 10 Columbus Day October 15 Baptist Men's Meeting October 21 Watkins Cabinet Lunch October 29 Youth Campfire at Summers Farm October 31 Halloween



"When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him" (Luke 22:14).

#### **The Pew Perspective**

Lee Michael

Do you know what an apostle is, or how they're different from disciples? The apostles were special in that they were set apart from among all Jesus' disciples, or followers, to serve as His authorized messengers. "He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles...? (Luke 6:13). The apostles led and grew the Church after Jesus returned to heaven and set down the foundational doctrines of Christianity. Jesus gave them special powers to confirm their testimonies: "... *He aave them power over unclean spirits*. to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease" (Matthew 10:1). The apostles were witnesses of Jesus' divinity through His miracles of healing and power over nature. They were taught in the ways of the Kingdom through Jesus' sermons and parables. The apostles were Jesus' closest friends and companions. They participated in the Last Supper and saw Jesus' arrest in Gethsemane. The resurrected Christ appeared to them many times until His ascension. The apostles were the first recipients of the Great Commission and received the Holy Spirit in a mighty way on Pentecost to found the Church.

The apostles played a special role in defining and defending the core beliefs of Christianity. In the earliest days of the Church, they taught the first Christians in Jerusalem about the Gospel. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship..." (Acts 2:42). In later decades, Christians were admonished to closely follow the apostles' teaching. "But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 17). The apostles also had a special role in writing the New Testament. Of those 27 books, Paul wrote 13, John wrote five, Peter wrote two, and Matthew wrote one. Other authors, such as Mark and Luke, were close companions of the apostles and recorded their teachings. Peter confirmed that Paul's letters were Scripture, both affirming their inspiration: "...our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles..." and equating their authority with "...the rest of the Scriptures" (II Peter 3:15-16).

The apostles were powerful preachers and teachers. Out of all the many good ministries they could have focused on, the apostles prioritized the sharing of the Gospel. "Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables..." (Acts 6:2). The apostles preached to and converted thousands in Jerusalem, unconcerned by imprisonment and threats from the Jewish authorities. They were especially powerful because they were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life and ministry. As the Apostle John explained, the apostles knew Christ in a personal way that no one else could claim. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life...we...bear witness, and declare to you" (I John 1:1-2).

The apostles were among the earliest missionaries. Throughout the New Testament we see that the apostles started moving across the Roman Empire to reach Jews and Gentiles with the good news of Jesus, convert new believers, and found churches. Paul was the most prominent missionary among the apostles,

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#### **Twelve Apostles Event Scramble**

Can you place these 20 events in the correct order? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

- A. Jesus called James and John from their father's nets.
- B. Jesus commanded Peter to walk on the water.
- C. Jesus told Nathanael He saw him sitting under a fig tree. D. Jesus told Simon Peter and Andrew He would make them fishers of men.

E. Jesus dined with tax collectors in the home of Matthew.

F. Mary Magdalene told Peter and John that she had seen the empty tomb.

G. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times.

H. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus' transfiguration.

I. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law in Capernaum.

J. Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen.

K. Judas criticized Mary for anointing Jesus' feet.

L. Peter saw Jesus' linens in the empty tomb.

M. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus to the Temple guards.

N. Jesus brought Peter, James, and John with Him to heal the daughter of Jarius.

O. Jesus told Matthew to follow Him.

P. Jesus asked John to take care of His mother.

Q. Peter preached the Gospel to 3,000 people.

R. Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to pray with Him in Gethsemane.

S. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Jesus when the Kingdom would come.

T. Philip asked Jesus how He would feed the 5,000.

#### **Twelve Apostles Word Search**

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Word Bank: Andrew, apostles, Bartholomew, brothers, fishermen, Galilee, James, Jesus, John, Judas Iscariot, Matthew, Philip, Simon, Simon Peter, son of Alpheus, Sons of Thunder, tax collector, Thaddaeus, Thomas, twelve

## **October Birthdays**

- 1 Ashley Babyak
- 6 Michaela Driver
- 7 Iris Rodgers
- 9 Johnny Haney
- 10 David Shive
- **11** Zoe Thomas
- 13 Lynn Eplee, Brooke Ahalt,
- Barbara Stidham
- 23 Kaycee Saylor, John Shreve
- 25 Judy Wright
- 26 Liz Heimlich

### **Prayer Concerns**

Ashlinn Cole

Joyce Dunn's brother David

Kris Drews

Liz Heimlich's mother Lesley

Pastor Lord Boadu and Calvary Life Baptist Chapel Rob Hendricks

Tyler Babyak in U.S. Marines basic training 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, Amy Rogers' mother

Cancer patients: Doug Swank, Billy Heaton, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Debbie Baxter, Donald Jericho, Eddie Weston, Jody Pelligrino, Patti Watkins, Phil Brudner

Our missionary friends: Manuel & Cindy Batres (Guatemala) and 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 September:

- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, Luke Fedders, and Lee Michael were appointed as messengers to the 81<sup>st</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 9 at First Baptist Church of Rockville.
- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael were appointed as messengers to the BCM/D annual convention, being held Nov. 13-15 in Towson, MD.

#### Expected at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2017 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 6.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for 2016-2018 church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- Note: All outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

### **Twelve Apostles Event Scramble Answers**

 D (Matthew 4:19); 2. A (Matthew 4:22); 3. I (Mark 1:31); 4. C (John 1:48); 5. O (Luke 5:27); 6. E (Mark 2:15); 7. N (Luke 8:51); 8. T (John 6:5); 9. B (Matthew 14:29); 10. H (Mark 9:2); 11. S (Mark 13:3); 12. K (John 12:5); 13. R (Mark 14:33); 14. M (Luke 22:48); 15. G (Luke 22:60); 16. P (John 19:27); 17. F (John 20:2); 18. L (Luke 24:12); 19. J (John 20:25); 20. Q (Acts 2:41).

#### The Pew Perspective, continued

with four major journeys to Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome. Jesus gave Paul a special commission to preach to the Gentiles, as He explained to Ananias in *Acts 9:15* that Paul was "...a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel". The apostles were persecuted and martyred for their unshakeable faith in the risen Christ. According to church history and tradition, all the apostles except John died violent deaths for the sake of the Gospel. In John 21:18-19, Jesus foreshadowed Peter's martyrdom: "...when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.' This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God".

We do not have apostles today, but the same Holy Spirit that guided them teaches and instructs us in truth. The same Savior and Lord that the apostles lived and died for continues to be the Head of His Church, to which we also belong. And the same Father which the apostles prayed to we call on today.

## 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. Our total to date is \$550, or 55% of the goal. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

*Men invited to beast feast.* All men are invited to the third annual beast feast on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 5:30 pm. The menu includes fried fish, venison burgers, and wild game stew. There will be a few door prizes and a drawing for a couple of \$50.00 gift certificates to Walmart to help hunters get ready for the upcoming season.

*Fall youth events*. On Saturday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 pm, the youth will enjoy an evening at Summers Farm in Frederick, which will include a campfire, a corn maze, and hot dogs and s'mores. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Oct. 15. Youth admission will be paid for by BBC; adult admission is \$11.95. The next youth event is a hayride to Sugarloaf Mountain and a hot dog roast planned for Saturday, Nov. 5 at 4:00 pm.

*Pig Pickin' recap.* A crowd of over 70 enjoyed the annual Pig



Pickin' dinner and bluegrass concert by the Barretones on Saturday, Sep. 24. The Barretone members were Randy Barrett, banjo; Tad Marks, fiddle; Keith Rogers, bass; Patty Rogers, guitar; and Tom McLaughlin, mandolin. Thanks to the Baptist Men for organizing a great time of fellowship and good music.

*Guest speaker*. On Sunday, Oct. 9, Rev. Butch Sweeney will preach and sing during the morning service. Rev. Sweeney was a member of the gospel singing group The Watchmen Quartet.

*Congratulations*. We are happy to announce that Randy & Sandy Gilliam are the proud grandparents of Nolan David Gilliam, who was born in Colorado on Monday, Sep. 26 at 3:11 am. He measured 7 lbs., 12 oz., and 21 3/4 inches. Parents Elyse & David are also doing well.

*Three baptisms.* Barnesville Baptist Church had the privilege of hosting three baptisms on Sep. 18 and 25. Danielle Cook, whose acquaintance we made through the Berry family, was baptized on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. She was followed by Will Hussong and Chris Frazier



by Thom Tapp



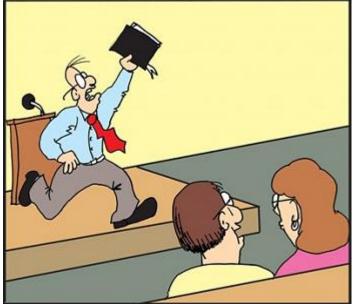
on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Will is the son of Amy Rogers and Chris is the son of Susan Mentzer. Each one's story of how they came to know the Lord was inspiring. We are so pleased that the Lord blessed BBC this summer with opportunities to share the Gospel with each of them, their

families, friends, and coworkers.

*Movie night*. BBC will show the movie "God's Not Dead 2" at the Barnesville Town Hall on Friday, Oct. 28 at 7:00 pm. Invite your family and friends to come to this free event. In this movie, a Christian public school teacher who responds to a student's question about Jesus faces an epic court case that could cost her the career she loves and expel God from the classroom—and the public square. Park at the church parking lot and walk over for an evening of fellowship, popcorn, and other snacks.

#### **COTCD** Cartoon

Church of the Covered Dish



"When he finished the book of Revelation I thought he'd quit preaching..."