



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

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23).

What a year 2016 has been. God has shown Himself in mighty ways and you have responded to God’s call and to His Word all year. We can all reflect back on the past year and recall the times of joy and grief and sickness and healing and grow from them, both closer to God and to each other. In *Lamentations*, while Jeremiah sorrowed greatly over the destruction of his beloved city, Jerusalem, he still recognized that God’s compassion and tender mercies never fail to come to those who trust Him.

That is our story as well, BBC. Look at what God has done already and be excited about the new year and its opportunities to share the Gospel and see God work in and through us all. I don’t know about you, but I am very excited about 2017! No matter what comes, God’s love, mercy, and compassion are freely given and renewed day by day in the lives of those who love Him. He promises His help, strength, presence, rest, and peace because of Jesus Christ. Jeremiah knew firsthand that no matter how things may seem, God is faithful. That is why we can look toward the future with hearts full of excitement, hope, and joy. There is an adventure lying ahead for each one of us in the coming year. Let us pray that the Lord’s will shall be done in our lives to give Him all the honor and glory.

May the Lord bless each one of you in 2017 with wisdom, strength, and faith. May your life shine the light of Christ’s love in the darkness where people are needy, hurting and without hope. Find your place at BBC in this new year. Join us in serving and worshipping the risen Savior Jesus Christ!

Cindy & I want to thank everyone for their love and support and for all of the Christmas gifts and cards. We are blessed to be part of the BBC family. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

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Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year’s Day
- January 4** Business Meeting
- January 20** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- January 21** Baptist Men’s Meeting
- January 22** Baptist Men’s Day & Service



*“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus”
(John 11:5).*

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2015, and now the year 2016 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: War Room movie screened, blizzard postponed
Baptist Men's Day (again), new wireless sound system installed

February: Baptist Men's Day held with Rev. Bill Higgins, Love Our Seniors luncheon served, youth bowled

March: Easter celebrated with Calvary's Love cantata and bell choir performance

April: Youth went duckpin bowling, BBC honored with Top 50 MD/DE churches certificate for Cooperative Program giving

May: BBQ lunch served at Rockville homeless shelter, Sermons on the Mounts revival services with Brian & Loretta Gilliam, sermons posted on BBC website

June: C&O Canal bike ride

July: Submerged VBS, passing of Tod Luhn, one baptized

August: MBA tent at county fair, BBC recognized by NAMB as the top MBA giving church for the 2015 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

September: Pig Pickin' and Barretones bluegrass gospel concert, three baptized

October: passing of Doug Swank, men enjoy Beast Feast, youth and families take on Summers Farm corn maze

November: Youth and families enjoy hayride to Sugarloaf and bonfires

December: Many blessing received for new food ministry, coat drive for Frederick Rescue Mission, 51 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child collected, Come Let Us Adore Christmas cantata

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 2017, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

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

New Testament Women Scramble

Can you place these 20 women from the New Testament with the correct description? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Anna | A. mother of Timothy |
| 2. Bernice | B. from Athens, converted under Paul |
| 3. Chloe | C. grandmother of Timothy |
| 4. Claudia | D. lied about real estate earnings |
| 5. Damaris | E. worked with Paul at Corinth and Ephesus |
| 6. Dorcas | F. provided for Jesus' needs |
| 7. Drusilla | G. from Phillippi, converted under Paul |
| 8. Elizabeth | H. recognized Jesus in the Temple |
| 9. Eunice | I. provided for Jesus' needs |
| 10. Herodias | J. sister of Lazarus |
| 11. Joanna | K. Jesus cast demons out of her |
| 12. Lois | L. wife of Roman Governor Felix of Judea |
| 13. Lydia | M. Christian from Rome |
| 14. Martha | N. commended by Paul to Roman church |
| 15. Mary Magdalene | O. mother of James and John |
| 16. Phoebe | P. asked for John the Baptist's head |
| 17. Priscilla | Q. sister of King Agrippa |
| 18. Salome | R. knew of discord in Corinthian church |
| 19. Sapphira | S. mother of John the Baptist |
| 20. Susanna | T. from Joppa, raised from dead by Peter |

New Testament Women Word Search

W M Y B A J P Z R V B P B Z X M Q
R L B R R Y L Y M D X L H Q N E T
E K G B I T Y T M R Q W M O M G T
Y L D G H A N N A Q Y A B O E T R
Y T I W P A I D Y L R E L M N B B
J T D Z P B L B L T R A L K J C E
K T A B A Y Y L H N S Y G M L W N
Y M N M S B N A I D D A M A R I S
G G N H D Y E C V C L D U Q E K D
M A A E S M E T A R S D Y C L V Z
C L S R Q A A Y H N I I I B S R Q
H L U O B V C R B A N N R I N W N
L I S D W J Y R Y L U A O P R Y Y
O S R I B D M J O E Z L O B D Y D
E U V A W G L R Z D R N T J N V P
Z R N S W Y L M J Q Y Q L J P J N
W D J Y T D T L V J P M R N Q Z D

Word Bank: Anna, Bernice, Chloe, Claudia, Damaris, Dorcas, Drusilla, Elizabeth, Eunice, Herodias, Joanna, Lois, Lydia, Martha, Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Priscilla, Salome, Sapphira, Susanna



January Birthdays

- 1** Jack Cooley
- 4** Bob Lillard
- 8** Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster,
Dan Yates
- 10** Lois Hogue
- 11** Jesse Yates
- 15** Sara Oden
- 19** Joe Connelly Jr.
- 22** Leslie Foster

Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole
Jane Fowler
Kris Drews

Ola Moore, Pastor Danny's mother
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: 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
December:*

- The Church accepted, with amendments, the Finance Committee's motion to approve its 2017 Budget proposal.
- An Internal Administration Cmte. motion to re-allocate unused sums within its budget was adopted.
- The Church authorized the creation of a Pickup Truck Fund.
- A motion to construct a porch over the Fellowship Hall steps was passed.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2016 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2016 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.
- The Pastor accepted the resignations of Vicki Keriakos as Youth Program Coordinator and Paul Keriakos and Ashley Babyak as Youth Program Representatives on the Education Cmte.
- The Education Cmte. will recommend a by-law to amend the August 2015 by-law on the Youth Program Coordinator and repeal the August 2015 by-law on Youth Program Representatives.
- The Nominating Cmte. will recommend that the following members serve on the Education Cmte. for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term: Lisa Fedders and Tina Appleton as Co-Youth Program Coordinators.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will recommend a by-law on gifts, funds, and commemorations.

New Testament Women Scramble Answers

1. H (Luke 2:36-38); **2. Q** (Acts 25:13); **3. R** (I Corinthians 1:11); **4. M** (II Timothy 4:21); **5. B** (Acts 17:34); **6. T** (Acts 9:36-41); **7. L** (Acts 24:24); **8. S** (Luke 1:5, 13); **9. A** (II Timothy 1:5); **10. P** (Matthew 14:3-10); **11. I** (Luke 8:3); **12. C** (II Timothy 1:5); **13. G** (Acts 16:14); **14. J** (Luke 10:38-42); **15. K** (Mark 16:9); **16. N** (Romans 16:1-2); **17. E** (Acts 18:2, 18-19); **18. O** (Matthew 20:20-24); **19. D** (Acts 5:1); **20. F** (Luke 8:3).

News You Can Use

Lottie Moon offering. Gifts received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stand at \$1,685, which is 84% of our 2016 goal of \$2,000. If we and other SBC churches partner together, the IMB can send out missionaries so the Gospel of Jesus Christ will resound throughout the world. The average cost for supporting an IMB missionary is \$159 per day. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.

Go paperless in 2017. 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



The children of BBC who received gift bags from the Baptist Men after the cantata

2017 will start with the men cooking breakfast for the church on Sunday, Jan. 22. Join the men at 8:30 am for a 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 snow and ice, 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 and Facebook as well as emailed. We ask that Sunday School teachers and other leaders call in their absences to the Church office as soon as possible.

Choirs celebrate Christmas. The Bell Choir, under the direction of Ann Bennett, skillfully performed three tunes on Sunday, Dec. 11: "A Joyful Ring", "Prince of Peace", and "Joy to the World". Thanks goes to the Choir for their excellent musical and video presentation on Sunday, Dec. 18 of the cantata "Come Let Us Adore". If you like to sing or ring, or would like to try, please consider joining these groups. The Choir practices on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. The Bell Choir practices on Thursdays 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. 4 at St. Mary's Pavilion. Thanks to Gary & Jan Burdette for organizing the meal and games. On



The ladies of the church enjoyed a Christmas cookie exchange on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Sunday, Dec. 18, Pastor Danny & Cindy hosted a parsonage

open house followed by singing carols at the Christmas hymn sing. The month-long celebration concluded with a candlelight service on Christmas Eve using the Peace Light flame brought from Bethlehem and with a Sunday service on Christmas morning. Thanks to all who helped beautify the sanctuary with poinsettias in memory of loved ones.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



... So for that reason, I'm asking that parents not allow their children to bring their ant farms to Sunday School for "Show and tell".