



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

"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

I want to encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available to everyone at BBC for prayer and Bible study that will help us grow closer together as a family of believers and to God each day. Together, we can pray and learn from God's Word in every Sunday morning worship service. We offer Sunday School classes for all age groups and an hour of Bible study and prayer on Wednesday nights, allowing for discussion and asking questions in a small group setting. Our youngest worshippers are introduced to prayer and the Bible through Children's Church; our monthly youth activities also include prayer and a time of Bible study.

As we move forward in God's plan for BBC, we'll need to remain focused on the promises in His Word and stand firm on God's truths. One of them is found in *II Chronicles 7:14*: *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"*. The world needs to see God's love in action through our witness like never before.

Just like the early church in *Acts 4*, now is the time to receive God's wisdom and power in prayer so that we can reach out boldly to others with the love, joy, and peace that God has given us through Jesus Christ. People all around us are searching for the answers to their hurts, fears, and heartaches. We are so blessed to have the living hope of Christ within us and we'll be blessed even more when we share it!

BBC, I am so proud that you are a family of believers that prays and shares God's Word. I know that you are loving others in the name of Jesus, but the need is so great that we must keep on sharing the great news of the Gospel of Jesus! To God be the glory!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

February 1 Business Meeting
February 14 Love Our Seniors Lunch
February 17 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
February 18 Baptist Men's Meeting
February 25 Youth Bowling



"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psalm 90:2).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Have you ever wondered what the “*the fear of the Lord*” is? Some people might think it’s a warning that you’d better behave or you’ll get zapped with a lightning bolt. Instead, the fear of the Lord is a deep awe and reverence for how great, awesome, and above and beyond us God is. David described the fear of the Lord when he looked up into the night sky and realized that the universe was so big and he was so small, and the Lord that created that vast ocean of stars was even greater. “*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him*” (Psalm 8:3-4). David was not only impressed with God’s power and majesty, but the fact that the Lord knew and cared about him. Knowing that truth leads us to have great respect for the Lord. But that’s not all that the fear of the Lord means. King Solomon explained that “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding*” (Proverbs 9:10).

Once we realize who God is and who we are in relation to Him, we will listen and obey to God when He instructs us in the right way to live. In addition to eternal rewards like salvation and going to heaven, our lives on this earth will be better. The message of *Proverbs* is that those who listen to God’s wisdom will live lives that are longer, happier, and more fulfilling than those who reject God’s guidance. Such people, whom the Bible call fools, are more likely to experience danger, disaster, and death. In *Proverbs 1:3*, Solomon describes four ways in which our lives will be better if we fear God; we will “...*receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity...*”. First, by fearing the Lord we can gain the wisdom to govern ourselves and exercise self-control so that we are not swept away by our selfish passions and pride. Instead, we can seek goodness and righteousness. “*Let us choose justice for ourselves; let us know among ourselves what is good*” (Job 34:4). Second, we can live in justice when we respect the Lord and conform to His will and standards. Paul explained that Christ will change us so that we can please God. “*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*” (Romans 12:2). Third, having reverence for the Lord will teach us judgment so we can take our spiritual righteousness and apply it to how we treat and interact with others. When we conform to Christ’s likeness and take on His character, we will show love and grace beyond our natural ability. Paul explained this truth in *Philippians 4:5*: “*Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.*” Finally, being humble before an awesome God will develop equity in us, causing us to live in a fair and pleasing way. We will not seek revenge or respond with hate, but instead we will be humble, kind, and forgiving. For those who seek God’s wisdom, “*If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men*” (Romans 12:18).

Fearing God is not something to dread, but a treasure to seek. It is the beginning of every good and perfect gift that the Lord has in store for us, from peace and prosperity in this life to the permanent inheritance of salvation in eternity.

Mountains of the Bible Scramble

Can you place these 20 mounts and hilltops with the Biblical event that occurred there? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Ararat | A. Jesus ascended back to heaven |
| 2. Beatitudes | B. Balaam blessed, not cursed, Israel |
| 3. Carmel | C. famous for its dew |
| 4. Gerizim | D. Moses saw Promised Land from afar |
| 5. Gilboa | E. Moses received Ten Commandments |
| 6. Gilead | F. Abraham prepare to sacrifice Isaac |
| 7. Golgotha | G. City of David |
| 8. Hermon | H. Satan tested Jesus |
| 9. Hor | I. Moses saw a burning bush |
| 10. Horeb | J. Noah’s ark struck ground |
| 11. Lebanon | K. Jesus preached His famous sermon |
| 12. Moriah | L. Laban overtook Jacob |
| 13. Nebo | M. Jesus died on the cross |
| 14. Olivet | N. Aaron’s death and burial place |
| 15. Peor | O. home of Esau, land of Edom |
| 16. Seir | P. Jesus’ glory revealed to three apostles |
| 17. Sinai | Q. King Saul and his sons died |
| 18. Temptation | R. source of cedar for Solomon’s Temple |
| 19. Trans-figuration | S. a Samaritan woman told Jesus this was the right place to worship God |
| 20. Zion | T. Elijah challenged prophets of Baal |

Mountains of the Bible Word Search

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

Word Bank: Ararat, Beatitudes, Carmel, Gerizim, Gilboa, Gilead, Golgotha, Hermon, Hor, Horeb, Lebanon, Moriah, Nebo, Olivet, Peor, Seir, Sinai, Temptation, Transfiguration, Zion

February Birthdays

- 3 Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
- 7 Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko
- 9 Trudy Meissner
- 10 Carole Kears
- 12 Luke Fedders
- 20 Janet Magruder
- 22 Bradley Keriakos
- 23 Billy Mossburg



Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole
Jane Fowler
Kris Drews
Nick Cole
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 January:

- The Treasurer submitted his Annual Report on the 2016 fiscal year.
- The Pastor appointed the Deacons to serve on the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2016 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- The Deacons will recommend a motion to grant a letter transferring the membership of Lynn Eplee, upon her request, to Greenridge Baptist Church of Boyds, MD.

COTCD Cartoon



"Can you believe it? Brother Eli bought some bird seed, and is telling everyone he now has a twitter feed!"

Mountains of the Bible Scramble Answers

1. J (Genesis 8:4); 2. K (Matthew 5:1); 3. T (I Kings 18:19); 4. S (John 4:20); 5. Q (I Samuel 31:1); 6. L (Genesis 31:25); 7. M (Mark 15:22); 8. C (Psalm 133:3); 9. N (Numbers 20:28); 10. I (Exodus 3:1-2); 11. R (I Kings 5:5-6); 12. F (Genesis 22:2); 13. D (Deuteronomy 32:49); 14. A (Acts 1:12); 15. B (Numbers 23:28); 16. O (Genesis 36:8); 17. E (Numbers 3:10); 18. H (Matthew 4:8); 19. P (Matthew 17:1-8); 20. G (Joel 3:17).

News You Can Use

Baptist Men's Day. After years of snow and ice delays, the third Sunday of January was a wet but mild day, allowing the Baptist Men's Day breakfast and service to be held as scheduled on the 23rd.



The men cooked a delicious breakfast and led the morning service. The Men of Barnesville (MOB) choir sang "What Wondrous

Love Is This?" and "Standing on the Promises", both the melody and harmony sections. Our speakers were David Bennett, who shared his testimony about trusting God to get him through cancer, and Mike Nickerson, who spoke about men in the Bible who lived with faith and integrity.

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 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.

Youth activity. The youth will enjoy duckpin bowling starting at 3:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes located at 304 Center St. in Mt. Airy. Youth can bowl for free; adults cost \$5.00 per person per game, shoes included. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Sign up with Lisa Fedders (301-349-5611) no later than Monday, Feb. 20.

Witnessing seminar. Learn how to share the Gospel and what missions trips are all about at our churchwide witnessing seminar on Saturday, Mar. 18 from 8:30 am to noon. Our keynote speaker will be missionary Jeff Lovin. The core of the seminar will be four classes about missions trips and evangelism that everyone will attend in a round robin rotation with praise and worship in the sanctuary to begin and end the morning. Presenters will hold a planning meeting on Sunday, Feb. 26 after the service.

Go paperless in 2017. Barnesville Baptist 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 church website, the calendar is for the current month only.

New BBC website about to launch. After 15 years on Angelfire, barnesvillebaptist.org is moving to a new host and receiving a major upgrade to take the website into the 21st century. Use your phones, tablets and even computers to browse familiar content and new features. Subscribe to the monthly calendar, access the password-protected church directory, or send a message using our new contact us form.



With the upgrade, our email address will now be **church@barnesvillebaptist.org**. Any emails sent to the old Comcast email will be auto-forwarded. We expect to debut the new site very soon; stay tuned for an email announcement.

The new website is filled with color and photos

Seniors' lunch. If you are over 55 years of age, you are invited to attend the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We thank God for our seniors and want 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. 5.

Pastor travel. Pastor Danny & Cindy's family will be visiting Danny's parents in Florida Feb. 9-12. Please contact the deacons for anything that arises during that week. Former pastor Randy Gilliam will preach on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Wed. night Bible study. Everyone is welcome to participate in the new Bible study series that Pastor Danny has just started on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 using the "Ephesians: Your Identity in Christ" book by Tony Merida. We will learn that once we find our identity in Christ, that identity will reconcile our relationships with God and others and shape our behavior.

Christmas poinsettias. Poinsettias were given at Christmas by Bob Lillard and Gary & Jan Burdette (Margery Lillard); Gary & Jan Burdette (Lloyd & Helen Burdette); Jack & Kitty Cooley (Jack & Nellie Cooley and Carson & Dorothy Ward); David & Ann Bennett (Carol & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland); Joe & Mary Yates (Lark & Ann Yates, Hazel Ward, and Bruce Benson); Dot Fowler (Charles Fowler and parents); Dan & Shirley Yates (Lark & Ann Yates and Earl & Virginia Shreve); Barbara Swank (Doug Swank and Annie Cooley); Sherri Morrison & family (Bill Morrison and Mickey Mossburg); Ralph Cooley & family (Nancy Cooley); June Luhn, Sandra Luhn, and Mary Ann Luhn (Tod Luhn); Bobbi Comert (mother Jayne and sister Nancy Lynn); Janet Magruder & family (Dick Magruder); Luke & Lisa Fedders & family (Doug Cooley); and Jane Fowler & family (Frank Fowler Sr.).