



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

We have all prayed that God would send revival and use us, and God has done just that. If you haven't been able to worship with us lately you have been missed and we would love for you to join us in celebrating all that Jesus is doing in our lives. God is blessing us with His presence and the Holy Spirit has been stirring all of our hearts to grow closer to God daily. I want to encourage you to come to Sunday School and learn more about God's love and His Word. It is a true joy to give God all the glory and honor for all that He is doing here at His church. As we move forward in God's plan for us, we must keep praying and seeking out Jesus. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and keep all of His commandments as we move forward.

In football a player is told that to catch a pass he literally is to look the ball into his hands. Otherwise what might have been a touchdown and victory will be nothing more than an incomplete pass. We all need to look at God's Word and see the courage and strength that God has given His people as they testify about His love and goodness. For example, one of my favorite passages of Scripture is about how God gave the Apostles Peter and John true boldness to stand in front of the same Jewish religious leaders that crucified Jesus and testify concerning God's power and love. *"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it"* (Acts 4:13-14). The Holy Spirit will empower us to speak with the same confidence and boldness as Peter and John did if we keep focused on Jesus and ask for boldness and courage in the name above all names. Jesus calls us to follow Him. We will gain the victory by keeping our eyes on Him.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- March 1** Business Meeting
- March 17** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- March 18** Witnessing Seminar
- March 25** Baptist Men's Meeting



"So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left" (Exodus 14:22).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Do you know the secret to living in contentment and spiritual stability? Paul told the Philippian church the answer in chapter 4 of his letter to them when he explained that joy and peace would bless their lives and their church.

The first step is to cultivate harmony and peace in the church. In *Philippians 4:1-3*, Paul asked all the church members to intervene in a public dispute between two women in the congregation. When we encounter attitudes and behavior that can destroy unity in the church such as partiality, criticism, bitterness, unforgiveness, and pride, we are all responsible for responding in truth and love to protect the fellowship and testimony of the church.

Secondly, we are to maintain a spirit of joy by focusing on the Lord and who He is, not our personal circumstances. *“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (v. 4)*. Joy is different than happiness, which is a temporary emotion that can be taken away. Instead, joy is a permanent well-being anchored in God’s promise of our eternal destiny.

The third step is to accept less than we think we are owed. *“Let your gentleness be known to all men” (v. 5)*. Jesus deserved to be treated as a king, but came to this world as a humble servant who endured disrespect with kindness, grace, and forgiveness. When others are rude or inconsiderate to us, our attitude should be that of our Lord and Savior.

Fourth, we need to demonstrate faith in the Lord’s presence (v. 5). When we realize that God is with us and near us, we can rest in confidence, placing our cares on Him.

Fifth, instead of reacting to problems with worry, doubt, and discontent, we should instead respond through thankful prayer (vv. 6-7). One of the greatest ways to show unbelievers that Christians are different from the world is how we handle problems, temptations, trials, and difficulties. When we respond to life with prayer and thanksgiving, we demonstrate our belief that the Lord is a good, wise, and strong protector who is in charge and in control.

Sixthly, we need to fill our minds with godly virtues (v. 8). If we are inputting images or thoughts into our minds that distract us or drag us down from focusing on God, then we need to reorder our thinking and take out the trash.

Finally, we need to pattern our Christian walk by finding a good role model whose example we can observe and practice in our own life. Paul noted four ways the Philippian Christians saw Christlikeness from him (v. 9). They learned through his teaching and instruction as well as by receiving the Scripture to read God’s Word. The Philippians then heard about Paul’s character and lifestyle from others, no doubt learning of his transformation from Saul of Tarsus to an apostle. Finally, they saw Paul’s conduct for themselves. In all these ways, Paul served as a mentor. We too should seek out more mature Christians to help us become more like our Savior. We also need to consider that others may be watching us for guidance and a good example.

Even though we live in a world of hostility and chaos, we don’t have to join in. If we live in contentment and stability, we will not only be blessed but will point others to the Source of our joy and peace.

Waters of the Bible Scramble

Can you place these 20 seas, lakes, rivers, brooks, wells, pools, and springs with the Biblical event that occurred there? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Beer Lahai Roi | A. well dug by Isaac |
| 2. Bethesda | B. Daniel had a vision |
| 3. Brook Cherith | C. Jesus preached from Peter’s boat |
| 4. Brook Kidron | D. Hezekiah dug tunnel to bring its water to Jerusalem |
| 5. Euphrates River | E. bitter waters Israelites couldn’t drink |
| 6. Gihon | F. Jesus served breakfast to apostles |
| 7. Jacob’s Well | G. John the Baptist preached here |
| 8. Jordan River | H. Elijah fed by ravens |
| 9. Lake of Gennesaret | I. one of Eden’s four rivers |
| 10. Marah | J. Promised Land boundary |
| 11. Mediterranean Sea | K. Jesus crossed to enter Gethsemane |
| 12. Nile River | L. Paul shipwrecked on way to Rome |
| 13. Pison | M. Israelites crossed, Egyptians drowned |
| 14. Pool of Siloam | N. Jesus healed lame man |
| 15. Red Sea | O. plagues of blood and frogs |
| 16. Rehoboth | P. King David’s eastern border |
| 17. Salt Sea | Q. Jesus sent blind man to wash |
| 18. Sea of Galilee | R. Jesus’ ministry was centered here |
| 19. Sea of Tiberias | S. Jesus rested here at midday |
| 20. Tigris River | T. Hagar fled from Sarai to this well |

Waters of the Bible Word Search

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

Word Bank: Beer Lahai Roi, Bethesda, Cherith, Kidron, Euphrates, Gihon, Jacob’s Well, Jordan, Gennesaret, Marah, Mediterranean, Nile, Pison, Siloam, Red, Rehoboth, Salt, Galilee, Tiberias, Tigris

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:

- The Church voted to approve the transfer of Lynn Eplee's membership to Greenridge Baptist Church at her request.

Expected at the March Business Meeting:

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2016 finances.

For the Record:

- At the January 2017 business meeting, Lisa Fedders and Tina Appleton were elected as Co-Youth Program Coordinators for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term.

March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Doug Heimlich
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 11 Jim Gilliam
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 18 Steven Bennett
- 24 Janice Cole
- 30 Paul Keriakos
- 31 Tyler Babyak, Robert Shreve



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).*

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Waters of the Bible Scramble Answers

1. T (Genesis 16:7-14); 2. N (John 5:1-8); 3. H (I Kings 17:3-4); 4. K (John 18:1); 5. P (II Samuel 8:3); 6. D (II Chronicles 32:30); 7. S (John 4:6); 8. G (Mark 1:5); 9. C (Luke 5:1-3); 10. E (Exodus 15:23); 11. L (Acts 27); 12. O (Exodus 7-8); 13. I (Genesis 2:11); 14. Q (John 9:7); 15. M (Exodus 14); 16. A (Genesis 26:22); 17. J (Numbers 34:3); 18. R (Matthew 4:23); 19. F (John 21:1); 20. B (Daniel 10:4-5).

News You Can Use

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Did you know that three out of four people in the United States and Canada are lost and do not have a personal relationship



with Jesus Christ? The most effective and efficient way to reach the lost in North America is with SBC missionaries who spread the Gospel by establishing new churches and serving the needs of their communities. The 2017 Annie Armstrong Easter

Offering, which kicks off with a Week of Prayer from Mar. 5-12, will bless the North American Mission Board's 5,684 missionaries not only with our prayers, but also our financial support. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help those missionaries make the greatest Kingdom impact. The WMU has set a 2017 goal of \$2,000 for BBC. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.

Witnessing seminar. Learn how to share the Gospel and what missions trips are all about at our witnessing seminar on Saturday, Mar. 18 from 8:30 am to 12:30



pm. Everyone will attend four classes in a round robin rotation with times of praise & worship to start and end. Session 1 is "Evangelism in Missions Trips" with Larry Michael and Doug Heimlich who

will talk about their overseas missions trips with audio-visual support from Luke Fedders. Session 2, entitled "Learning To Share My Faith", will be a discussion of the *Romans Road* method of sharing the Gospel with Pastor Danny, David Bennett, and Joe Yates. The theme of the third session, to be led by Lee Michael, is "Who Is Jesus?" and will provide some doctrinal and apologetic information about Christ. The fourth session is entitled "Missions and the Homefront" and will include Megan Fedders, Cindy Moore, and Stephanie Runkles. Our keynote speaker, missionary to Afghanistan Jeff Lovin, will speak on "Sharing the Gospel Challenge".

Double blessings. The worship service on Sunday, Feb. 19 featured a double baby dedication and double baptism. Brad & Claudia Hazelrigs brought their daughter Carly and baby son Drew forward. Pastor



Ben Swope, Pastor Danny, and Greer Hussong before the baptism service

Danny offered prayers of dedication for the children, parents, grandparents, and the church family, that Drew and Carly would be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Greer Hussong and her fiancée Ben Swope

were both baptized, publicly showing their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are so pleased that so many people are seeking to share their desire to serve and honor the Lord in and through their lives.

Seniors lunch. Eighteen of BBC's most distinguished personalities had a great time at the Love Our Seniors Lunch on

Tuesday, Feb. 14, coming out to enjoy good



food, fellowship, and spending time in God's Word. Thanks to Stephanie Runkles and Cindy Moore for their hard work in making the event a success.

April directory update being prepared. Updates for the church directory are requested no later than the end of April. Anyone who would like to be included in the directory for the first time or has changes to their contact information should promptly submit their information to Lee Michael. After April, the next scheduled directory update is planned for October—don't delay!

Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 12. Remember to set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on the 11th.