



# 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

May is a month of prayer, celebration, and remembrance. The National Day of Prayer is May 4. I am asking all of BBC to pray to God and lift up our nation and its leaders. If the Church would pray that God would forgive our nation's sins, He is eager to shower us with His blessings. *"...If that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it" (Jeremiah 18:8).* When we honor God and seek Him out, He always hears our prayers and draws near.

We also celebrate and say thank you to our mothers this month. One thing we have in common is that we all have a mother. As you look back and remember your mom, take time to thank God for her and for the love that all moms have for their children. God commanded us to honor our parents in *Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."* Whether your mom is here with you now physically, or she has gone on ahead of you, honor her with a true, pure heart of love. Show kindness whenever you can and always demonstrate God's love in your lifestyle. By doing this you honor God and your mom.

May is also a month to remember and honor the sacrifice of men and women who died defending our great country from the American Revolution to today. Memorial Day is an important time to show our gratitude for the peace and freedom we enjoy every day.

So as we go through May, take time to pray for God's will to be done in our lives and in our nation, to say thank you to God for mothers, and to remember the great price paid by so many servicemen throughout our country's history.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- May 3** Business Meeting
- May 4** National Day of Prayer
- May 5** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- May 6** Church Clean-Up Day
- May 7** VBS Planning Meeting
- May 13** C&O Canal Bike Ride
- May 20** Baptist Men's Meeting
- May 29** Homeless Shelter BBQ



*"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord" (I Corinthians 12:4-5).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Have you ever enjoyed being called peculiar? Normally, calling someone peculiar is an indirect way of saying he or she is weird, but in the Bible being called peculiar is a badge of honor. The Apostle Peter explained to Christians that unlike unbelievers who reject the Gospel, we stand out by having received the high calling of serving God's Kingdom. In the New King James Version, *1 Peter 2:9* reads: "*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...*". Some other versions translate the underlined phrase above as "God's possession", but the old King James Version says we're just "peculiar". As Christians, we are distinct from the world around us, having been and even now being transformed by God's grace into the likeness of Christ.

At our April breakfast meeting, the Baptist Men had a discussion about what makes Barnesville Baptist peculiar in its own right, focusing on BBC's "distinctives": the spiritual qualities and ministry priorities that makes our congregation the church that it is and what visitors find unique and exceptional about us. While all Christians and all congregations have received the same Great Commission calling, the men came up with a list of 10 characteristics we feel BBC excel at, set us apart from others, and are worthy of handing down to next generation of Barnesville Baptists.

The following list the men around the table came up with that morning is neither official nor even complete, but the discussion around these themes was very instructive. Therefore, I plan to devote time in this space over the coming months to expand on them: unity (moving forward together), leadership (setting a good example), missions (supporting and sending those who share the Gospel), a high view of Scripture (the truth and importance of the Gospel), church building (smaller size means we're volunteer-powered and worship together), prayer (direct link to God that works), outreach (welcoming and caring spirit), hymns (deep theology in accessible songs), tithing (financially secure and able to help others), and family fellowship (living life together).

So what do you think are the best qualities of Barnesville Baptist? Did the men get them all, or are there other spiritual priorities that we should emphasize to our children and teach to new members? The next time people call you peculiar, thank them for noticing and take pride in your status as one of God's children.

## Spiritual Gifts & Offices Scramble

Can you match these 20 spiritual gifts and offices with their definitions? Answers are on the bottom of page 4, column 2.

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| 1. administration  | A. extra measure of belief in adversity           |
| 2. apostles        | B. instructors in faith and doctrine              |
| 3. discernment     | C. speaking different languages in early Church   |
| 4. evangelists     | D. guide and steer the church                     |
| 5. exhortation     | E. original leaders appointed by Jesus            |
| 6. faith           | F. translating languages in early Church          |
| 7. giving          | G. preachers of the gospel to the lost            |
| 8. healing         | H. encouragement and motivation                   |
| 9. helps           | I. effectively direct ministries                  |
| 10. interpretation | J. know truth vs. error                           |
| 11. knowledge      | K. apostles' miraculous power over sickness       |
| 12. leadership     | L. preachers and exhorters of local churches      |
| 13. mercy          | M. shepherds and overseers of the flock           |
| 14. ministry       | N. practical help to address needs                |
| 15. miracles       | O. sympathy and service to the sick and suffering |
| 16. pastors        | P. understand and apply God's Word and will       |
| 17. prophets       | Q. understand and speak God's truth               |
| 18. teachers       | R. generous sharing of resources with others      |
| 19. tongues        | S. perform supernatural deeds in early Church     |
| 20. wisdom         | T. ability for service                            |

## Spiritual Gifts & Offices Word Search

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

Word Bank: administration, apostles, discernment, evangelists, exhortation, faith, giving, healing, helps, interpretation, knowledge, leadership, mercy, ministry, miracles, pastors, prophets, teachers, tongues, wisdom

## May Birthdays

- 2 Heather Cross
- 12 Lara Saylor
- 14 John Beach
- 15 Eddie Fowler
- 24 Nick Cole, Bobbi Comert, Wade Williams
- 28 Paul Foster
- 30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
Bill Caudell's niece Robin  
Dave Rose  
Elnora Caudell's brother Lee  
Ila Fields  
June Lehrman  
Kris Drews  
Nick Cole  
Reese Burdette  
Rob Hendricks  
Rose Burdette  
Tammy Combs  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Seniors: Bob Lillard, Flora Gilliam, Jane Fowler, Gene & Patty Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, Jo Blalock, June Luhn, Junior & Arlene Luhn, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, Vivian Neal, Amy Rogers' mother, Pastor Danny's parents  
Cancer patients: Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Debbie Baxter, Donald Jericho, Eddie Weston, Gail Palestine, Jody Pelligrino, Patti Watkins, Patty Bennett, Phil Brudner, Presley Musser, Roger Ivey  
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 April:*

- The Church adopted a by-law on receipts, gifts, and funds.
- A motion to create a fund to provide a permanent structure for the Food Ministry's activities and to accept a \$3,000 grant from the BCM/D was passed.
- The Church accepted a bid to install a shed for the Food Ministry and increased the Physical Plant budget line item by \$5,000.
- The Internal Administration Cmte.'s recommendation to remove the wood playground set was approved.

*Expected at the May Business Meeting:*

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will recommend a bid from Dominic's Paving to establish a parking lot on the east side of the church.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will recommend a bid from Play N' Learn to install a playground set.

## COTCD Cartoon



## News You Can Use

*Food Ministry shed delivered.* BBC received a special delivery on Friday, Apr. 28, when the new shed for our Food Ministry was delivered. This building, which will have electricity, will be used to sort, store, and deliver food to those in need. The shed's arrival comes just as we have started picking up food from a second grocery store on Thursday evenings. Thanks be to God for the way He provided for this important new resource and gave us this great opportunity to reach out to others with Jesus' love.



*Annie Armstrong goal in sight.* To date, we have collected 76% (\$1,528) of our 2017 goal of \$2,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The SBC missionaries supported by the AAEO start new churches, engage in student evangelism on college campuses, serve the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism, and serve as church planting catalysts. Let's do our part to support our missionaries spreading the Gospel in the United States and Canada. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.



*Rabbi-Pastor Robert Pristoop blowing his shofar at the Apr. 13 Jesus in the Passover service*

*National Day of Prayer on May 4.* The National Day of Prayer is a time for Americans to pray for their country and ask for God's blessings and guidance. BBC's sanctuary will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month if you want to come and pray.

*WMU collecting for Cuba mission trip.* Please join the WMU in collecting toiletries and basic medicines for Larry Michael's mission trip to Cuba this June. A suitcase is located in the vestibule where you can drop off donations.

*C&O Canal bike ride.* Be sure to sign up for the third annual bike ride on the C&O Canal scheduled for Saturday, May 13. The 11.4-mile round trip ride will start at 11:00 am at the Brunswick MARC train parking lot (Mile 55) and go as far as Harper's Ferry (Mile 60.7). Bill & Elnora Caudell will provide a noontime picnic lunch at Lock 31 in Weverton (Mile 58), where you may also start your bike ride to Harper's Ferry.

*VBS 2017 dates set.* Believe it or not, Barnesville Baptist is already preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held Jul. 10-14. This year's theme is "Galactic Starveyors". The VBS Scripture is *Colossians 1:15-16*. Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Talk to Cindy Moore if you'd like to participate. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year. The first planning meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 7 after the morning worship service.



*Church clean-up rain date.* On Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Bill Appleton for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers at noon.

*Youth activities.* Bible Bingo Night on Friday, Apr. 28 was a good time of food, fellowship, and prizes, with some exciting sudden death play-offs. On Monday, May 29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Montgomery County homeless shelter in Rockville, the BBC youth will serve hot dogs and hamburgers for the homeless. If you would like to prepare a side dish for the youth to take, please bring it to Church by Sunday, May 28. If you would like to participate in the cookout, please sign up with Lisa Fedders or Tina Appleton.



*Summer vacation begins for several programs.* Monthly activities beginning their summer hiatus include Bell Choir practices, WMU meetings after May 15, and lunches with our Watkins Cabinet friends after May 5. All of these programs will resume in September.

## Spiritual Gifts & Offices Scramble Answers

1. I (I Corinthians 12:28); 2. E (Ephesians 4:11); 3. J (I Cor. 12:10); 4. G (Eph. 4:11); 5. H (Romans 12:8); 6. A (I Cor. 12:9); 7. R (Rom. 12:8); 8. K (I Cor. 12:9); 9. T (I Cor. 12:28); 10. F (I Cor. 12:10); 11. Q (I Cor. 12:8); 12. D (Rom. 12:8); 13. O (Rom. 12:8); 14. N (Rom. 12:7); 15. S (I Cor. 12:10); 16. M (Eph. 4:11); 17. L (Eph. 4:11); 18. B (Eph. 4:11); 19. C (I Cor. 12:10); 20. P (I Cor. 12:8).