



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

As Christians we should bear a striking likeness to Jesus. In the Bible we learn how Jesus taught deep truths and preached powerful messages to the people. But Jesus was best known for His lifestyle of love and mercy. If we profess to be a child of God, and if we are to partake of all of His blessings and love, then we should be like Jesus in all our ways. My prayer for all of us is that the people around us will be able to say of us, "Wow, that person has been with Jesus. He or she is different in a good way; he or she is patient, kind, and compassionate". When they are drawn to our Christlikeness, we can both share and show them the gospel by our own living testimony.

We can best imitate Jesus by showing a loving spirit and by thinking, speaking, and acting kindly. Our Lord gave us so many great examples of love and mercy to live by, but one that rings so true to me is His willingness to forgive others. He forgave not just repentant sinners but His enemies. Paul reminded us of this Christlike trait in *Colossians 3:13*: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you". Forgiveness is key to being all that God wants us to be.

As you read *Acts 4:8-10* you will see how bold Peter and John were in their testimony and how they stood firm on living out the love and mercy of Jesus: "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed'". The end result was that God was glorified and many came to know Jesus because Peter and John followed their Savior's example in their daily lives. Exciting times are ahead of us, so let's pray and examine ourselves to ensure that we are right with God and following Jesus' example of living a lifestyle of love and mercy.



God Bless,

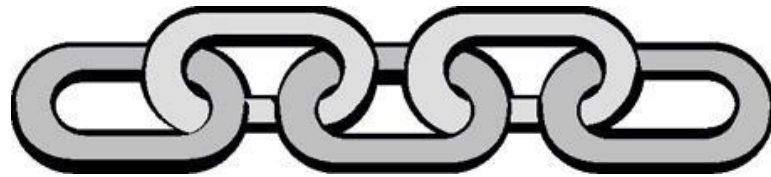
Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

June 4 Sunday School Picnic at Black Hill Regional Park
June 6 Seniors' Lunch
June 7 Business Meeting
June 14 Flag Day
June 17 Baptist Men's Meeting
June 18 Father's Day
June 26 Deacons' Meeting



"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment"
(I Corinthians 1:10).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Last month I introduced BBC’s distinctives, the spiritual qualities and ministry priorities that makes our congregation the church that it is. The first distinctive I would like to discuss in detail is unity. When a church is strong in the quality of unity, its individual members share a common identity, harmony in purpose, and consistency in action. Unity is not ignoring new and different opinions or requiring groupthink, but holding the perspective that what we have in common is more important than what we don’t, and that we can disagree without being disagreeable.

So, what does unity look like at a practical level? It shows up first in small, less noticeable things and then becomes evident in larger ways. At BBC, I would say that we are doing well on modeling the following practices of unity:

First, we have open lines of communication. Jesus told His disciples He called them not servants but friends “...for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you” (John 15:15). We share news through conversations, prayer lists, and Facebook posts. Decisions are made democratically and announced publicly.

Second, we resolve conflicts and don’t let disagreements fester. Paul urged in Romans 12:18: “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men”. That means we must continue to forgive others and seek forgiveness when they or we make mistakes.

Third, we rebound from setbacks. We move forward together in the Lord’s strength through trials and adversity, knowing that “...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Romans 8:37).

The blessings of unity aren’t just good for us, but extend to others. Fourth, we are unified in a desire to minister to others in Christ’s name. From hosting VBS for the community to offering bereavement care to families in loss to being a top giver for missions offerings to the new Food Ministry, our corporate desire to minister practical help and the truth of the Gospel to others is key to our effectiveness. “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ...” (I Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Fifth, we are strengthened in our ability to reach out to others by combining our complimentary mix of skills and talents in common purpose. We have members who are skillful with their hands, hearts, and voices, talented in teaching and ministry, and gifted in leadership and evangelism. We need everyone’s unique abilities to accomplish all that God has set before us. “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord” (I Corinthians 12:4-5).

The Corinthian Church was weakened by factionalism when Paul urged them to live in unity for the cause of Christ. “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (I Corinthians 1:10). We can only represent our Savior well when we put Him first, others second, and ourselves last.

Books of the Bible, Part 1 of 3 Scramble

Can you match each of these 18 (21) books of the Bible with its synopsis? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Genesis | A. history of Israel until destruction of Temple |
| 2. Exodus | B. Solomon’s views on the meaning of life |
| 3. Leviticus | C. instructions for living in the Promised Land |
| 4. Numbers | D. rebuilding Jerusalem’s wall after captivity |
| 5. Deuteronomy | E. wisdom for a godly life |
| 6. Joshua | F. reigns of Israel’s first two kings |
| 7. Judges | G. rebuilding of Temple, relearning of God’s Law |
| 8. Ruth | H. poems and songs of praise and worship |
| 9. (I and II) Samuel | I. creation to early patriarchs |
| 10. (I and II) Kings | J. wilderness wanderings |
| 11. (I and II) Chronicles | K. sin, oppression, repentance, deliverance |
| 12. Ezra | L. redemption from Egyptian slavery |
| 13. Nehemiah | M. trusting God in adversity |
| 14. Esther | N. queen trusts God to save Jews from genocide |
| 15. Job | O. rulers and prophets of Israel and Judah |
| 16. Psalms | P. arrival into the Promised Land |
| 17. Proverbs | Q. two widows’ redemption |
| 18. Ecclesiastes | R. instructions for worshipping God |

Books of the Bible, Part 1 of 3 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, (I and II) Samuel, (I and II) Kings, (I and II) Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes

June Birthdays

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4 Marva Cole
8 Amy Rogers
8 Lisa Fedders
9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
10 Gary Burdette, Sharon Engle
11 Jan Burdette
13 Hisle Beach
14 Marty Woods
16 June Luhn
17 Donna Elgin, Matt Yates
23 Bill Appleton, June Ivey
27 Danny Moore, Sandra Oden



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

- The Church approved a bid from Dominic's Paving to establish a parking lot on the east side of the church.
- The Internal Administration Cmte.'s recommendation to accept a bid from Play N' Learn to install a playground set was accepted.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will make a motion to increase the Physical Plant budget line item by \$5,000.

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, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, Jo Blalock, June Luhn, Arlene Luhn, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, Vivian Neal, Amy Rogers' mother
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).*

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Books of the Bible, Part 1 of 3 Scramble Answers

1. I; 2. L; 3. R; 4. J; 5. C; 6. P; 7. K; 8. Q; 9. F; 10. O;
11. A; 12. G; 13. D; 14. N; 15. M; 16. H; 17. E; 18. B.

News You Can Use

Vacation Bible School heading our way! The theme for this year's VBS is "Galactic Starveyors", which will be held Jul. 10-14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you would like to serve in a classroom, music, crafts, recreation, or snack, please contact Cindy Moore or Tina Appleton. Online registration for VBS will be available about Jun.



10 at barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs. Vacation Bible School is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school.

Sunday School picnic. After a morning worship service with missionaries Matt & Ellen Zell sharing a report on their work in Honduras on Sunday, Jun. 4, BBC will meet at Black Hill Regional Park's Shelter C at 1:00 pm. The church will provide fried chicken and hot dogs; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Homeless shelter lunch. On Monday, May 29, BBC members served lunch at the Montgomery County homeless shelter in Rockville. Several BBC men grilled



hot dogs and ham-burgers outside while others staffed the serving line and passed out drinks and Bibles. Thanks to everyone who prepare a side dish to take to the shelter. BBC provided enough food for

lunch as well as dinner. The men at the shelter were very appreciative of our efforts.

Seniors' lunches. Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 8. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 9 and Sunday, Jul. 30, respectively, for the July and August lunch dates.

Junior Luhn, 1927-2017. Maynard "Junior" Luhn, passed away on Wednesday, May 31 at the age of 89. Junior joined Barnesville Baptist in May 2008. His funeral service was held at BBC on Saturday, Jun. 3. We mourn Junior's passing with his wife Arlene, daughters Ellen and Laura, and granddaughters Megan and Lara. Pray that the Lord will give the Luhn and Williams families comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead.



Congratulations to graduates. Ashley Babyak received her B.S. in Biotechnology from Stevenson University near Baltimore on May 18. Wade Williams graduated from North Laurel High School in London, KY on May 20. BBC wishes our 2017 graduating seniors the very best that life has to offer as they begin the next chapter of their lives. May God bless you all as you live to honor Him.

Work days. Thanks to the Groundsmen, Baptist Men, and ladies who have helped with all the work days we've held over the last several weekends.

By working in between and even during the rain, those faithful volunteers got the Food Ministry building up and running with electricity, air conditioning, and insulated and paneled walls, the sanctuary shutters needing repair switched out, and the flower beds weeded and mulched.



Jesse Yates, Ed Williams, and Bill Appleton working on the trench to the Food Ministry building

BBC Food ministry in the news. The BCM/D wrote an article about BBC's Food Ministry on its *Baptist Life* blog on May 18. The article was entitled "Barnesville's food outreach has become a vital ministry for the church". The BCM/D article was reprinted in the May 26 edition of the *Monocacy Monocle*. The articles can be read by clicking on the links in the web version of this *Lantern* news item or by reading a hard copy available in the church library.