



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 just finished studying in our Wednesday night prayer meetings the book of *Nahum* in God's Word. Wow, what a powerful little book of the Bible. *Nahum* is a great example of God's love and how He always keeps His promises. It is also a book about how powerful and sovereign God Almighty truly is. The prophet Nahum told Judah to be of good cheer because the city of Nineveh, the capital of its enemy Assyria, would fall: *"This is what the Lord says: 'Although they have allies and are numerous, they will be destroyed and pass away. Although I have afflicted you, Judah, I will afflict you no more. Now I will break their yoke from your neck and tear your shackles away'"* (*Nahum 1:12-13*).

The mighty nations of the Medes and Babylonians could not defeat Nineveh after many months of siege warfare, but God destroyed the entire city and all of its people with raindrops. God didn't send an army but He sent the rain and the two rivers next to Nineveh began to rise. The swelling waters broke down Nineveh's mighty walls and the city was destroyed by flooding so completely that its ruins were not found until the 19th century. *Nahum* is a great book to look at when you feel like everything is against you because it teaches us that we are to trust in God in our times of need and He will always provide. Judah's mighty enemy was destroyed by God's almighty hand. As we go through life, there will be times that we will feel like we are up against a mighty enemy and a wall of discouragement. Don't despair, rejoice and keep your faith in God for He always keeps His promises and will always be there for His children.

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Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day, Church Office closed
- July 5** Business Meeting
- July 10-14** Vacation Bible School
- July 18** Seniors' Lunch
- July 22** Baptist Men's Meeting
- July 24** Deacons' Meeting



God Bless,



Pastor Danny

"Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct" (Hebrews 13:7).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Why do geese fly in a V? The answer is all about the second of the 10 “BBC distinctives” this column started discussing in May: leadership. We have been blessed throughout the years with pastors, deacons, Sunday School teachers, and many others with and without formal titles or positions who have demonstrated caring, selfless leadership for the building-up of others in the faith. The theme picture on page 1 of this *Lantern* shows a flock of geese in their classic migration flight pattern that illustrates three key principles of leadership that we value and benefit from here at BBC.

First, geese have leaders because they know it’s easier to go in the same direction together rather than separately. Just as bicyclists and fighter jet squadrons have learned, the geese on the leading edge of the V formation take on the brunt of wind resistance and provide lift for those behind them, allowing the group to fly 70% farther together than if they were alone. In the same way, our history of effective church leadership allows us to minister in Christ’s name more successfully and share the Gospel more broadly because we do it together. Geese regularly honk to those in the front of the V, which scientists believe is a form of encouragement. We encourage our leaders to excel when we pray for them, express love, and give support and thanks for their efforts. Just as with the geese, those constant reminders that others have their back will spur our BBC leaders on to keep up their good work. *“Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct” (Hebrews 13:7).*

Second, geese follow their leaders because the leaders are working to make life better for the rest. The hard work of the geese up front allow those geese who are struggling, tired, or sick to rest and recover their strength. Jesus taught His disciples that leadership was about service to others: *“...whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant” (Matthew 20:26).* Paul followed on this theme by explaining to those in leadership at the Philippian church, *“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4).* In a church setting, leaders are expected to be experienced and proven role models in thinking about and working to care for others so they are built up into strong believers who themselves can serve and bless others.

Third, geese share the burdens of leadership. While migrating, geese take turns being on point so everyone both shoulders the load and gets a chance to rest. In a church context, the lesson from the geese is not that everyone gets to be pastor for a week, but that everyone should contribute what they can to reduce the burdens of the group. In *Exodus 18*, Moses was wearing himself out trying to serve the entire nation by himself. His father-in-law Jethro gave him valuable counsel when he recommended that Moses lean on wise and capable assistants to work alongside him. Moses was then able to focus on the most important issues and the people of Israel still received the guidance they needed.

Each goose and each church member has the ingredients needed for success in flight and in ministry. However, it’s not until good leaders bind them together can they perform at their best. That’s why leadership is a BBC distinctive.

Books of the Bible, Part 2 of 3 Scramble

Can you match each of these 19 books of the Bible with its synopsis? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Song of Solomon | A. God to use Babylonians to address injustice in Judah |
| 2. Isaiah | B. love poetry for newlyweds |
| 3. Jeremiah | C. life of a Jewish exile under Babylonian and Persian rule |
| 4. Lamentations | D. judgment and restoration coming to Israel and neighbors |
| 5. Ezekiel | E. Babylonian captivity forewarned |
| 6. Daniel | F. the Lord will rule in justice |
| 7. Hosea | G. Jesus the Prophesied King |
| 8. Joel | H. locusts plague Israel |
| 9. Amos | I. future judgment and Suffering Servant |
| 10. Obadiah | J. Babylonian captivity grieved |
| 11. Jonah | K. God is faithful but Israel is disconnected |
| 12. Micah | L. a call to rebuild the Temple |
| 13. Nahum | M. preacher of justice to Israel |
| 14. Habakkuk | N. judgment against Edom |
| 15. Zephaniah | O. wet prophet preaches repentance to Nineveh |
| 16. Haggai | P. warnings against injustice in Israel |
| 17. Zechariah | Q. judgment against Nineveh |
| 18. Malachi | R. call to return to God |
| 19. Matthew | S. marriage to an unfaithful harlot |

Books of the Bible, Part 2 of 3 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew

July Birthdays

11 Megan Malik
14 Penny Barton, Vicki Keriakos
15 Chris Frazier
22 Evelyn Haney
23 Mary Yates, Aleena Malik
26 Joe Yates
28 Jackie Cole
30 Sherri Marsh



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

- The Physical Plant budget line item was increased by \$7,000.
- A motion to put cushions on top of the old wooden pews in the balcony was referred to the Internal Administration Cmte.

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the July 2017 Business Meeting.

Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole
Bobbi Comert
Doug Heimlich, on mission trip to Germany
Junior Luhn's family at his passing
Larry Michael, recuperating from mission trip to Cuba
Liz Heimlich, sprained ankle
Nick Cole
Robin Berry, broken leg
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Bob Lillard, Flora Gilliam, Gene & Patty Bennett, 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, Dorothy Tubbe, Eddie Weston, Gail Palestine, Jody Pelligrino, Patricia Owens, Patti Watkins, Phil Brudner, Presley Musser
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



"Brother Eli finally upgraded his cell phone, now he has rotary dial."

Books of the Bible, Part 2 of 3 Scramble Answers

1. B; 2. I; 3. E; 4. J; 5. M; 6. C; 7. S; 8. H; 9. P; 10. N; 11. O; 12. F; 13. Q; 14. A; 15. D; 16. L; 17. R; 18. K; 19. G.

News You Can Use

Summer activities. Pencil in the following events on your calendar: A fun evening of bingo for the whole family will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall! There will be prizes and pizza, dessert, and drinks will be served. Please RSVP to Lisa Fedders or Tina Appleton by Sunday, Aug. 6. On Sunday, Aug. 20, there will be a cookout and swimming for the youth at Joe & Mary Yates' house after church.

Seniors' lunches. Those aged 55+ are invited to a noon meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 8. Please RSVP to Stephanie Runkles with your July entrée selection of chicken Chesapeake or baked ham by Sunday, Jul. 9 and by Sunday, Jul. 30, respectively, for the July and August lunch dates.

County fair outreach. On Thursday, Aug. 17, BBC will be at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair to man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Danny if you would like to participate in this outreach ministry. Just one contact with a person at last year's fair led to three baptisms in the following months, so this is a great opportunity to reach out to so many people with the Gospel by passing out free bottles of cold water, candy, Gideon New Testaments, and tracts.

Summer worship. On Sunday, Jul. 2, former pastor Randy Gilliam will lead the child dedication service for his grandson, Nolan David Gilliam (born last Sep. 26), during the morning worship. David & Elyse Gilliam, visiting from Colorado, are the parents, Sandy Gilliam is Nolan's grandmother, and Flora Gilliam is the proud great-grandmother. A baptism service for several people who have made recent confessions of faith will be held on Sunday, Jul. 23. The Choir will be off for the month of July.

Church picnic. The weather was perfect for our annual church picnic at Black Hills Regional Park in Boyds on Sunday, Jun. 4. The entire pavilion was filled with great fellowship and good food. An addition to the picnic was our brand-new snow cone machine, which will again be featured during VBS.



Vacation Bible School heading our way! If you haven't done so already, use our new online registration form for both kids and adults on the church website. The theme for this year's VBS is "Galactic Starveyors", which will be held Jul. 10-14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classes will be held for children from pre-K through high

school as well as adults. If you would like to help in this community missions outreach, please contact Cindy Moore or Tina Appleton. The registration picnic will start on Monday, Jul. 10 at 5:30 pm. We will also have a moon bounce on Monday. Friday will be Family Night with an ice cream social after the 7:00 pm Worship Rally. Classroom set-up and decorating the sanctuary will begin after the worship service on Sunday, Jul. 9. Lunch will be provided for those involved with the VBS preparations.

Summer improvements. A few changes around BBC include two additions and one big subtraction. The roof



of the new porch entrance to the Fellowship Hall was just installed by Head Groundsman Bill Appleton (see picture on left). Starting on Monday, Jul. 17, the new parking lot on the east side of the church will be installed, which will provide everyone a place to park as our congregation grows. On the western driveway entrance, one of our old oak trees that died was cut down by Patrick Stidham and removed by Joe Yates. Thanks to everyone who has helped maintain and improve our facilities through these projects.

Summer Bible study. Everyone is welcome to participate in the new summer Bible study series that Pastor Danny has just started on Wednesday evenings at 7:00; the next class will be held on Jul. 19 after VBS. We will be reading through the books of *I and II Timothy*. In these letters from the Apostle Paul to the young pastor Timothy, we will learn principles for leading a sound church and maintaining balance in ministry.