



# 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

During the month of July, I have been sharing from the pulpit about how we are to strengthen our prayer life and become the prayer warriors that Jesus wants us all to be. We have looked at the seven steps that we can use to bring us closer to God: (1) praying with a thankful heart, (2) dedicating ourselves to God, (3) examining ourselves to see if there is any offensive way in us, and (4) repenting of those sins. After we are right with God we can (5) lift up others with a time of supplication. We are then to (6) honor God with our love and (7) close out our prayer by committing to be all that God wants us to be.

An effective prayer life starts with our own personal, saving relationship with God and results in the ability to live out the Great Commission Jesus gave all His followers: "...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus wants us to lift our gaze beyond our own concerns and see all the lost and hurting people around us. He longs for us to realize that their souls are empty, wandering and searching for purpose, meaning and love. It should be our joy to share the good news of Jesus and His forgiveness and love. "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field'" (Matthew 9:36-38).

As we grow and deepen our walk as Christ-followers, my prayer as your pastor is that we will have truly compassionate hearts for all our friends, family members, and neighbors who don't know Jesus. It all starts with prayer. Remember how great a joy and privilege it is to approach the throne of God through prayer for others and to be used by Him to love them. I believe that this is the year of jubilee for BBC, so come join us as we march forward into the mission field with Jesus leading the way.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

**August 2** Business Meeting  
**August 8** Seniors' Lunch  
**August 12** Family Bingo Night  
**August 17** MBA Tent at Montgomery County Fair  
**August 19** Baptist Men's Breakfast  
**August 20** Youth Swim Party & BBQ  
**August 28** Deacons' Meeting



*"...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together"*  
(John 4:35-36).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

So our third of 10 “BBC distinctives” is missions. For a topic I selected in May, it’s very interesting that missions is also discussed on every other page of this *Lantern*, from the Pastor’s Spotlight linking prayer with sharing the Gospel, a motion from the July business meeting requesting additional missions giving on Page 3, and news updates on Page 4 talking about the missions efforts from VBS and planned for August at the county fair. Notice that only a few of those involved something overseas. There is as much missions work to do in our own community as there is by getting on an airplane and flying to a foreign country. What is most important is having the missions desire to share the Gospel.

Barnesville Baptist has a long history of prioritizing missions work, from the \$6 the WMU gave to home and foreign missions in 1896 to the little giving envelopes our older members recall filling for missions in the 1950s. Today, at least a third of our annual income is sent out to bless others. BBC is well known in our local association, the state convention, and even the SBC as one of the top missions giving churches, in both per capita and total giving. In the last few years BBC members have gone on both individual and sponsored missions trips to places like Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Missions support isn’t just a good tradition to celebrate, it’s a biblical practice that we should never fail to embrace. The Apostle Paul commended the Philippian church for their support to him during his missionary travels: “... *no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only...you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account*” (*Philippians 4:15-17*). I find it shocking that only one congregation helped Paul as he introduced Christianity to the Greek world. What more important missionary work has there ever been than Paul’s? The Philippians’ giving didn’t just benefit Paul, but blessed the Philippians with eternal dividends for having participated in Paul’s gospel work.

Some of our newer members may wonder how they can be part of the missions work that has and always should make BBC distinctive. Below are 10 ways anyone can get started in making missions a regular part of their Christian life. Try them and see how God blesses your desire to serve His Kingdom:

1. Giving to Southern Baptist missionaries through the Cooperative Program and the annual Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings for home and foreign missions.
2. Donating to individual missionaries and contributing supplies for others to take on a mission trip.
3. Inviting others to attend weekly services and Sunday School and special events like VBS and the Pig Pickin’.
4. Telling others what you know and believe about Jesus.
5. Sharing with family and friends how your Christian faith makes a difference in your life.
6. Helping people in need with Christian love and care.
7. Picking up or sorting food for the Food Ministry.
8. Talking to people who have already gone on missions trips.
9. Supporting BBC through regular tithes and offerings.
10. Praying for missionaries and BBC’s missions outreaches.

## Books of the Bible, Part 3 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. Mark                      | A. encouragement and cautions for persecuted believers    |
| 2. Luke                      | B. early church, ministries of Peter and Paul             |
| 3. John (& I-III)            | C. Jesus the Son of God                                   |
| 4. Acts                      | D. joy in Christ  |
| 5. Romans                    | E. advice for a young pastor to lead a sound church       |
| 6. (I and II) Corinthians    | F. request to treat a slave as a brother in Christ        |
| 7. Galatians                 | G. sin, grace, and salvation                              |
| 8. Ephesians                 | H. advice to lead an orderly church in Crete              |
| 9. Philippians               | I. contend for the faith in the face of false teachers    |
| 10. Colossians               | J. God’s final victory over sin and hell                  |
| 11. (I and II) Thessalonians | K. Christ our great high priest                           |
| 12. (I and II) Timothy       | L. advice to restore order and love in a fractured church |
| 13. Titus                    | M. Jesus the Servant                                      |
| 14. Philemon                 | N. salvation by grace, not Moses’ law                     |
| 15. Hebrews                  | O. Jesus the Son of Man                                   |
| 16. James                    | P. identity and walk in Christ                            |
| 17. (I and II) Peter         | Q. instructions for living out your faith                 |
| 18. Jude                     | R. walk in grace, peace, and love                         |
| 19. Revelation               | S. how to excel and stand firm in Christ                  |

## Books of the Bible, Part 3 of 3 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Mark, Luke, John (& I-III), Acts, Romans, (I and II) Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, (I and II) Thessalonians, (I and II) Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, (I and II) Peter, Jude, Revelation

## August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal  
11 Rick Thomas  
16 Stephanie Runkles  
17 Pauline Fowler  
20 Bill Williams  
25 Jim Gong  
26 Lee Michael  
28 Ann Bennett  
29 Paul Meissner  
30 Matthew Cole  
31 Bob Runkles



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:*

- A motion to provide monthly financial support to Bridging the Nations Ministries International for Cuba missions was referred to the Outreach Cmte.

*Expected at the August Business Meeting:*

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to increase spending authority for the Pickup Truck BLI by \$4,000 and the Ministry Reimbursement BLI by \$2,500.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will report back on a motion to put cushions on the balcony pews.

## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
Bobbi Comert  
Dennis Bryson  
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



## Books of the Bible, Part 3 of 3 Scramble Answers

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

## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School a good time.* The motto of “Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible!” was called out on the evenings of Jul. 10-14 during our outer space-themed VBS, Galactic Star-veyors. Thank you to everyone who helped



make VBS 2017 a success, especially to those in the classroom, crafts, recreation, snacks, and behind the scenes. Your service in building God’s Kingdom and sharing His Gospel is appreciated. The enrollment was 56. The missions offering totaled \$1,173 and 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.

*Summer activities.* The fun and Christian fellowship of VBS week didn’t stop with the Friday night ice cream social! 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, Aug. 8. If you’re wondering whether to sign up, ask any of the 23 seniors who thoroughly enjoyed the July meal. Please RSVP to Stephanie Runkles by Sunday, Jul. 30 for the August event.

*Fall activities to start up soon.* September is coming sooner than you think. Activities that will resume from their summer hiatus include Choir Practice on Aug. 29 and monthly WMU meetings and the lunches with Watkins Cabinet after Labor Day.

*Baby bottle campaign results.* Thanks to all who collected spare change for Care Net of Frederick between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. All the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters delivered to BBC in those baby bottles in support of crisis pregnancy counseling and ministry totaled \$688.84.

*County fair outreach.* On Thursday, Aug. 17, BBC will be at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair to man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth from 3:00 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 salvation decisions and 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.

*Pianist milestone.* On Sunday, Jul. 16, BBC recognized Jan Burdette for over 30 years of faithful service as our pianist. We thank God for her musical talent and willingness to share it with others so that our worship is enhanced. From Christmas and Easter cantatas to weddings and funerals to offertory specials and every-Sunday hymns, Jan has been a blessing to our choir and congregation; we are so appreciative of the many decades of dedication she has given to the Lord.



*Summer Bible study.* Everyone is welcome to participate in the summer Bible study series that Pastor Danny is teaching on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We will be finishing up *I Timothy* in early August and starting *II Timothy* in the second half of the month. 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.

*New parking lot.* We are pleased to announce that additional parking is now available on the east side of the sanctuary so



that everyone will be able to have a real parking space. The new lot isn’t just a facilities upgrade; it’s a concrete—or asphalt—way of showing both first-time visitors and long-time members that there’s always room at God’s house for them.