



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

It is hard to believe that September is already here; summer has gone by so fast. We have seen God work in so many different ways in our lives and in His church in June, July, and August. We have celebrated new life in Christ through salvations and baptisms and many of our prayers have been answered. We are blessed and I am so excited about the future of God's church here at BBC. We must stay focused on God and give Him all the glory and honor that He deserves. I thought of how privileged the Apostle John was to look within the gates of heaven and how he tried to describe the glorified Jesus. John began by saying in *Revelation 1:17-18*: "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!'" Then as we read on we see how John once again was trying to describe Jesus in *Revelation 14:1*: "Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion". Brothers and sisters, our number one objective as we look to Jesus is to worship Him just as John did with awe and honor and praise.

Even when Jesus was here on this earth without all the dazzling glory of heaven, people were still drawn to Him. We can read this in *John 1:29* when another John, Jesus' baptizing cousin, said: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Despite all the people around John the Baptist, when Jesus arrived, nothing else attracted his attention as much as Jesus did. That John knew that Jesus was the One who came to redeem us by His blood. When we accept Jesus' offer of forgiveness and salvation, we can say in a very personal way, just like John the Baptist, that we have beheld the Lamb of God and we have seen Him take away our sins. Rejoice, then. In a little while, when your tears are wiped away from your eyes, you will see the same Lamb exalted on His throne, and then you will rejoice knowing that you will be with Him for all eternity. It is a privilege and joy to walk hand in hand with Jesus and know that you are fellowshiping with and worshipping the Lamb of God, Jesus, who took away your sins.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

September 4 Labor Day, Church Office Closed
September 6 Business Meeting
September 11 WMU Meeting
September 15 Watkins Cabinet Lunch
September 16 Baptist Men's Breakfast; C&O Canal Bike Ride
September 18 Deacons' Meeting



"...From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

As you enter the BBC sanctuary through the main doors and you look down the center aisle, what will you first see? A large open Bible in the English language, sitting atop the communion table. That might seem extremely obvious and uninteresting, but the decision to have the Bible front and center, available and accessible, speaks to the fourth BBC distinctive, a high view of Scripture. We do not look to tradition or institutions like the SBC for spiritual guidance and direction or right standing with God. Instead, everything we believe and do as Christians and as a church is firmly grounded in the Bible, the vehicle by which God has communicated to us His truth for all time. I would like to emphasize three practical ways how a high view of Scripture protects and upholds a church body, and why BBC stands on that principle.

First, looking to the Bible as the sole basis of truth and right gives us an objective standard to judge subjective experiences. In other words, when someone makes a claim about what “God says”, we have a way to test whether that claim is true. The Apostle Paul warned the young pastor Timothy of the need for spiritual discernment so that the church was not swept away by false teachings. “...In latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...” (I Timothy 4:1). For example, if someone said that “God told me thus and so in a dream” or “I feel in my heart that Jesus wants us to do that”, we can compare that individual belief with the unchanging truth in God’s Word and see if they are compatible. If that personal experience or position is not supported by or does not agree with the Bible, then it should be rejected and dismissed.

Second, holding the Bible in higher regard than any individual preacher, leader, or friend is necessary for the ties among a body of believers to be strong enough to withstand trials and tribulations. The Apostle Paul counseled the Corinthian church not to be swept up by personalities, which had fractured that congregation into cliques. “Now I say this, that each of you says, ‘I am of Paul,’ or ‘I am of Apollos,’ or ‘I am of Cephas,’ or ‘I am of Christ.’ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul” (I Corinthians 1:12-13)? Individual pastors, ministry leaders, and friends will come and go, but only a common bond and belief in learning and living out biblical truths will bind and grow churchgoers into a lifelong spiritual family.

Third, following the Bible in matters of faith and practice allows us to avoid the controversies engulfing other denominations. In Psalm 119:165, we read of the blessing of walking in biblical truth: “Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble”. It is sad to see so many churches being reported on in the media not for their efforts to spread the Gospel or for the effectiveness of their ministry outreach, but because their membership numbers are falling and different camps are threatening to split off from the main group. Once strong and vibrant churches are collapsing because they cannot agree on whether to follow the clear teachings of Scripture or to accommodate modern sensibilities. We as Southern Baptists are blessed that when our denomination came to a similar crossroad in the late 1970s and early ‘80s, godly leaders were elected who stood up for biblical truth.

For all these reasons, BBC holds to a high view of scripture.

Scripture Superlatives Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 Bible characters with the trait or quality that they’re best (or least) known for? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Cruellest | A. Belshazzar |
| 2. Fastest | B. Paul |
| 3. Fattest | C. Solomon |
| 4. First | D. Zaccheus |
| 5. Guiltiest | E. Goliath |
| 6. Meekest | F. Esther |
| 7. Most Doubtful | G. Manasseh |
| 8. Most Lovestruck | H. Job |
| 9. Most Persecuted | I. Judas |
| 10. Most Scared | J. Adam |
| 11. Most Sorrowful | K. Moses |
| 12. Most Traveled | L. Nebuchadnezzar |
| 13. Oldest | M. Jeremiah |
| 14. Prettiest | N. Eglon |
| 15. Proudest | O. Asahel |
| 16. Rashest | P. Samson |
| 17. Shortest | Q. Jacob |
| 18. Strongest | R. Thomas |
| 19. Tallest | S. Jephthah |
| 20. Wisest | T. Methusaleh |

Scripture Superlatives Word Search

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

Word Bank: Adam, Asahel, Belshazzar, Eglon, Esther, Goliath, Jacob, Jephthah, Jeremiah, Job, Judas, Manasseh, Methusaleh, Moses, Nebuchadnezzar, Paul, Samson, Solomon, Thomas, Zaccheus

September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole
 Dennis Bryson
 Nick Cole
 Charlie Driver, Michaela Driver's grandfather, for upcoming surgery
 Dot Fowler
 The family of Jane Fowler at her passing
 Randy & Sandy Gilliam, traveling overseas
 Cathy Rockenhauser, Michaela Driver's grandmother, for upcoming surgery
 the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
 Seniors: Bob Lillard, Flora Gilliam, Gene & Patty Bennett, 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).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

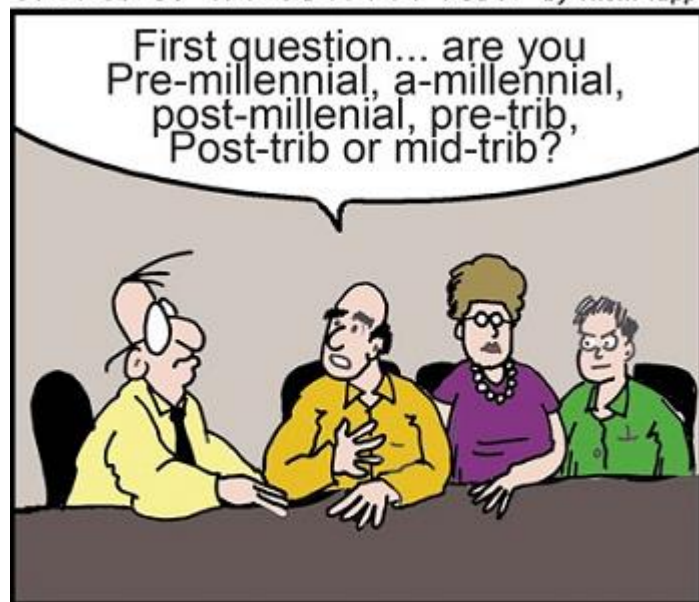
- The Church passed a motion to increase spending authority for the Pickup Truck BLI by \$4,000 and the Ministry Reimbursement BLI by \$2,500.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- A motion to appoint messengers for the 82nd Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 15 at Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, will be offered.
- A motion to appoint messengers for the BCM/D annual convention, being held Nov. 12-13 in Upper Marlboro, MD, will be offered.
- The Outreach Cmte. will recommend a motion to provide monthly financial support to Bridging the Nations Ministries International for Cuba missions.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



The pulpit committee has heard one too many end-times sermons.

Scripture Superlatives Scramble Answers

1. G (II Chronicles 33); 2. O (II Samuel 2:18); 3. N (Judges 3:7); 4. J (Genesis 2:7); 5. I (Matthew 27:3-5); 6. K (Numbers 12:3); 7. R (John 20:25); 8. Q (Genesis 29:18-20); 9. H (Job 1-2); 10. A (Daniel 5:6); 11. M (Lamentations 1:12); 12. B (Acts 15:36); 13. T (Genesis 5:27); 14. F (Esther 2:7); 15. L (Daniel 4); 16. S (Judges 11:30); 17. D (Luke 19:3-4); 18. P (Judges 14:6); 19. E (I Samuel 17:4); 20. C (I Kings 3:12).

News You Can Use

Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware. The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. The BCM/D-wide goal for 2017 is \$150,000. BBC's goal this year is \$1,000, which will help teenagers attend camps to learn about Jesus and develop leadership skills; teach collegians about Jesus and how to



share their faith with others; enable Disaster Relief volunteers to care deeply for individuals and

families drastically affected by floods and other natural disasters; and support the soul care of church planters and others who vigorously share their faith throughout our region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

Fall activities. The Choir has restarted its Tuesday practices at 7:00 pm and is need of new members, both men and women. Please talk to Choir Director Paul Foster if you are interested in this important component of our Sunday worship. WMU meetings will resume on Monday, Sep. 11; talk to Linda Roberts for details. Ann Bennett will start up fall bell choir practices on Thursday, Sep. 14 at 7:00 pm. All interested participants may come and give it a try. Inability to read music is not a problem. Lunch with Watkins Cabinet is scheduled for Friday, Sep. 15.

Baptism services. On Sunday, Jul. 30 we were blessed to witness the baptism of our new brother in Christ Dennis



Bryson upon his profession of faith in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. On Sunday, Aug. 6 we celebrated communion as well as the baptism of Debbie Baxter and rededication of Nick Cole who both have called on

the powerful name of Jesus Christ for hope, peace, joy, and victory in their lives. We praise God for the great works He has and will continue to accomplish through His gift of salvation offered to all. We will have another baptism service on Sunday, Sep. 10 in the creek at Roy & Maggie Leibbrand's farm after the worship hour at 19715 Mouth of Monocacy Rd. in Dickerson.



Jane Fowler, 1943-2017. Jane Fowler passed away on Aug. 20 at the age of 73. Jane was a faithful BBC member for over 11 years, serving as a Choir and Bell Choir member, on the Outreach Committee, and in the Card Ministry. A homecoming service was held for a large group of family and friends at BBC on Aug. 23. We mourn Jane's passing with her daughter Penny Barton, sister and brother-in-law Pauline & Eddie Fowler, and pray that the Lord will give the Fowler and Barton families comfort and strength.



BBC at the fair. On Thursday, Aug. 18, BBC was at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, passing out Gideon New Testaments, candy and small toys, and evangelistic tracts. Over the course of four hours, almost 60 English and



Spanish testaments were handed out to fairgoers. We were able to talk at length and pray with two people concerning their relationship with Jesus. Thanks to Lee Michael and Danny & Cindy Moore for representing both BBC and the Montgomery Baptist Association to the local community.

C&O Canal bike ride. Be sure to sign up for the third annual bike ride on the C&O Canal which will be held on Saturday, Sep. 16 after being rained out this past spring. The 11.4-mile round trip ride will start at 11:30 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.

Youth events. Thanks to Lisa Fedders and Tina Appleton for organizing the youth bingo night on Aug. 12 and to Joe & Mary Yates for hosting the swimming party on Aug. 20. Kids of all ages enjoyed the warm fellowship and good food at both events. Fall events include the bonfire and corn maze at Summers Farm on Saturday, Oct. 14 and the Sugarloaf hayride and cookout on Saturday, Nov. 4.

