



# 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 seems to me that when autumn comes our spirits are filled with joy, love, and thankfulness. When the fall season brings cool mornings and evenings and the trees and their colorful leaves paint a picture of beauty everywhere you look, it seems easier for our hearts to turn toward thanksgiving and praise. People seem to love each other a little more. Family and friends begin making plans for the Thanksgiving holiday. This season is a great time to reflect on the many blessings we received in the past year and to say thank you to the Lord for the coming year that will also be filled with His love, protection, and provision.

So this Thanksgiving season, let's turn our hearts to God and seek Him out for His guidance and direction in the days ahead. Fear and worry are part of our everyday lives, but if we seek out Jesus and His love daily, His mercy and compassion will refresh us every morning even more than the crisp fall air. It all starts with trusting Jesus for everything. *Luke 12:29-32* tells us to seek out Jesus and He will do the rest: *"And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom"*. Jesus told His followers that He cares for us much more than the birds of the air or the flowers in bloom, neither of which lack food or clothing. If they are taken care of, we can be certain that we will lack for nothing.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and to say thank you to the Lord. So let us, as *Psalm 26:7* says, proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all His wondrous works by taking time this Thanksgiving season to reflect upon and praise God for His mercy, love, and guidance for the days ahead. True thanksgiving comes from your heart!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- November 1** Business Meeting
- November 4** Youth Hayride and Hot Dog Roast
- November 17** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- November 18** Baptist Men's Meeting; Clean-Up Day
- November 22** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- November 23** Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



*"... I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord" (I Samuel 1:28).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Prayer is a key part of Barnesville Baptist's identity, so it is our sixth "BBC distinctive". We pray a lot. We pray to open and close the Sunday morning worship service. We pray before the offering and before the sermon. We pray over the children after their story time. We take prayer requests from the congregation for both concerns and praises before praying together. We pray before meals and meetings. We send out emails and Facebook posts so that we can pray for each other throughout the week. We come together on Wednesday nights for prayer meeting. The pastor prays before he preaches, the deacons pray before they serve, and Sunday School teachers pray before they teach. Why do we do so much praying? Let me offer a few reasons:

First, prayer is not optional for followers of Christ. In *Matthew 5:6-7*, Jesus instructed His disciples about prayer for three verses in a row with the words "...when you pray", not "if you pray". Prayer is how we communicate with the Lord, so it is impossible to have a relationship with Him without prayer.

Second, prayer is important to God. The Lord finds it so valuable that He assists us to pray. Paul explained that "...we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us..." (*Romans 8:26*).

Third, one of the core reasons the church exists is so that we can pray together. We can see in *Acts 1* and *2* that the church was formed when the first Christians were together in one place in in one accord. One of the key roles of the early church in Jerusalem was that they "...continued steadfastly in...prayers" (*Acts 2:42*).

Fourth, prayer gives us the power to minister. From an earthly perspective, the early church was small, weak, and unpopular. But they were able to reach many for Christ with the message of the Gospel despite opposition and persecution because they were empowered to do mighty things through prayer. "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness" (*Acts 4:31*).

Fifth, prayer reaches beyond us. God works in amazing ways when His people pray. We may not be able to heal the sick, support the poor, or console the hurting and suffering around the world, but our prayers can reach far beyond our physical abilities. Paul told the Corinthian church that even though they were not together, their prayers blessed him. "...You also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf..." (*II Corinthians 1:11*).

Sixth, prayer unifies and protects us as a congregation. "...In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (*Philippians 4:6*). When we pray together, our hearts and spirits synchronize. We become closer to each other as we become closer to God and His will for us as individuals, families, and a church. When we grow together in prayer, our ability to love others, share the gospel, and defend ourselves from spiritual opposition all increase.

For all these reasons and more, prayer is a vital piece of our BBC identity that gives us purpose, power, and protection.

# Biblical Calling Event Scramble

Can you place these 20 people with their correct calling? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Aaron             | A. deacon                          |
| 2. Abraham           | B. defeat Philistines              |
| 3. Apollos           | C. first king of Israel            |
| 4. Barnabas          | D. defeat Canaanites               |
| 5. Deborah           | E. succeed Elijah                  |
| 6. Ehud              | F. help Paul                       |
| 7. Elisha            | G. evangelist                      |
| 8. Jephthah          | H. first high priest of Israel     |
| 9. Jeroboam          | I. defeat Mesopotamians            |
| 10. John the Baptist | J. free Israel                     |
| 11. Joseph           | K. sell all and follow Christ      |
| 12. Matthias         | L. rule over brothers              |
| 13. Moses            | M. preacher                        |
| 14. Noah             | N. replace Judas Iscariot          |
| 15. Othniel          | O. defeat Ammonites                |
| 16. Philip           | P. prepare the way for the Messiah |
| 17. rich young ruler | Q. defeat Moabites                 |
| 18. Samson           | R. king of 10 northern tribes      |
| 19. Saul             | S. leave home                      |
| 20. Stephen          | T. build ark                       |

# Biblical Calling Word Search

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

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Word Bank: Aaron, Abraham, Apollos, Barnabas, Deborah, Ehud, Elisha, Jephthah, Jeroboam, John the Baptist, Joseph, Matthias, Moses, Noah, Othniel, Philip, rich young ruler, Samson, Saul, Stephen

## November Birthdays

- 4 Laura Luhn, Matt Burriss
- 5 Randy Gilliam
- 6 Sam Berry
- 11 Brenda Cross
- 12 Cris Driver
- 15 Carol Williams
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Resha Layman
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream
- 29 Connie Connelly



## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
Carol Williams, broken ankle  
Dennis Bryson  
Janet Magruder  
Nancy Taylor  
Nick Cole  
Pauline Fowler  
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, Donald Jericho, Dorothy Tubbe, Gail Palestine, Jody Pelligrino, Patricia Owens, Patti Watkins, Phil Brudner, Presley Musser; Charlie Driver; Cathy Rockenhauser  
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 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting in October:*

- Lisa Fedders was elected to serve on the Outreach Cmte. for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term for the Cards Ministry, vice Jane Fowler, deceased, as was Tina Appleton to serve on the Worship Cmte. for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term.
- The Outreach Cmte. motions to increase spending authority for the Outreach budget line item (BLI) by \$1,200 and to pay for the meals of children 16 and under at the Dec. 10 Christmas dinner were approved.
- The Education Cmte. motion to increase spending authority for the Youth BLI by \$500 passed.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. motion to increase spending authority for the Physical Plant BLI by \$13,000 passed.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2018 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 5.
- The Church approved the membership applications of Roy Leibrand, by statement; and Maggie, Hannah, and Elsie Leibrand, each by profession of faith and baptism on Sep. 10.

*Expected at the November Business Meeting:*

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

## Biblical Calling Event Scramble Answers

1. H (Leviticus 8:2); 2. S (Genesis 12:1-2); 3. M (Acts 18:24-26); 4. F (Acts 11:22-30); 5. D (Judges 4:4-9); 6. Q (Judges 3:15); 7. E (II Kings 2); 8. O (Judges 11:29); 9. R (I Kings 11:26-40); 10. P (Luke 1:76-80); 11. L (Genesis 37:5-9); 12. N (Acts 1:23-26); 13. J (Exodus 3); 14. T (Genesis 6:14); 15. I (Judges 3:9-10); 16. G (Acts 8); 17. K (Matthew 19:16-21); 18. B (Judges 13:24-25); 19. C (I Samuel 9); 20. A (Acts 6).



## News You Can Use

**Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 10.** The Christmas Party will be held at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:00 pm with dinner served about 5:45 pm. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Kids ages 16 and under are the guests of BBC. Join us for good food, activities, and fellowship to get the Christmas season started. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, Nov. 29 to Gary or Jan Burdette by cash or check made payable to BBC. Due to their travel plans prior to the party, they will not be able to honor reservations after the 29th.

**Fall fellowships.** October was a busy month for fellowships. Starting on Saturday, Oct. 7, BBC enjoyed the annual pig pickin' dinner with a gospel bluegrass concert performed by the Barrettones. Over 50 people had a good time at the youth bonfire and corn maze at Summers Farm in Frederick on Saturday, Oct. 14. On Saturday, Oct.



21, 31 men enjoyed the food and fellowship at the fourth annual Beast Feast at Roy Leibrand's farm in Dickerson. Good food and



friendship were plentiful, and the evening was capped off with a presentation from Kairos Prison Ministry about its gospel work with incarcerated men. The next youth event is a hayride to Sugarloaf and a hot dog roast planned for Saturday, Nov. 4 at 4:00 pm. All are invited!



**Fall clean-up day.** On Saturday, Nov. 18 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.

**Get ready for Operation Christmas Child.** You can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children around the world by packing a shoebox with toys. Brochures containing gift ideas and labels for the boxes are available in the church vestibule. The WMU needs your donations no later than Monday, Nov. 20.



**MBA annual meeting report.** Two BBC messengers attended the 82<sup>nd</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Georgia Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 15. Five new churches received full membership affiliation and three churches were granted watch care status for future membership.

**State missions offering report.** As of press time, BBC has given \$430, which is only 43% of our 2017 goal of \$1,000. Thank you to all who have given so far; our offerings are vital to the ongoing church planting and evangelism efforts in Maryland and Delaware.

**Calendar planning meeting.** Church officers and ministry leaders are requested to attend a working lunch on Sunday, Nov. 19 to schedule major activities for 2018 immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"And then I said 'would it KILL you to be quiet in business meeting just once?'"