



# 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

While 2017 was an awesome year for us here at BBC, a new year—2018—is beginning. We can all reflect back on the past year and realize that there has been tremendous spiritual and physical growth in the family here at BBC. There have also been times of celebration and grief and times of health and sickness. We can remember 2017 with gladness in our hearts, knowing that Jesus has blessed us all beyond any of our imaginations. But we must also live focused on today's needs and challenges and look toward the future with optimism and hope.

In *Lamentations*, the prophet Jeremiah was heartbroken over the Babylonians' plundering and destruction of Jerusalem, the capital city and the home of the Temple. Yet in the midst of his great sorrow, Jeremiah recognized two important things. First, God's compassions, His tender mercies, never fail to come to those who trust Him. No matter what a day may bring, God's love, kindness, and grace are freely given and renewed day by day in the lives of those who love Him. God provides us His help, strength, rest, and peace through Jesus Christ. *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (*Lamentations 3:22-23*). Second, Jeremiah acknowledged that no matter how things may seem, God is faithful. That is why we can look toward 2018 with hope, love, joy, and peace. Jesus, our great Shepherd of the sheep, will lead us to quiet waters and green pastures.

There is a real excitement lying ahead for each one of us in the coming year. We pray that the Lord's will shall be done in our lives in a way that honors Him. May the Lord bless each one of you in 2018 with wisdom, strength, and faith, and may the Christ Candle shine brightly in all of our lives this coming new year.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year's Day
- January 3** Business Meeting
- January 19** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- January 20** Baptist Men's Meeting
- January 21** Baptist Men's Day Breakfast & Service



*"Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart...that I may show these signs of Mine before him...that you may know that I am the Lord"* (*Exodus 10:1-2*).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2016, and now the year 2017 has already gone on its way. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing)? Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: Baptist Men's Day with guest speaker Mike Nickerson, launch of upgraded BBC website

February: Love Our Seniors luncheon served, two baby dedications and two baptisms, Youth bowl

March: Witnessing Seminar with missionary Jeff Lovin

April: Seder meal with Rabbi-Pastor Robert Pristoop, Easter celebrated with "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb" cantata and bell choir performance, Food Ministry building delivered, Youth play bingo

May: BBQ lunch served at Rockville homeless shelter, passing of Junior Luhn

June: missionaries Matt & Ellen Zell visit, church picnic held in Boyds

July: Galactic Starveyors VBS, one baptized, one child dedicated, new parking lot installed, dead oak tree cut down

August: MBA tent at county fair, passing of Jane Fowler, two baptized, Youth swim and play bingo

September: five baptized in creek

October: Pig Pickin' and Barretones bluegrass gospel concert, men enjoy Beast Feast, youth and families take on Summers Farm corn maze, ladies retreat to Lancaster, PA

November: Youth and families enjoy hayride to Sugarloaf and bonfires, two baptized, minivan purchased

December: Christmas celebrated with bell choir performance and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Christmas cantata, passing of Bob Lillard

God has certainly blessed BBC in the past year with many opportunities to engage in discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and worship. As we look forward to 2018, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

*"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works..." (Hebrews 10:24).*

## Signs & Memorials Scramble

Can you place these signs and memorials with their meanings? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. 10 plagues              | A. Hezekiah's recovery                        |
| 2. 12 stones               | B. God's power to unbelievers                 |
| 3. anointing of Jesus      | C. birth of the Savior                        |
| 4. broken altar            | D. God's provision in the desert              |
| 5. circumcision            | E. God's answer to Gideon's prayers           |
| 6. Communion               | F. incarnation of Christ                      |
| 7. dedication of firstborn | G. God rested after creation                  |
| 8. Feast of Tabernacles    | H. tribes of Israel                           |
| 9. manna                   | I. Abrahamic covenant                         |
| 10. Passover               | J. God's power and might                      |
| 11. Purim                  | K. God's promise not to flood the world again |
| 12. rainbow                | L. Christ's body and blood                    |
| 13. Sabbath                | M. Israel's hasty departure from Egypt        |
| 14. slow sundial           | N. God's strength                             |
| 15. speaking in tongues    | O. Israel's deliverance from Egypt            |
| 16. high priest's ephod    | P. Mary's devotion to Jesus                   |
| 17. swaddling clothes      | Q. Josiah's restoration of true worship       |
| 18. unleavened bread       | R. lamb's blood spared Israel from judgment   |
| 19. virgin birth           | S. Israel crossing the Jordan River           |
| 20. wet & dry fleeces      | T. deliverance from Haman's plot              |

## Signs & Memorials Word Search

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

Word Bank: plagues, stones, anointing, broken altar, circumcision, Communion, firstborn, Tabernacles, manna, Passover, Purim, rainbow, Sabbath, sundial, tongues, ephod, swaddling clothes, unleavened, virgin birth, fleeces

## January Birthdays

- 1** Jack Cooley
- 8** Flora Gilliam, Scott Foster, Hannah Leibrand
- 10** Lois Hogue
- 11** Jesse Yates
- 15** Sara Oden
- 19** Joe Connelly Jr.
- 22** Leslie Foster
- 24** Dennis Bryson



## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
Janet Magruder  
Nancy Taylor  
Nick Cole  
Pauline Fowler  
the family of Bob Lillard at his passing  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Seniors: 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, 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 Monthly Business Meeting in  
December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee's motion to approve its 2018 Budget proposal.
- The Church adopted a by-law on memorials and commemorations.
- A motion to commemorate eight late church members with engraved nameplates on a multi-name plaque in recognition of the gifts given in their memory was approved.
- The Church approved the membership applications of Dennis Bryson, by profession of faith and baptism on Jul. 23; and Michelle Cole and Deven Cole, each by profession of faith and baptism on Nov. 5.

*Expected at the January Business Meeting:*

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2017 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2017 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.
- The Pastor will nominate Danny & Cindy Moore and Lee Michael to serve as messengers to the 2018 Southern Baptist Convention being held in Dallas, TX on Jun. 12-13.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to create a Minivan Restricted Fund for the purpose of receiving restricted receipts to pay down the principal for the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica minivan.

## Signs & Memorials Scramble Answers

**1. J** (II Kings 20:8-11); **2. S** (I Corinthians 14:20-23); **3. P** (Luke 2:12); **4. Q** (Exodus 16:32); **5. I** (Judges 6:36-40); **6. L** (Isaiah 7:14); **7. N** (Exodus 31:13-17); **8. O** (Exodus 28:12); **9. D** (Genesis 17:10-11); **10. R** (Exodus 10:2); **11. T** (Genesis 9:12-17); **12. K** (Luke 22:19); **13. G** (Exodus 13:7-9); **14. A** (Exodus 13:11-16); **15. B** (Leviticus 23:39-43); **16. H** (Matthew 26:6-13); **17. C** (I Kings 13:1-5); **18. M** (Exodus 12:11-14); **19. F** (Joshua 4:7); **20. E** (Esther 9:28).

## News You Can Use

**Lottie Moon offering.** Gifts received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stand at \$1,125, which is 56% of our 2017 goal of \$2,000; the national goal is \$160 million. Together, we and the International Mission Board (IMB) are able to send out more than 4,000 missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. Last year, IMB missionaries planted 4,500 churches and led 87,000 people to Christ. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.

**Christmas activities.** The month of December was chock full of worship and fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The festivities started with the annual



*The Baptist Men giving Christmas gift bags to the kids on Sunday, Dec. 17*

Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 10 at St. Mary's Pavilion. Thanks to Gary & Jan Burdette for organizing the meal and games. On Sunday, Dec. 17, Pastor Danny & Cindy hosted a parsonage open house for over

70. The month-long celebration concluded with a candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

**Baptist Men and WMU.** Consider joining the men's or women's groups this coming year. The WMU gathers on the second Monday morning of each month and the Baptist Men meet every third Saturday for breakfast. Baptist Men's Day 2018 will start with the men cooking breakfast for the church on Sunday, Jan. 21. Join the men at 8:30 am for a buffet of pancakes, eggs, and other good food. The men will then lead the morning service, to include the annual singing performance of the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir.

**Choirs celebrate Christmas.** The Bell Choir, under the direction of Ann Bennett, skillfully performed three tunes on Sunday, Dec. 10. Thanks goes to the Choir, led by Paul Foster, for its excellent vocal and video presentation on Sunday, Dec. 18 of the cantata "O Little Town of Bethlehem". If you like to sing or ring, or would like to try, please consider joining these groups. The Choir practices on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. On Jan. 11, the Bell Choir will start practicing Easter music on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

**Birthday updates requested.** The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

**J. Robert Lillard, 1931-2017.** Bob Lillard passed away on Dec. 8 at the age of 86. Bob was a faithful BBC member for over 69 years, serving as a trustee, usher, and teller. About 150 family and friends attended the Dec. 16 funeral service at BBC. We mourn Bob's passing with his daughter & son-in-law Jan & Gary Burdette and sister Rebecca Umstead and pray that the Lord will give them comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead.



**Go paperless in 2018.** BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required.

**Snow policy.** As we enter the season of snow and ice, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe for your family to travel on a given Sunday. Services will be held for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on Facebook as well as emailed. We ask that Sunday School teachers and other leaders call in their absences to the Church office as soon as possible.

## COTCD Cartoon

