



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

February is here and we still haven't gotten much snow. I don't know about you but I am still praying for a really good snowfall. One of the things I love about snow days is that everyone slows down. Families eat together, pray together, and actually talk to each other. I am so thankful that here at BBC we are truly family. We worship together, we fellowship together, we cry together, and we laugh together. We are family, and as family we must keep on watching out for each other. We can do that by praying for each other, encouraging each other, holding each other accountable to God's Word, and standing with each other hand-in-hand as we allow God to take on our battles against Satan and his evil followers.

"...You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you" (II Chronicles 20:17).

God's Word tells us to stand firm against Satan, trust in the name of the Lord, and to put on the full armor of God. *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes" (Ephesians 6:10-11).* As we move forward in God's plan for His church here at BBC, Satan will attack us and he will try to destroy the good work that God has given us to do. But when we set aside distractions to our spiritual walk, live in faithful obedience as Christ's followers, and rest in the confidence that God is our strength, we will be victorious! Our salvation is assured. Nothing has or ever will overcome God's mighty Word. Our God reigns! The last instruction found in *Ephesians 6:18* tells us to *"...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people"*. Let's never stop bathing each other, our church, and our Christian witness and service to our community in prayer. We are stronger together! Hope to see you each and every Sunday as we worship God together!



God Bless,

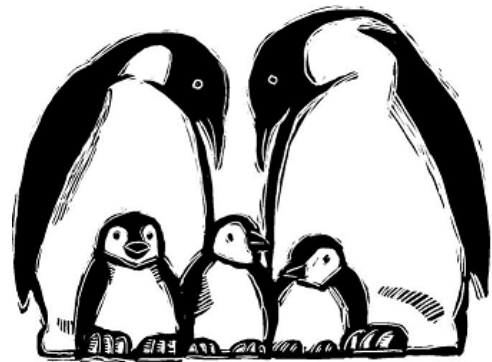
Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- February 7** Business Meeting
- February 13** Love Our Seniors Lunch
- February 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- February 17** Baptist Men's Meeting
- February 24** Youth Bowling



"...Let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband" (Ephesians 5:33).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It's been a few months since we last discussed BBC's distinctives—the spiritual qualities and ministry priorities that make BBC what it is--so it's time to continue our top 10 list with #7: outreach. Chances are that before you experienced BBC's worship style or learned about our doctrinal beliefs you encountered our efforts to reach out to friends, relatives, and the local community with kindness and service in Christ's name. Jesus taught His disciples that salt without flavor is useless. No one will know how salty we are if we stay in our saltshaker, so we have to leave our nice, warm sanctuary and engage people where they are. *“Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house” (Matthew 5:15).* For those who aren't Christians, receiving an invitation to a church barbecue at a park is a much more comfortable introduction to Christians and Christianity than having to enter a sanctuary and be expected to sing in public. That's why we emphasize activities like Vacation Bible School and youth hayrides. When people see that we are friendly and open and that their children are having fun, we will have openings to share the Gospel and invite them to Sunday School and worship services.

Communication is also a key part of BBC's outreach. With today's technology, people can listen to a past Sunday's sermon, watch a bell choir performance, read this newsletter, and send us a message from anywhere. Email, our church website, and our Facebook page are great tools for people to learn about Barnesville Baptist. We know that people driving past our church are reading our marquee sign because we have received emails and calls from complete strangers in response. But nothing can top personal relationships. *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).* Visiting shut-ins and those who are in the hospital, picking up the phone, or sending a handwritten card lets people know we care enough to take the time to seek them out. Such efforts don't go unnoticed by the families and friends of the elderly, the sick, and the bereaved.

Outreach is also practical, addressing real needs. When people are in need or in pain, there is no comparison between telling them that God loves them and showing them that God loves them. James, the brother of Jesus, asked in his epistle: *“If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit” (James 2:15-16)?* That is why our Food Ministry has become such an important part of our outreach. Each week dozens of people come by for free groceries and stick around to ask for prayer, spiritual guidance, and copies of God's Word.

I am certain that one of the reasons why God has blessed us as a church family is that we have a heart for outreach and service. Let us continue to seek out new ways to show the Lord's timeless love and grace to a lost and dark world full of hurting people. They will respond to Him if we remain faithful to His Word and His work. *“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself” (John 12:32).*

Biblical Couples Scramble

Can you place these biblical grooms with their brides? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Abraham | A. Priscilla |
| 2. Adam | B. Rebekah |
| 3. Agrippa | C. Sapphira |
| 4. Ahasuerus | D. Drusilla |
| 5. Amram | E. Ahinoam |
| 6. Ananias | F. Naomi |
| 7. Aquila | G. Salome |
| 8. Boaz | H. Hannah |
| 9. Chuza | I. Zipporah |
| 10. Elimelech | J. Rachel |
| 11. Elkanah | K. Joanna |
| 12. Felix | L. Ruth |
| 13. Isaac | M. Abigail |
| 14. Jacob | N. Asenath |
| 15. Joseph | O. Jochebed |
| 16. Moses | P. Elisabeth |
| 17. Nabal | Q. Esther |
| 18. Saul | R. Sarah |
| 19. Zacharias | S. Eve |
| 20. Zebedee | T. Bernice |

Biblical Couples Word Search

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

Word Bank: Abraham, Adam, Agrippa, Ahasuerus, Amram, Ananias, Aquila, Boaz, Chuza, Elimelech, Elkanah, Felix, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Nabal, Saul, Zacharias, Zebedee

February Birthdays

- 3** Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
7 Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko
9 Trudy Meissner
10 Carole Kears
12 Luke Fedders
20 Janet Magruder
23 Billy Mossburg



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in January:

- The Treasurer submitted his Annual Report on the 2017 fiscal year.
- The Pastor appointed the Deacons to serve on the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2017 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.
- An Internal Administration Cmte. 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 was adopted.
- The Church approved the nominations of 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.

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- The Outreach Cmte. will offer a motion to modify the Cooperative Program budget line item (BLI) from the greater of \$10,000 or 10% of regular receipts to the greater of \$10,000 or 8% of regular receipts; (B) modify the Montgomery Baptist Association BLI from \$6,000 to the greater of \$10,000 or 5% of regular receipts; and (C) create a Minimum Missions Offerings BLI of \$2,000 under the Outreach Cmte., half designated for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in April 2018, and half for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December 2018.

Biblical Couples Scramble Answers

- 1. R** (Genesis 11:29); **2. S** (Genesis 3:20); **3. T** (Acts 25:13); **4. Q** (Esther 2:16); **5. O** (Exodus 2:1-2); **6. C** (Acts 5:1); **7. A** (Acts 18:2); **8. L** (Ruth 4:13); **9. K** (Luke 8:3); **10. F** (Ruth 1:2); **11. H** (I Samuel 1:1-2); **12. D** (Acts 24:24); **13. B** (Genesis 24:67); **14. J** (Genesis 29:18); **15. N** (Genesis 41:45); **16. I** (Exodus 2:21); **17. M** (I Samuel 25:3); **18. E** (I Samuel 14:50); **19. P** (Luke 1:5); **20. G** (Matthew 4:21).

Prayer Concerns

All those suffering from the flu and colds this winter

Ashlinn Cole

Kitty Cooley

Nancy Taylor

Nick Cole

Pauline Fowler

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, 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).*

News You Can Use

Baptist Men's Day. The 2018 Baptist Men's Day breakfast and service was celebrated on Sunday, Jan 21. The men cooked a delicious breakfast and led the morning service. The Men of Barnesville (MOB) choir sang "What Wondrous Love Is This?", with the congregation joining in on "Rise Up, O Men of God". Joe Yates led the opening prayer and scripture reading and Larry Michael gave the children's story.

Bill Appleton, Dennis Bryson, Lee Michael, and Larry Michael in the kitchen before the Baptist Men's Day breakfast

Guest speaker Doug Fetty shared a message through song.

Youth activity. The youth will enjoy duckpin bowling starting at 3:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes located at 304 Center St. in Mt. Airy. Youth can bowl for free; adults cost \$5.00 per person per game, shoes included. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Sign up with Lisa Fedders (240-418-7733) no later than Monday, Feb. 19.

Lottie Moon offering. There's still time to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that supports more than 4,000 missionaries who are sharing the Gospel all over the world. Last year, those missionaries planted 4,500 churches and led 87,000 people to Christ. What can you do to support them?

Go paperless in 2018. Barnesville Baptist 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. While back copies of the *Lantern* are always available on the church website, the calendar is for the current month only.

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.

Snow policy. During this season of snow and ice, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding if it is safe 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.

Eyes in the sky. As part of our church security program, we have begun installing the first of eight cameras around and inside the church building. These small and discreet cameras will allow us to monitor activity during services as well as record any motion during off-hours. Thanks to Luke Fedders and Billy Moore for running wires and installing the cameras.



Seniors' lunch. If you are over 55 years of age, you are invited to attend the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We thank God for our seniors and want to show our appreciation to you by hosting a lunch and sharing in God's Word together. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore by Sunday, Feb. 4.

Wed. night Bible study. Everyone is welcome to participate in the new Bible study series that Pastor Danny has started on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on the life of David—a man after God's own heart—from a Bible study by Dr. David Jeremiah. From his beginning as a shepherd boy to his rule as king, David's victories and defeats will teach us how to follow God through our own successes and struggles.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

