



# 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

Spring is getting closer and closer every day now. We are seeing warmer days and more sunlight. I can't wait to be able to come out of the house in shorts and no coat. Most of you know that I enjoy sitting on the swing in my front yard where I can seek out God and dwell with Him. It is my special time to talk with my Lord and Savior Jesus. God's Word tells us to go to that quiet place and spend time with Him. *"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Matthew 6:6).*

I am living proof that God rewards us when we pray. Cindy and I are so blessed to be here at BBC. God is using all of us in mighty ways to reach the lost hurting people in this community. But it all starts with prayer.

As I was sitting in my swing last week during those couple of days when the temperature was 70 degrees, I was thanking God for the ones He has called home lately who had such great testimonies of faithfulness to Him and to His church here at BBC. The overwhelming thought I had was that they were all prayer warriors. They stood on the promises of God and because they believed and served God with all of their hearts, souls, and minds, we are blessed today. So what are we doing in our own personal prayer lives to leave behind the same strong legacy? Let's all commit to following the wisdom of *I Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"*. When we walk closely with the Lord and adopt the servant attitude of His Son, we can meet challenges with peace and confidence, receive God's will for all situations, and have a heart full of gratitude instead of bitterness. This is the legacy of faith that our departed saints modeled for us and would want us to enjoy. See you all Sunday for worship.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- March 7** Business Meeting
- March 10** Baptist Men's Meeting
- March 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- March 24** Palm Sunday
- March 26** Deacons' Meeting
- March 30** Good Friday, 7:00 pm Service



*"Jesus said to her, 'Mary'" (John 20:16)!*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The eighth of the top 10 BBC distinctives—the spiritual qualities and ministry priorities that define BBC’s character—is singing hymns. This is not a column about putting down other styles of worship music but celebrating the good in the old songs that many of us grew up with.

One of top reasons I enjoy hymns is their deep theology that teach us the truths of God. For example, can you quickly explain substitutionary atonement? Probably not, but if you know the lyrics “my sin...is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more” from “It Is Well with My Soul”, that is as good an answer as any. You may not be able to define the doctrine of perseverance but you know what it means when you sing “My hope is built on nothing less/Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness” from “The Solid Rock”.

Not only do hymns teach us doctrine, they teach us scripture. You may not be familiar with *Ezekiel 34:26*, but you’ve heard of “There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing”. Not many people can quote *Lamentations 3:22-23* from memory but most can start singing “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” once they hear the tune. As Paul taught the church at Colosse: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (*Colossians 3:16*).

Another reason hymns are valuable is that they cover a wide range of Christian experiences and emotions. The old spiritual “Where You There When They Crucified My Lord?” helps us to share in the sadness and fear of Good Friday just as much as Fanny Crosby’s “Praise Him! Praise Him!” lets us express our joy and confidence in our Savior.

An additional benefit of singing hymns is that they are great for congregational worship. *Ephesians 5:19* tells us to “[Speak] to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...”. When we sing hymns that are easy to remember with their rhyming structure, it helps all of us actively participate in worshipping the Lord. Take the chorus of “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”: the verses there end with “flow”, “snow”, and “know”. My brain and my vocal chords can keep up with making three “o” sounds in a row without too much musical talent required.

Finally, hymns help us connect with past generations of Christians. In *Hebrews 11* and *12*, we are reminded that just like Abraham, Moses, and the prophets, we are not the first to face challenges of faith and following the Lord through adversity. So when I sing the ancient Celtic song “Be Thou My Vision”, which is over 1,000 years old, it helps me to know I am part of something much older and significant than myself. It is comforting to know that spiritual warfare was just as much a struggle for Martin Luther 500 years ago in Germany when he wrote “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” as it is for us in 21st-century America.

Regardless of our musical preferences, what is most important is that we “...worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him” (*John 4:23*). Languages, instruments, and styles have and will continue to change over the centuries, but our need to honor and praise the Lord through music and song will not.

## Theophanies Scramble

Can you match these 20 theophanies--events when the Lord revealed Himself--with the locations where they occurred?

Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. 11 disciples         | A. riding on his donkey               |
| 2. Abraham              | B. on Mt. Moriah                      |
| 3. Balaam               | C. wrestling at Peniel                |
| 4. David                | D. at Shiloh                          |
| 5. disciples            | E. being stoned in Jerusalem          |
| 6. Elijah               | F. threshing in a winepress           |
| 7. Gideon               | G. under the terebinth trees of Mamre |
| 8. Hagar                | H. in a Caesarea prison               |
| 9. Isaiah               | I. on the island of Patmos            |
| 10. Jacob               | J. at Jesus’ tomb                     |
| 11. John                | K. in the wilderness                  |
| 12. Manoah and his wife | L. at Gibeon                          |
| 13. Mary Magdalene      | M. on the road to Damascus            |
| 14. Moses               | N. on a mountain                      |
| 15. Paul                | O. at the burning bush                |
| 16. Samuel              | P. fishing at the Sea of Galilee      |
| 17. Saul                | Q. walking to Emmaus                  |
| 18. seven disciples     | R. at Zorah                           |
| 19. Solomon             | S. in the Temple                      |
| 20. Stephen             | T. under a broom tree                 |

## Theophanies Word Search

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

Word Bank: Eleven, Abraham, Balaam, David, disciples, Elijah, Gideon, Hagar, Isaiah, Jacob, John, Manoah, Mary Magdalene, Moses, Paul, Samuel, Saul, Seven, Solomon, Stephen

## March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Doug Heimlich
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 11 Jim Gilliam
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 18 Steven Bennett
- 24 Janice Cole
- 30 Paul Keriakos
- 31 Tyler Babyak, Robert Shreve



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:*

- The Church approved an Outreach Cmte. 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.

*Expected at the March Business Meeting:*

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2017 finances.
- The Education Cmte. will recommend the adoption of a by-law to create the offices of Youth Ministry Coordinator and Children's Ministry Coordinator.
- The Education Cmte. will offer a motion to create a Children's Ministry budget line item of \$1,000.
- The Nominating Cmte. will recommend the appointments of Lisa Fedders as Youth Ministry Coordinator and Tina Appleton as Children's Ministry Coordinator for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term.

## Prayer Concerns

All those suffering from the flu and colds this winter

Ashlinn Cole

the family of Flora Gilliam at her passing

Kitty Cooley

Nancy Taylor

Nick Cole

Pauline Fowler

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: 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).*

## Theophanies Scramble Answers

**1. N** (Matthew 28:16-20); **2. G** (Genesis 18:1); **3. A** (Numbers 22:22-35); **4. B** (I Chronicles 21:16); **5. Q** (Mark 16:12-13); **6. T** (I Kings 19:7); **7. F** (Judges 6:11-12); **8. K** (Genesis 16:7-11); **9. S** (Isaiah 6:1); **10. C** (Genesis 32:24-25); **11. I** (Revelation 1:12-20); **12. R** (Judges 13); **13. J** (John 20:11-17); **14. O** (Exodus 3:2); **15. H** (Acts 23:11); **16. D** (I Samuel 3:21); **17. M** (Acts 9:3-6); **18. P** (John 21); **19. L** (I Kings 3:5); **20. E** (Acts 7:55-56).

## News You Can Use

*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.* Did you know that three out of four people in the United States and Canada are lost and do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? The most effective and efficient way to reach the lost in North America is with SBC missionaries who spread the Gospel by establishing new

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churches and serving the needs of their communities. The 2018 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, which kicks off with a Week of Prayer from Mar. 4-11, will bless the North American Mission Board's 5,000+ missionaries not only

with our prayers, but also our financial support. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help those missionaries make the greatest Kingdom impact. The WMU has set a 2018 goal of \$2,000 for BBC. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.

*February fellowships.* Over 20 of BBC's most distinguished personalities had a great time at the Love Our



Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 13, coming out

to enjoy good food, fellowship, and spending time in God's Word. On Saturday, Feb. 24, over 40 youth and families enjoyed duckpin bowling and pizza in Mt. Airy.

*Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 11.* Remember to set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Easter services.* A Good Friday service will be observed on Mar. 30 at 7:00 pm. On Apr. 1, Easter Sunday, the day will begin with a community sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain at 6:15 am followed by a church breakfast at 8:00 am. The Choir will perform its Easter cantata, "Calvary's Love", at 10:45 am. The Bell Choir will perform during the morning worship service on Sunday, Apr. 8. Please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119 to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one.

*Flora Gilliam, 1920-2018.* Our sister in Christ Flora Gilliam passed away on Feb. 8 at the age of 98. Flora was a faithful BBC member known for her kind heart and warm smile for over 63 years, serving as



WMU President, Sunday School teacher, and VBS teacher. A large number of family and friends attended the Feb. 12 funeral service at BBC. We mourn Flora's passing with her children Randy & Sandy, Jim & Linda, and Mary & Gerry, along with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We pray that the Lord will give the family and Flora's many friends comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead.

*New directory coming soon.* Attention all members: It's been two years since the current 2016-2018 church directory was first prepared. That means it's time to take new pictures for everyone for the 2018-2020 edition!! Those with address updates and those who would like be included for the first time should promptly submit their data to Lee Michael. After April, the next scheduled directory update is planned for October—don't delay!

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH

by Thom Tapp



"Then Larry dressed up like a big rabbit and jumped out from behind Brother Eli. He should be out of the hospital in a day or so."