



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

Just a few weeks ago, it was Good Friday, when we gathered to remember the suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial of the Lord Jesus. But then Easter Sunday came, and we celebrated His resurrection from the dead, starting with our sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain, then with a celebration breakfast and worship through song and God's Word. We rejoiced over the words of the angels at the tomb at daybreak on that first Easter Sunday: *"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen"* (Luke 24:5-6)! Forty days later, Jesus ascended back to His Father after showing Himself to His disciples many times. To complete our celebration of the Easter season, we can rejoice in the angels' promise in Acts 1:11 that Jesus is going to return: *"... This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven"*. Now that's exciting news for anyone to hear! Jesus, God's only begotten Son, will come again not as a suffering servant but as King of Kings and Prince of Peace. With our futures already secure in His resurrection victory, our lives should always reflect gratitude, confidence, hope, and peace. My prayer is that we will live as though Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow!

Let us always keep fresh in our minds how much Jesus loved us by sacrificing Himself on the cross that we might be reconciled to God. Because Jesus arose and is a living Savior, He has satisfied God's justice, disarmed Satan from his hold over us, and triumphed over death and sin. That is why we can trust Him when He promised, *"And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20). Knowing that Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us until He comes back to take us should make us leap for joy and strive to serve Him with our best each day. As good and faithful servants who want to honor and love our Lord, we should try as the Apostle Paul said, to *"...walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him..."* (Colossians 1:10). In that way we will give glory to the Father and show all around us the love of Christ.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

- May 2** Business Meeting
- May 3** National Day of Prayer
- May 4-6** Revival Services
- May 11** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- May 19** Baptist Men's Meeting
- May 20** VBS Planning Meeting
- May 21** Deacons' Meeting
- May 28** Homeless Shelter BBQ



"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

We conclude our series on the top 10 BBC distinctives—the spiritual qualities and ministry priorities that define BBC’s character—with number 10, family fellowship. Having a strong spirit of fellowship is important because it is one of the key functions of a New Testament church as described in *Acts 2:42*: “*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*”. The Greek word translated “fellowship” is *koinonia*, which also carries the sense of community, contributing, participating, and sharing. Communion is another name for the Lord’s Supper because we are visibly demonstrating that *koinonia* spirit as we worship together, partake of the elements together, and remember our Savior’s sacrifice together.

BBC is a family fellowship church in several ways. First, we have a solid core of people who have been part of the congregation for many years and even decades who are dedicated to each other and to the church. The Psalmist remarked, “*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity*” (*Psalm 133:1*)! We live life together, growing in the Lord with each other, celebrating each other’s victories and sympathizing with each other’s trials. We use that strong foundation to welcome new people into our fellowship and reach out to the community. As we serve others and extend our hospitality, more and more people are recognizing BBC as a congregation with a spirit of love and family that they can turn to. So when we hold a hot dog roast or host a funeral, these are all opportunities to share the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ with those who need it the most.

Second, we are blessed to have many families at BBC--parents and children, siblings and cousins, and grandparents and great-grandparents. It is not uncommon to see three and even four generations of the same family worshiping together on Sundays and participating in activities together. We often have more non-youth than youth at “youth” events, but no one minds because we all enjoy each other’s company regardless of age! It is an encouragement to see families sharing a legacy of faith in Christ, bringing the children to Sunday School so that they will learn about the Lord and in due time make their own decisions to follow Him as Lord and Savior. The Apostle Paul commended the young pastor Timothy’s family for such a heritage: “*...I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also*” (*II Timothy 1:5*).

The common theme among all of BBC’s distinctive characteristics is that we are seeking to grow more and more like Jesus. Paul described this process of lifelong sanctification as being “*...conformed to the image of His Son...*” (*Romans 8:29*). My hope and prayer is that when people think of Barnesville Baptist, what they find valuable and noteworthy about us is how we remind them of Christ.

Biblical Numbers Scramble

Can you match these 20 numbers with their meaning or use in the Bible? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. One | A. Beast |
| 2. Two | B. divine perfection |
| 3. Three | C. sorrow and mourning |
| 4. Four | D. men fed with five fish and two loaves |
| 5. Five | E. divine government |
| 6. Six | F. celebration and ceremony |
| 7. Seven | G. grace |
| 8. Eight | H. mankind |
| 9. Nine | I. unity and accomplishment |
| 10. Ten | J. fullness of blessing |
| 11. Twelve | K. new beginnings |
| 12. Thirty | L. fish in Peter’s net |
| 13. Forty | M. human government |
| 14. Fifty | N. witness and support |
| 15. Seventy | O. earth |
| 16. 153 | P. human committees and judgment |
| 17. 450 | Q. prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel |
| 18. 666 | R. testing and trial |
| 19. 969 | S. singleness and uniqueness |
| 20. 5,000 | T. age of Methuselah |

Biblical Numbers Word Search

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

Word Bank: Beast, beginnings, blessings, celebration, divine, earth, fish and loaves, government, grace, judgment, mankind, Methuselah, perfection, Peter’s net, prophets, sorrow, testing, uniqueness, unity, witness

May Birthdays

12 Lara Saylor
14 John Beach
15 Eddie Fowler
24 Nick Cole, Bobbi Comert,
Wade Williams
25 Michelle Cole
28 Paul Foster
30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole
Bill & Elnora Caudell at the passing of her brother, Lee Butt
Kitty Cooley, recovering from surgery
Linda Roberts, recovering from surgery
Nick Cole
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, June (Cole) Houseknecht
Cancer patients: Pauline Fowler, 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).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in April:

- A motion to have the church handbells serviced for maintenance and repair was referred to the Worship Cmte.

Expected at the May Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will move to approve the commemoration of a late church member recommended by the Pastor and Deacons with an engraved nameplate on a multi-name plaque in recognition of the gifts given in her memory.
- The Education Cmte. will offer a motion to purchase a moon bounce not to exceed \$1,300.

COTCD Cartoon



Biblical Numbers Scramble Answers

1. S (Deut. 6:4); **2. N** (Rev. 11:3); **3. I** (Matt. 12:40); **4. O** (Isaiah 11:12); **5. G** (Matt. 25:20); **6. H** (Daniel 3:1); **7. B** (Genesis 2:2-3); **8. K** (II Peter 2:5); **9. J** (Galatians 5:22-23); **10. M** (Rev. 17:12); **11. E** (Matt. 10:1); **12. C** (Deut. 34:8); **13. R** (Mark 1:13); **14. F** (Leviticus 25:10); **15. P** (Jeremiah 29:10); **16. L** (John 21:1-11); **17. Q** (I Kings 18:19); **18. A** (Rev. 13:18); **19. T** (Genesis 5:27); **20. D** (Matt. 14:21).

News You Can Use

Spring revival. Rev. Michael Mattar, Sr. will be our guest preacher over the weekend of May 4-6. On Friday, May 4, the revival service will begin at 7:00 pm; the BBC Choir will sing. On Saturday, May 5, we will begin with a 10:00 am fellowship breakfast followed by worship and preaching at 10:30 am. After lunch at noon, the Damascus Road Trio will perform a Southern Gospel concert at 1:00 pm. Rev. Mattar will also preach during the regular Sunday service on May 6.



Easter bells. On Sunday, Apr. 8, the Bell Choir under the direction of Ann Bennett performed four selections during the morning worship service: "Palm Sunday Procession", "The Wonderful Cross", "In Christ Alone", and "Nothing But the Blood". The Bell Choir will be on hiatus until after Labor Day, when practices in preparation for Christmas will begin again.



Youth activities. For youth and families, Bible Bingo Night on Friday, Apr. 27 was a good time of food, fellowship, and prizes. On Monday, May 29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Montgomery County homeless shelter in Rockville, the BBC youth will serve hot dogs and hamburgers for the homeless. If you would like to prepare a side dish for the youth to take, please bring it to church by Sunday, May 27. If you would like to participate in the cookout, please sign up with Lisa Fedders.



Bingo winner Wesley Moore and his aunt Kim Ghaner

Annie Armstrong report. BBC collected 96% (\$1,922) of its 2018 goal of \$2,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Forty-eight percent of the total came from individual gifts and 52% came from a new church budget line item for Cooperative Program offerings. The SBC missionaries supported by the AAEO start new churches, engage in student evangelism on college campuses, serve the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism, and serve as church planting catalysts. Thank you for your generosity to support our missionaries spreading the Gospel in the United States and Canada.

VBS 2018 dates set. Believe it or not, Barnesville Baptist is already starting to prepare for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held Jul. 9-13. This year's theme is "Game On!". The VBS Scripture is *II Peter 1:3*.



Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Talk to VBS Co-Directors Cindy Moore and Tina Appleton if you'd like to participate. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year. A planning meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 20 after the worship service.

Improvements. Thanks to the men and women who participated in the spring clean-up day on Saturday, Apr. 28: Billy Appleton, Bill Caudell, Dot Fowler, Evelyn Haney, Johnny Haney, Roy Leibrand, Marlowe Mentzer, Lee Michael, Danny Moore, and Ed Williams. The flower beds and yard were raked, weeded, and mulched, the windows were washed, and gutters were hung on the sheds. Rescheduled to Monday, May 7, the main parking lot on the west side of the church will be resurfaced with new gravel. The new parking lot on the east side of the church will be available if people need to visit on that day. The sanctuary will be repainted beginning Monday, May 14. Choir practice will not be held on Tuesday, May 15, and the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on May 16. The sanctuary will be ready for worship by the next Sunday.



Roy Leibrand blowing leaves

Summer vacation begins for several programs. Monthly activities beginning their summer break include WMU meetings after May 14 and lunches with our Watkins Cabinet friends after May 11. All of these programs will resume in September.

National Day of Prayer on May 3. The National Day of Prayer is a time for Americans to pray for their country and ask for God's blessings and guidance. BBC's sanctuary will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month if you want to come and pray.