



# 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's July again, BBC. That means "Game On!" Vacation Bible School is almost here! From Monday, Jul. 9 to Friday, Jul. 13, Barnesville Baptist will be turned into an exciting sports-themed place for children to study the Bible, complete craft projects, learn what it means to be a powerful witness to the lost, participate in worship rallies, and play and grow closer to God and to each other. And yes, we will have our new moon bounce set up and of course there will be snow cones for everyone to enjoy at the end of each evening.

Children and adults who VBS attend will experience the love of Christ displayed by the teachers and leaders. It is our prayer that some part of the week will point people and their families to the Lord Jesus Christ.

VBS is also for adults. It takes many volunteers to make VBS an awesome week. I am so proud of all of the volunteers who came forward and said "Here am I, use me"! Volunteers grill at the kick-off picnic on Monday afternoon, teach the Bible study and craft classes, provide audio-visual and technical support, and lead recreation. Our VBS workers assure a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for all who attend. VBS is truly a church-wide outreach ministry and needs your faithful prayer support.

Pray for all who attend and all who serve at VBS this year. My prayer is that all of us here at BBC will ask God to bless us with good weather and that we will serve Him with anticipation of the great things He is going to do with us and the participants during VBS week and beyond. I am excited; will you come and join in the fun and help us as we reach out to the lost and hurting people in our community?

Please also be in prayer as we celebrate new life in Jesus with baptism services for at least five new brother and sisters in Christ on Sunday, Aug. 5 and 12. God is working and using us here at BBC to reach the lost and hurting people all around us. Be excited and grateful as we serve Almighty God together.



God Bless,

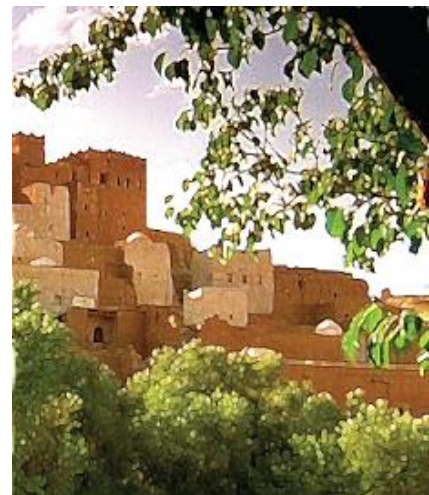
Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day, Church Office closed
- July 9-13** Vacation Bible School
- July 17** Seniors' Lunch
- July 21** Baptist Men's Meeting
- July 23** Deacons' Meeting



*"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Do you know what the Great Commission is? During the WMU report at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, TX in June, it was reported that more than half (51%) of churchgoers had never even heard of the Great Commission, and only 17% knew what the term meant. I was quite shocked to hear those statistics, and my suspicion is that all those people must attend other churches. But just in case, this article will ensure that 100% of Barnesville Baptist is familiar with the Great Commission, for it is our marching orders as Jesus' followers to spread His Gospel until He comes back for us.

The Great Commission is found in *Matthew 28:18-20*, the last words of that book. *Matthew 28* begins with Jesus' resurrection and it is in that context of victory over death, hell, and sin that Jesus tells His disciples that "*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*" (v. 18). Jesus Christ the suffering servant who was crucified is now the risen and glorified King, so Christians are fully empowered to do His will. And His will is that we go and make disciples of all the nations. In other words, we are charged to share the good news of the Gospel with everyone, everywhere, all the time. You don't have to be a full-time overseas missionary to do your part in the Great Commission. We can share with family, friends, and neighbors in our immediate surroundings, in our workplaces and schools. We do not lack for people near us to share with. More than a million people live in Montgomery County and more than six million live in Maryland, most of whom do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. "*Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest*" (*John 4:35*)! That is why we have a Food Ministry and VBS, so we can minister and share at home. We can also send and support missionaries with our prayers and offerings, which the Apostle Paul called a "*sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God*" (*Philippians 4:18*). That is why we support the Cooperative Program, the Montgomery Baptist Association and the BCM/D, the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings, as well as missionaries and church planters with whom we have partnered.

Leading people to faith in Christ is just the beginning. Baptizing them as the first step of obedience is followed by teaching them to walk with the Lord: Bible study, prayer, worship, service, and fellowship are all necessary elements for a new believer to gain spiritual maturity and increase in Christ-likeness so that they too can step up and become active contributors in the Great Commission.

Jesus offered a final encouragement and reminder in the Great Commission: "*and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*" (v. 20). The active and present Head of the Church is Jesus Christ (*Colossians 1:18*) and He has promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us (*Hebrews 13:5*). If even two or three are gathered together our Lord is with us (*Matthew 18:20*) and He has sent His Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us (*John 14:16*). When it comes to fulfilling the Great Commission, we are fully authorized, certified, and empowered to complete all that our Savior has called us to do when we are centered in His will and grounded in His truth.

# Cities of the Bible Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 cities of the Bible with what happened there? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Antioch    | A. Jesus turned water into wine                             |
| 2. Ashdod     | B. sun stood still for Joshua                               |
| 3. Athens     | C. John Mark abandoned Paul and Barnabas                    |
| 4. Bethany    | D. Elijah stayed with widow                                 |
| 5. Bethel     | E. Jesus spoke to Samaritan women at well                   |
| 6. Cana       | F. Philistine idol of Dagon fell before Ark of the Covenant |
| 7. Capernaum  | G. birthplace of Abra(ha)m                                  |
| 8. Colosse    | H. Jacob dreamed about ladder to heaven                     |
| 9. Endor      | I. believers first called Christians                        |
| 10. En-Gedi   | J. home of Onesimus and Philemon                            |
| 11. Gaza      | K. Paul left his cloak                                      |
| 12. Gibeon    | L. Jesus' Galilean ministry was centered                    |
| 13. Jericho   | M. main gates pulled up by Samson                           |
| 14. Joppa     | N. Elijah taken up in chariot of fire                       |
| 15. Perga     | O. Paul preached on Mars Hill                               |
| 16. Sodom     | P. Jesus resurrected Lazarus                                |
| 17. Sychar    | Q. Jonah fled from God                                      |
| 18. Troas     | R. David hid from Saul in a cave                            |
| 19. Ur        | S. God destroyed with brimstone and fire                    |
| 20. Zarephath | T. King Saul visited a witch                                |

# Cities of the Bible Word Search

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

Word Bank: Antioch, Ashdod, Athens, Bethany, Bethel, Cana, Capernaum, Colosse, Endor, En-Gedi, Gaza, Gibeon, Jericho, Joppa, Perga, Sodom, Sychar, Troas, Ur, Zarephath

## July Birthdays

- 11 Megan Malik
- 14 Penny Barton
- 22 Evelyn Haney
- 23 Mary Yates, Aleena Malik
- 26 Joe Yates
- 28 Jackie Cole



## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
Barbara Swank, recovering from surgery  
Dennis Bryson  
Kitty Cooley, hearing loss  
Lacey Williams  
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, Bilie Luhn, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, Vivian Neal, Amy Rogers' mother, June (Cole) Houseknecht  
Cancer patients: Gloria Leibbrandt, Pauline Fowler, Cathy Mallory, David Fogle, Donald Jericho, Dorothy Tubbe, Gail Palestine, Phil Brudner, Presley Musser, Charlie Driver, Cathy Rockenhauser, Dennis Oden  
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 June:*

- A motion to transfer \$1,600 from the Outreach Cmte.'s Missions Support BLI to the Internal Administration Cmte.'s Official Vehicles BLI passed.
- The Church approved a Worship Cmte. motion to exceed the Music budget line item by \$1,315 for the purpose of accepting the quote from Malmark Bellcraftsmen of Plumsteadville, PA to refurbish the church's hand bell set, not to exceed \$1,315.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. motion to adopt a by-law to define the procedures for virtual standing committee meetings was adopted.
- A motion to dismiss an inactive member from church membership upon his request was approved.
- A motion to move the July Business meeting to Jun. 27 so as not to conflict with Independence Day was passed.

*Expected at the July Business Meeting:*

- A motion will be made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2018-2020 term.
- The Pastor will announce that the following members will serve on a Nominating Committee to select officers for the 2018-2020 term: David Bennett, Luke Fedders, Lee Michael (Chairman), Cindy Moore, Ellen Williams, and Joe Yates.

## Cities of the Bible Scramble Answers

**1. I** (John 2:1-11); **2. F** (Joshua 10:12-13); **3. O** (Acts 13:13); **4. P** (I Kings 17:9-10); **5. H** (John 4:5-26); **6. A** (I Samuel 5:1-5); **7. L** (Genesis 15:7); **8. J** (Genesis 28:11-19); **9. T** (Acts 11:26); **10. R** (Colossians 4:9); **11. M** (II Timothy 4:13); **12. B** (Matthew 4:13); **13. N** (Judges 16:1-3); **14. Q** (II Kings 2:1-15); **15. C** (Acts 17:15-34); **16. S** (John 11); **17. E** (Jonah 1:3); **18. K** (I Samuel 24:1-22); **19. G** (Genesis 19); **20. D** (I Samuel 28:7-14).

## News You Can Use

**SBC 2018.** BBC messengers Danny & Cindy Moore and Lee Michael attended the 2018 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, TX from Jun. 12-13 along with almost 10,000 messengers. North Carolina pastor J.D. Greear was elected SBC president for 2018-2019. Special speakers included Texas Governor Greg

Abbott, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias, and Dallas Cowboys chaplain Jonathan Evans. Messengers heard reports from the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, the SBC seminaries, the WMU, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and LifeWay. The convention also voted on multiple resolutions, elected new officers, and approved the SBC budget. Seventy-nine IMB missionaries were commissioned to begin their overseas work.

**Children's ministry cook-out.** Kids and families are invited to a cook-out at Roy & Maggie Leibrand's house (**19715 Mouth of Monocacy Rd., Dickerson**) after church on Sunday, July 1. Children should bring bathing suits and old shoes if they would like to play in the creek. BBC will provide meat and drinks; please bring side dishes or desserts. Please contact Tina Appleton (301-943-0552) with any questions.

**Congratulations to graduates.** Ashlinn Cole graduated from Damascus High School on Friday, Jun. 1. Hannah Leibrand and Sara Oden graduated from Poolesville High School on Friday, Jun. 8. Sara received special recognition for her many hours beyond the mandatory amount of volunteer Student Service Learning hours. She plans to attend a community college in the near future. BBC wishes our 2018 graduating seniors the very best that life has to offer as they begin the next chapter of their lives. May God bless you all as you live to honor Him.

**Pastor travel.** Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore will travel to Florida after preaching on Sunday, Jul. 15 to be with family, returning Saturday, Jul. 21. Rev. Len Nichols, former pastor of Travilah Baptist, will preach on Sunday, Jul. 22.

**Fourth of July.** There will be no activities or services on Wednesday, Jul. 4 in observance of Independence Day.

**Vacation Bible School heading our way!** The theme for this year's VBS is "Game On!", which will be held Jul. 9-13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Register online for classes from Pre-K to Adults at [barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs). The registration picnic will start on Monday, Jul. 10 at 5:30 pm. Friday will be Family Night with an ice cream social after the 7:00 pm Worship Rally. Classroom set-up and decorating the sanctuary will begin after the worship



service on Sunday, Jul. 8. A pizza lunch will be provided for those involved with the VBS preparations. VBS is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children in Chisec, Guatemala so they can attend school.

**Seniors' lunches.** Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 7. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore by Sunday, Jul. 8 and Sunday, Jul. 29, respectively, for the July and August lunch dates.

## COTCD Cartoon

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp

