



# 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

Isn't it great to know that in every believer's life, God has begun a work of salvation and sanctification that He will continue until He comes back or until the believer leaves this life and goes to Him? *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6).

Sometimes discouragement and doubt are very much a part of our life experiences, but the Apostle Paul reminds us that God is a great God and is more than able to help us and to use every situation to strengthen our faith and to teach us His way and will for our lives. Over the last month we have been studying the I AM statements that Jesus made about Himself. The Gospel of *John* records those wonderful statements for us so that we can be strengthened and encouraged knowing that Jesus Himself said I AM all that you will ever need. I hope that you have been moved to trust even more in Jesus' power and love. God can work mightily in a life that offers prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to Him.

We are experiencing God's power and love in mighty ways here at Barnesville Baptist. We are seeing loved ones coming to Jesus and we are growing closer to God every day. He is active where people grow to be like Jesus in the way they talk, the way they think, and the way they act. The work of the church then is to disciple believers so that they grow into the image of Christ. God began a work at BBC in 1871 and for 147 years has continued that work. So here in 2018, we need to trust in Paul's exhortation to the Philippians just as much as those early believers: stand fast, praise Him, pray with thanksgiving, and be about the business of making disciples. That is the only commission the Lord ever gave to His Church. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."* (Matthew 28:19). Please keep praying, trusting, and believing in the mighty name and love of Jesus.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

**August 1** Business Meeting  
**August 7** Seniors' Luncheon  
**August 16** MBA Tent at Montgomery County Fair  
**August 18** Baptist Men's Breakfast  
**August 19** Youth Swim Party & BBQ  
**August 20** Nominating Cmte. Meeting  
**August 27** Deacons' Meeting



*"Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples"* (I Chronicles 16:24).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Jesus' first sermon during His public ministry started with the Beatitudes, which means blessings. Found in *Matthew 5:1-12*, these sayings have often been looked at as Jesus' ethical teachings for good living, but they are so much more. In fact, the Beatitudes teach the Gospel message of sin and salvation that Jesus emphasized throughout His ministry. Another way to look at the Beatitudes is as Kingdom principles for Kingdom living for Kingdom citizens. As Jesus taught on a mountainside above the Sea of Galilee, He gathered His disciples closest to Him and taught them how believers could achieve spiritual happiness.

First, Jesus taught that being poor in spirit (*v. 3*) is the initial step to being blessed. When we compare ourselves to God's holiness, not other people's behavior, we realize that we are spiritually unable to work to better ourselves and that we have no reason for pride or self-righteousness. Understanding our true spiritual condition apart from God is the most basic requirement to be part of the kingdom of heaven.

The next step Jesus taught was to mourn over our sin (*v. 4*), or to have a deeply sorrowful attitude about our sin that results in repentance producing the comfort of God's forgiveness.

In turn, our salvation should lead to an attitude of meekness (*v. 5*). Being meek does not mean being weak, but gentle and humble, submissive, and useful before God. It is not those who are stubborn, willful, rebellious, and self-centered that ultimately get ahead, but those that trust and wait for the Lord's will and timing will receive all things.

The next stage of blessedness is a hunger and thirst for righteousness (*v. 6*), which is a passionate need to be in right standing with God that we can't accomplish ourselves but that God can completely fulfill. The happiness in life we seek is a by-product of the righteousness we find through salvation and not the goal itself.

Those who are filled with righteousness show the fruit of mercy (*v. 7*), showing forgiveness, sympathy, and compassion to the desperate and undeserving. God requires that we give mercy to others just as we receive it from Him.

The merciful in turn are characterized by a pure heart (*v. 8*), which is necessary to see God. In the Old Testament, no one could see God and live. But through the new covenant of grace, we can have a deep, personal relationship with the Lord through faith, prayer, and the Word until we see Him face to face in heaven.

The pure in heart are the peace makers (*v. 9*) who, having reached harmony with God ourselves, are called to create more peace as we lead others through evangelism to make peace with God on their own. We can further keep peace within the church as we are empowered by the Spirit of peace. We will be known as sons of God as we continue to more closely resemble the Prince of Peace.

And yet, *vv. 10-12* tell us that we will be persecuted by a world hostile to the Gospel message and offended even by the silent rebuke of our righteous living. However, Jesus tells us to rejoice because God is testing us. As we share in Christ's sufferings, we can know that God will be glorified.

## Nations of the Bible Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 nations of the Bible with their locations? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Ammonites    | A. southern coast of Palestine |
| 2. Amorites     | B. south of Dead Sea           |
| 3. Assyrians    | C. east of Dead Sea            |
| 4. Canaanites   | D. central Sinai Peninsula     |
| 5. Chaldeans    | E. northern coast of Palestine |
| 6. Cilicians    | F. south of Babylon            |
| 7. Cretans      | G. central Asia Minor          |
| 8. Edomites     | H. northern Mesopotamia        |
| 9. Elamites     | I. Tarsus                      |
| 10. Ethiopians  | J. east of Babylon             |
| 11. Hittites    | K. south of Egypt              |
| 12. Hivites     | L. island near Greece          |
| 13. Lydians     | M. Palestine                   |
| 14. Medes       | N. northern Asia Minor         |
| 15. Midianites  | O. northeast of Dead Sea       |
| 16. Moabites    | P. western Asia Minor          |
| 17. Philistines | Q. central Mesopotamia         |
| 18. Phoenicians | R. east of Sea of Galilee      |
| 19. Sumerians   | S. southern Mesopotamia        |
| 20. Syrians     | T. northwest Persia            |

## Nations of the Bible Word Search

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

Word Bank: Ammonites, Amorites, Assyria, Canaan, Chaldeans, Cilicia, Crete, Edom, Elam, Ethiopia, Hittites, Hivites, Lydia, Medes, Midian, Moab, Philistines, Phoenicia, Sumerians, Syria

## August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal  
11 Rick Thomas  
16 Stephanie Runkles  
17 Pauline Fowler  
20 Bill Williams  
25 Jim Gong  
26 Lee Michael  
28 Ann Bennett  
29 Paul Meissner  
30 Matthew Cole  
31 Bob Runkles



## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
Dennis Bryson  
Kitty Cooley, hearing loss  
Lacey Williams  
Linda Roberts, recovering from surgery  
Nick Cole  
Pastor Danny & Cindy and the Moore family at the passing of Gloria Leibbrandt  
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, Bilyie 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, 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

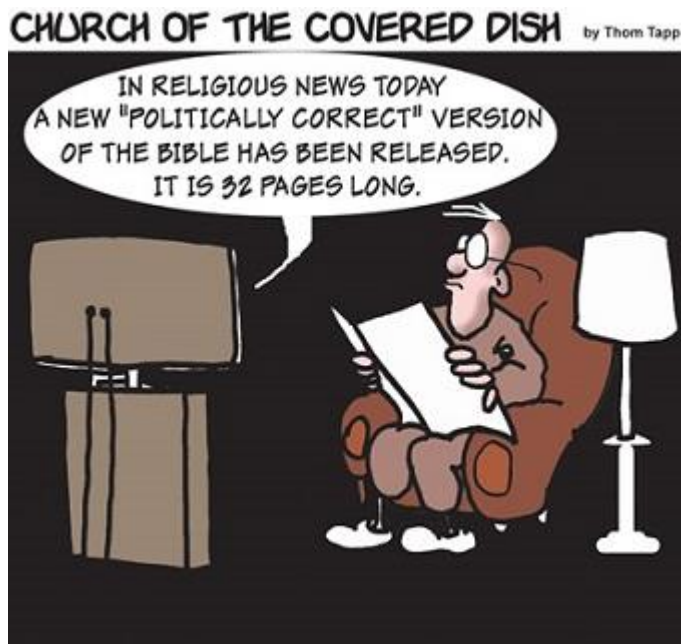
*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:*

- A motion was made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2018-2020 term.
- The Pastor announced 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.

*Expected at the August Business Meeting:*

- The Church Clerk will report a joint motion providing the five Standing Committees' recommendations for Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2018-2020 term. The Select Committee on Nominations will use those authorizations as it seeks out Church members to serve.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to increase spending authority for the Benevolence BLI by \$3,000.

## COTCD Cartoon



## Nations of the Bible Scramble Answers

1. **C** (Judges 11:5); 2. **Q** (I Samuel 7:14); 3. **H** (II Kings 18:9); 4. **M** (Genesis 12:6); 5. **S** (Daniel 3:8); 6. **I** (Acts 21:39); 7. **L** (Titus 1:12); 8. **B** (Numbers 20:14); 9. **J** (Acts 2:9); 10. **K** (Ezekiel 29:10); 11. **G** (Genesis 15:20); 12. **N** (Exodus 34:11); 13. **P** (Jeremiah 46:9); 14. **T** (Daniel 5:28-31); 15. **D** (Exodus 3:1); 16. **O** (Ruth 1:1); 17. **A** (Judges 13:1); 18. **E** (Acts 11:19); 19. **F** (Joshua 15:63); 20. **R** (II Kings 5:1).

## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School a good time.* The motto of “Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On!” was called out on the evenings of Jul. 9-13 during our sports-themed VBS, Game On! Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS 2018 a success, especially to those in the classroom, crafts,



recreation, snacks, and behind the scenes. Your service in building God’s Kingdom and sharing His Gospel is appreciated. The enrollment was 53; average attendance was 41. The offering totaled \$1,174 and will again be sent to missionaries

Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school.

*Summer activities.* Twenty-three kids and family members came out to play in the creek at Roy & Maggie Leibrand’s home on Sunday, Jul. 1. Kids are invited to a swim party at Joe & Mary Yates’ pool on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 1:00 pm. The next children’s ministry event will be a C&O Canal excursion on Saturday, Sep. 8.



*Fellowship meals.* Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Aug. 7. If you’re wondering whether to sign up, ask any of the 18 seniors who thoroughly enjoyed the July meal. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore by Sunday, Jul. 29. An end-of-summer fellowship for the entire Church will be held on Sunday, Aug. 26 at noon. Please bring a dish to share; the church will provide the meat and drinks.

*Sermons online.* Missed a sermon recently? Pastor Danny’s Sunday messages since April 2018 are now available online at [barnesvillebaptist.org/sermons](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/sermons).

*Schedule change.* The Food Ministry building is now open on Wednesday and Fridays afternoons as well as all day Saturday.

*County fair outreach.* On Thursday, Aug. 16, BBC will be at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair to man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Danny if you would like to participate in this outreach ministry. Contacts with people at the county fair have led to salvation decisions and baptisms, so this outreach is a great opportunity to reach out to so many people with the Gospel by passing out free bottles of cold water, candy, Gideon New Testaments, and tracts.

*Guest vocalist.* Captain Lawrence “LT” Tyler from Tilghman Island, MD will sing during the worship service on Sunday, Aug. 5. A charter fishing captain by day, LT sings at his local church and has produced several CDs of his Southern Gospel music.

*Baptism services.* We will celebrate baptisms for new believers on Sunday, Aug. 5 and 12 as they take the first step of obedience in following Jesus as Lord and Savior. A potluck lunch will follow after the service on the 5<sup>th</sup>; please bring a dish to share; the church will provide the meat and drinks.

*Fall activities to start up soon.* September is coming sooner than you think. Activities that will resume from their summer hiatus include Choir Practice on Sep. 4, Bell Choir Practice on Sep. 13, and monthly WMU meetings and lunches with Watkins Cabinet after Labor Day.

*Improvements.* New gravel was laid on the main parking lot on Tuesday, Jul. 17. Thanks to Bill Caudell and Lee Michael for striping the parking lot. Appreciation is due to Joe Yates for planting new trees along our western property line. Thanks to Head Groundsman Bill Appleton for installing new concrete steps and railings by the east Sunday School entrance in time for VBS.



*Church elections.* The Nominating Cmte. will hold its first meeting on Monday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 pm in the Church office to discuss standing committee assignments for the 2018-2020 term. If you are interested in serving in a position, please contact one of the committee members.