



# 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

We are blessed as children of God because the Lord walks with us as we go through our lives. Our souls long for daily communication with the Father. When we stop long enough to listen and to seek out God, He comes to us and brings us real joy and peace. *"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know"* (Jeremiah 33:3). We are to seek out His love, wisdom, and protection daily so that we can be all that God wants us to be. In *Psalm 46:10*, the Lord says, *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth"*. When is the last time you just fellowshiped in God's presence to know more of Him? We all need to take time out daily to read God's Word and to be prepared to share the great news of the Gospel with everyone we meet. *"[Jesus] said to [His apostles], 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'"* (Mark 16:15).

One of the things I love the most about the fellowship here at BBC is that true Christlike love is demonstrated in your daily lives. Lost and hurting people are coming to know Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord right here at God's church. God is honored here, but we all can do more to reach out to the lost and hurting people all around us. As we approach the fall season, each of us can ask God what we can do to be more prepared and more open to share the gospel of Jesus.

On Sep. 22, we are having our annual Pig Pickin' on the grounds here at BBC. Two other churches—one is from Thailand in Southeast Asia and one is from Ghana in West Africa--in the Montgomery Baptist Association are coming to make our annual event an international fellowship. We will have the tents and tables ready. My prayer is that we all will come and show the people all around us that there is only one God and that His Church is alive and well as we have great fellowship with other believers.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- September 3** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 5** Business Meeting
- September 14** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- September 22** Baptist Men's Breakfast; Pig Pickin' & International Fellowship
- September 24** Deacons' Meeting



*"You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord your God is giving you"*  
(Deuteronomy 25:15).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

In *Luke 15*, Jesus made the point that God is more than willing to get down in the dirt to find and rescue lost people and is not embarrassed to joyfully celebrate afterwards. Jesus was dining with tax collectors and sinners when the Pharisees and scribes--the professional "good people"--condemned Him for associating with people of such low repute. Jesus taught those religious experts about God's heart toward sinners by telling three parables about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost or prodigal son.

In each case, something of value was lost in a place of misery and danger: for the sheep, in the wilderness with the threat of predators; for the coin, covered in dust and grime; and for the prodigal son, penniless and friendless in a pagan country, close to starvation.

In each case, a shepherd, a woman, and a father eagerly sought after their wayward sheep, fallen coin, and rebellious child. They didn't just hope that their missing ones would maybe one day show back up. The shepherd wasn't content with having 99 of 100 sheep, he actively sought out his missing animal until he found it. The woman wasn't happy that she still had nine of her 10 coins, but diligently searched her entire house until she swept away the dust of her dirt floor and found her coin. The father of the prodigal son didn't wait for his son to slink back home, but was actively looking out for his child and ran to embrace him as soon as he came into view.

In each case, the recovery and restoration were marked by public celebration. The shepherd carried back his tired sheep on his shoulders and called for his friends and neighbors to come out and rejoice with him. The woman likewise celebrated with not just her household, but her friends and neighbors. The father not only received back a son who greatly disrespected him, but restored the son's honor and respect and then called for an extravagant party to celebrate the son's return.

In each case, the Pharisees and scribes found the situation scandalous. They considered shepherds unclean, women inferior, and rebellious children worthy of only punishment and disgrace. Despite being trained in the Scriptures, they could not even understand what brought joy to the heart of God: saving the lost by immediately and fully restoring a repenting sinner despite the cost or the shame. Jesus explained in *Luke 19:10* the mission His Father sent Him to accomplish: "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost".

It is remarkable to know that God saves sinners because He really wants to, not just because it's His job or He's "supposed to". Freeing people from a destiny of death and destruction and adopting them as His children gives God great joy that is celebrated loudly by all of Heaven. If we love God, and saving sinners gives God such amazing pleasure, what better way is there for us to honor and serve our Lord than by sharing His Gospel so that many others would accept God's free gift of salvation? Let us never be so turned off by sin that we scourn and reject the sinners and tax collectors of our day. Jesus seeks to dine with them just as He did when we were the lost sinners that needed saving.

## Bible Weights & Measures Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 units of weight and measurement from biblical times with their equivalents? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. bath             | A. six quarts   |
| 2. bekah            | B. day's wage   |
| 3. bushel           | C. three inches |
| 4. cubit            | D. 1/2 mile     |
| 5. day's journey    | E. peck         |
| 6. denarius         | F. bushel       |
| 7. drachma          | G. six gallons  |
| 8. ephah            | H. 4,880 feet   |
| 9. fingerspan       | I. nine inches  |
| 10. handbreadth     | J. seven pints  |
| 11. hin             | K. 1/2 ounce    |
| 12. mile            | L. \$1,000      |
| 13. mina            | M. 18 inches    |
| 14. mite            | N. 1/8 cent     |
| 15. omer            | O. 3/4 inch     |
| 16. reed            | P. 1/4 ounce    |
| 17. sabbath journey | Q. 20 miles     |
| 18. shekel          | R. 11 feet      |
| 19. span            | S. 16 cents     |
| 20. talent          | T. \$16         |

## Bible Weights & Measures Word Search

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

Word Bank: bath, bekah, bushel, cubit, day's journey, denarius, drachma, ephah, fingerspan, handbreadth, hin, mile, mina, mite, omer, reed, sabbath journey, shekel, span, talent

## September Birthdays

- 1 Chuck Fowler
- 3 Megan Fedders
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates, Eric Engle
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Ellen Williams, Duane Yates
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:*

- A joint motion providing the five Standing Committees' recommendations for Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2018-2020 term was adopted. The Select Committee on Nominations will use those authorizations as it seeks out Church members to serve.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. withdrew its motion to increase spending authority for the Benevolence budget line item (BLI) by \$3,000.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. approved spending \$7,125 from the Contingency BLI to replace the 19-year-old Sunday School building heat pump, which failed in mid-July.

*Expected at the September Business Meeting:*

- A motion to appoint as many as five messengers for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 14 at Colesville Avenue Baptist Church, will be offered.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will report on a July 2018 motion to consider the purchase of an automated external defibrillator.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to create an at-large seat on the committee for the 2018-2020 term.

## Bible Weights & Measures Scramble Answers

1. **G** (I Kings 7:26); 2. **P** (Exodus 38:26); 3. **E** (Matthew 5:15); 4. **M** (Genesis 6:15); 5. **Q** (Luke 2:44); 6. **B** (Luke 10:35); 7. **S** (Luke 15:8-9); 8. **F** (Ruth 2:17); 9. **O** (Jeremiah 52:21); 10. **C** (Psalm 39:5); 11. **A** (Exodus 29:40); 12. **H** (Matthew 5:41); 13. **T** (I Kings 10:17); 14. **N** (Mark 12:42); 15. **J** (Exodus 16:22); 16. **R** (Ezekiel 42:16); 17. **D** (Acts 1:12); 18. **K** (I Samuel 17:5,7); 19. **I** (Exodus 28:16); 20. **L** (Matthew 18:24).

## Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole  
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, Bilyie Luhn, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Rebecca Umstead, 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).*

## News You Can Use

*Supporting missions in Maryland/Delaware.* The State Missions offering is a vital part of the ongoing task of building God's Kingdom. The BCM/D-wide goal for 2018 is \$150,000. BBC's goal this year is \$1,000, which will help teenagers attend camps to learn about Jesus and develop leadership skills; teach collegians about Jesus and how to share their faith with others; enable Disaster Relief volunteers to care deeply for individuals and families drastically affected by floods and other natural disasters; and support the soul care of church planters and others who vigorously share their faith throughout our region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support state missions.

*Fall activities.* The Choir starts its Tuesday practices at 7:00 pm on Sep. 4 and welcomes new members, both men and women. Please talk to Choir Director Paul Foster if you are interested in this important component of our Sunday worship. Ann Bennett will start up fall bell choir practices on Thursday, Sep. 13 at 7:00 pm. All interested participants may come and give it a try. Inability to read music is not a problem. The first lunch of the season with Watkins Cabinet is scheduled for Friday, Sep. 14.

*Baptism services.* On Sunday, Aug. 5 we were blessed to witness the baptism of our new sister in Christ, Tina Jones (pictured, left) as well as Isabelle Ghaner (pictured, below right), who was baptized on Sunday, Aug. 12, both upon



their professions of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. We praise God for the great works He has and will continue to accomplish through His gift of salvation offered to all.



*BBC at the fair.* On Thursday, Aug. 18, BBC was at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, passing out Gideon New Testaments, candy and small toys, and evangelistic tracts. Over the course of four hours, about 60 English and Spanish testaments were handed out to fairgoers. Thanks to Lee Michael and Danny & Cindy Moore for representing both BBC and the Montgomery Baptist Association to the local community.



*2018 Pig Pickin'.* On Saturday, Sep. 22 at 5:30 pm we will have our annual Pig Pickin' with a twist: This will also be an International Fellowship with Ghanaian Commissioned World Outreach Church Ministry located in Sterling, VA and the Thai Christian Church of Washington, DC. We will enjoy each other's food, music, and Christian fellowship. We will be out on the grounds under tents, so bring a lawn chair and dish to share.

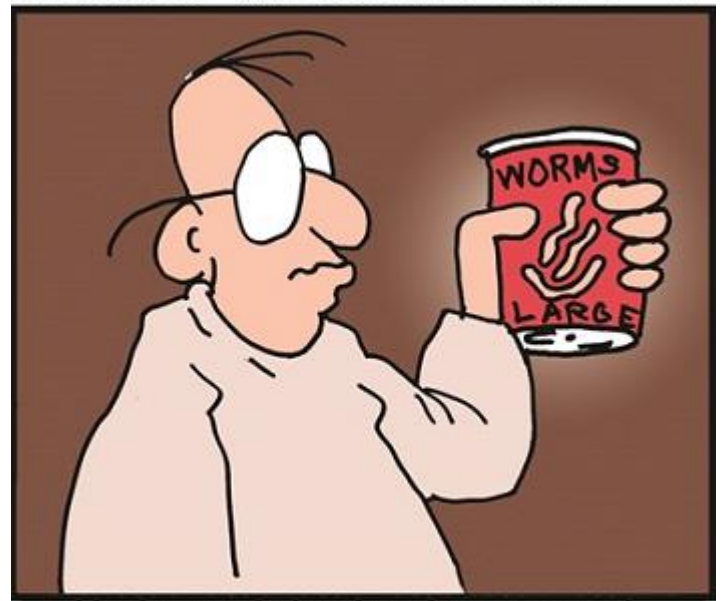


*Kids' events.* The Aug. 19 Children's Ministry-sponsored swim party and barbeque at Joe & Mary Yates' pool was a great time with excellent weather and warm fellowship. On Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 pm, the youth will enjoy an evening at Summers Farm in Frederick, which will include a campfire, a corn maze, and hot dogs and s'mores. Youth admission will be paid for by BBC; adult admission is \$12.00. Please pay/RSVP to Lisa Fedders by Sunday, Sep. 30.



## COTCD Cartoon

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



He knew it had to be opened, but, should it be done in business meeting?