



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

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

One of the things I love the most about November is that people everywhere are open and receptive to being thankful. Feeling gratitude in your heart for the many blessings and kindnesses the Lord showers upon His children puts you into a place where you can see more of God and how He is working in your life. Being thankful brings you closer to God and allows you to sense more of His holiness and greatness. *"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name" (Psalm 100:4-5).*

When we look back on the past year and reflect on God's goodness and all that He has done for us, we should be overwhelmed and in awe of just how much Jesus loves us and provides for us. He has extended His grace and mercy to bring us salvation; He knows us by name; He knows the things we need even before we ask; He has forgiven our sins; He is with us every hour of our lives; and, He has prepared a place for us to be with Him eternally! Now that's true unconditional love that only can be found in Jesus. We are to share this same kind of true love with everyone God places in our lives. Love is the key to happiness, peace, joy, and love.

In *Matthew 22:37-40*, Jesus taught that loving God and loving others with all our hearts, minds, and strength were the most important commandments in the Scripture. This Thanksgiving season, let's all try harder to show true unconditional love to everyone. As I was reminded just this past week, we share and give away our love for others because someone first showed the compassion and mercy of Christ to us. Jesus loves us and we are to share that love and be thankful for every opportunity that God gives us to give that love away! I am so proud and thankful to be part of the BBC family for I know that we try to show Jesus' love towards everyone. To God be the glory, great things He has done.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- November 3** Sugarloaf Hayride and Hot Dog Roast
- November 7** Business Meeting
- November 16** Watkins Cabinet Lunch
- November 17** Baptist Men's Meeting; Clean-Up Day
- November 21** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- November 22** Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'" (John 5:8).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What are Christian ethics? Ethics are the rules of right and wrong behavior and the principles we use to determine what duties and actions we should perform. We rely on the Bible to orient us toward what is good and away from what is evil. But when we face the many issues and choices where there isn't one right answer in the Bible, we apply our core beliefs to do what we believe is best and honors God as we understand what He expects of us. Instead of long lists of rules and regulations to cover every possible circumstance and variable, Paul explained in the book of *Romans* how to follow our conscience. It is interesting that Paul spent the first three-quarters of *Romans* explaining the gospel, sin, salvation, and God's plans for His chosen people and Gentiles before addressing ethical issues. Only after laying a solid foundation of core Christian doctrine and theology does Paul discuss how we treat others: Out of the deep gratitude and love that we should feel toward for our Savior who died to save us from sin and give us everlasting life, we should willingly desire to love others through service and sacrifice so that all will come to worship and glorify the Father.

In Paul's day, some new Christians were concerned about eating meat as former Jews still felt bound by ceremonial rules about clean foods and Gentile believers who had recently turned away from sacrificing to pagan gods wanted to avoid their former practices. Christians who were stronger in their walk had no concerns where their meat came from because they knew that there was only one true and living God and that old rules and ways had no control over their lives. Paul explained that Christians had perfect liberty in Christ to follow their own conscience on such matters. However, out of love for their brothers and sisters in Christ who did believe eating meat sacrificed to idols was wrong, mature Christians should not do anything to cause those weaker believers to stumble by making it harder for them to have a clean conscience before the Lord. *"...let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way"* (*Romans 14:13*). In the same way, Christians who only ate vegetables to avoid idol-sacrificed meat should not condemn meat-eating Christians, and believers who ate meat should not look down on brothers who did not eat meat. *"...For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"* (*Romans 14:17*).

In our day, we as Barnesville Baptists have our own customs, preferences, and practices that we enjoy and believe are good and valuable. However, as we seek to witness Christ's love to everyone and invite new people into our congregation, we must always be mindful not to do anything that would make it difficult for people to worship the Lord. For those who have worshiped together for a long time, it can be difficult to imagine the perspective of a newcomer who is not familiar with the building layout, when to stand and sit during the service, or how to interact with people you don't know. We should respect those whose preferences differ from ours so that whether they participate in or abstain from the liberties we enjoy in Christ, they know that they are loved and welcomed as brothers and sisters in Christ. We should follow our own conscience and allow others to follow theirs so that we can maintain unity, share the Gospel, and bring honor to the Lord together.

Divine Commands Event Scramble

Can you place these 20 people with the divine commands they received? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Abraham | A. march around Jericho |
| 2. Adam | B. take Mary as your wife |
| 3. adults | C. take up your bed and walk |
| 4. Ananias | D. love God with all your heart, soul, and might |
| 5. children | E. examine yourself before Communion |
| 6. Corinthians | F. cast net on right side of boat |
| 7. Elijah | G. love your wives |
| 8. husbands | H. honor your parents |
| 9. Israel | I. build the Temple of the Lord |
| 10. Jonah | J. do not eat of the tree |
| 11. Joseph | K. lay hands on Saul of Tarsus |
| 12. Joshua | L. let My people go |
| 13. Moses | M. do not cut your hair |
| 14. Noah | N. let children come to Me |
| 15. paralytic | O. take off your sandals |
| 16. Peter | P. anoint David the next king |
| 17. Pharaoh | Q. be fruitful and replenish the earth |
| 18. Samson | R. hide by the Brook Cherith |
| 19. Samuel | S. cry out against Nineveh |
| 20. Solomon | T. sacrifice your son on the mountain |

Divine Commands Word Search

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R L V D N Z R T A R U Y N D L X
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H M H A L R H E B A H L L R M B
A O D I R T L A J A L A R P B M
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C A Z N W M A T D I A U H S O J
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Word Bank: Abraham, Adam, adults, Ananias, children, Corinthians, Elijah, husbands, Israel, Jonah, Joseph, Joshua, Moses, Noah, paralytic, Peter, Pharaoh, Samson, Samuel, Solomon

November Birthdays

- 4 Laura Luhn, Matt Burriss
- 5 Randy Gilliam
- 6 Sam Berry
- 11 Brenda Cross
- 12 Cris Driver
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 18 Resha Layman
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream
- 29 Connie Connelly



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 147th Annual Business Meeting in October:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2019 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 4.
- The Church approved the membership applications of Cortland & Ola Moore, both by statement.
- The Select Committee on Nominations reported five motions to fill church officer and committee positions for 2018-2020, all of which were approved by the Church. These officers and committee members began their two-year positions on Oct. 4.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

- The Outreach Cmte. will make a motion to pay for the meals of children 16 and under at the Dec. 9 Christmas dinner.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will request increased spending authority for the Electric BLI by \$500, the Fuel Oil BLI by \$1,000, and the Official Vehicles BLI by \$5,000.

Divine Commands Event Scramble Answers

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

Prayer Concerns

Ashlinn Cole
Dennis Bryson
Elnora Caudell, recovering from knee surgery
John Beach, recovering from car accident
Linda Roberts
Nick Cole
Paul Fields
Susan Rice
Teresa Gardner
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, Phoebe Rogers, June (Cole) Houseknecht
Cancer patients: Pauline Fowler, Gail Palestine, 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

Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 9. The Christmas Party will be held at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Kids ages 16 and under are the guests of BBC. Join us for good food, activities, and fellowship to get the Christmas season started. Bring your favorite holiday cookies or dessert. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, Dec. 2 to Gary or Jan Burdette by cash or check made payable to BBC.

Fall fellowships. October was a busy month for fellowships. Kids, youth, and families had a good time around



the bonfire, watching fireworks, and in the corn maze at Summers Farm in Frederick on Saturday, Oct. 6. The

Baptist Men enjoyed good food and fellow-ship at the fifth annual Beast Feast on Saturday, Oct. 20. David Bennett won the \$50 Walmart gift certificate door prize.

Fall clean-up day. On Saturday, Nov. 17 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Bill Appleton for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers at noon.

MBA annual meeting report. Three BBC messengers attended the 83rd Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting and revival held at Colesville Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 14. Pastor Danny preached the Sunday night sermon on the theme of "Who Do You Say That I Am?" One new church received full membership affiliation and another congregation continued in watch care status for future membership.



Christmas giving opportunities. You can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ through Operation Christmas Child with needy children around the world by packing a shoebox with toys.

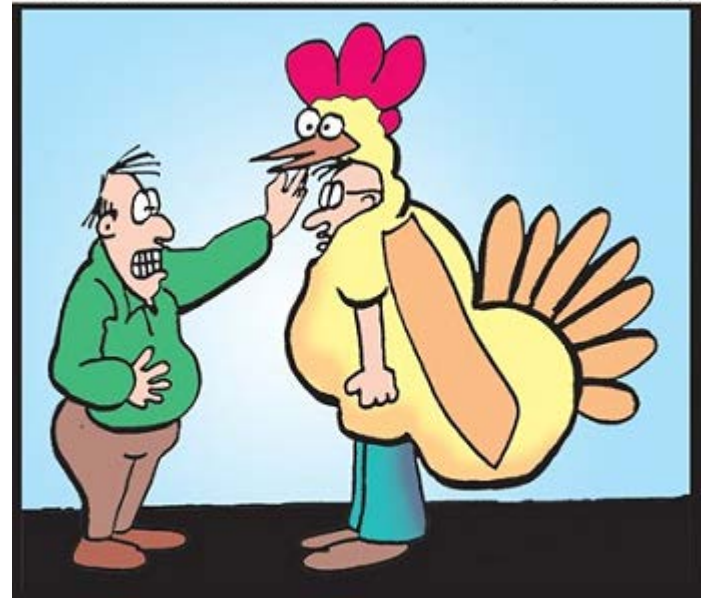


Brochures containing gift ideas and labels for the boxes are available in the church vestibule. The WMU needs your donations no later than Monday, Nov. 19. BBC is again partnering with Northeast Baptist Church to provide presents to kids from the poorest area of Baltimore, MD. This year we will sponsor 40 children to receive Christmas gifts at a Happy Birthday Jesus party. Please see Cindy Moore to sponsor a child this Christmas.

New 2018-2020 directory coming soon. Updates for the new church directory are being collected until Sunday, Nov. 11. Anyone with changes to their contact information or regular attendees who would like to have their picture and information included for the first time should promptly submit their data to Lee Michael. The next directory update is planned for April 2019.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Are you SURE other pastors do things like this at Thanksgiving?"