



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

As I sat down to write this article, the ground was muddy and brown since the last snow had melted. And then, as I looked out the window, it started to snow again. Wow, what a sense of peace and joy that filled my soul as everything that was ugly and dirty was turning a beautiful, pure white. I couldn't help myself but to just say "thank you, Lord, for saving my soul; thank you, Lord, for making me whole". As I watched out the window how the pure white and untouched snow was blanketing the ground all around me, I thought of how Jesus covers all of us when we receive Him as our Savior and Lord with His precious blood of forgiveness, and we become whiter than snow to our Father in heaven.

King David wrote *Psalm 51* after having Uriaiah killed and committing adultery with Bathsheba. In the midst of his anguish, David knew that by repenting of his sins he could receive forgiveness from the Lord: "*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow*" (*Psalm 51:7*). The Apostle John also remarked on God's amazing power to redeem us: "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness*" (*I John 1:9*). The hymn "Whiter than Snow" captures the essence of those scriptures: "Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to ransom my soul. Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow".

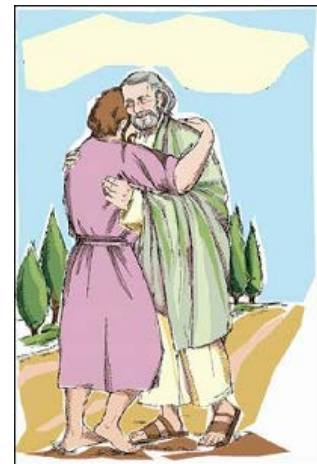
As we move forward in 2019, my prayer as your pastor is to be more focused on God's Word and on having more opportunities for all of us to learn and to grow stronger in the Lord's Kingdom work together. Look for and anticipate the excitement of growing closer to God and to each other. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be!

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Upcoming Events

- February 6** Business Meeting
- February 12** Love Our Seniors Lunch
- February 15** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- February 16** Baptist Men's Meeting
- February 23** Youth Duckpin Bowling



"But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The *Barnesville Lantern* has just passed the milestone of its 200th consecutive month of publication with the January 2019 issue. Two hundred months works out to 16 years and four months since the BBC newsletter was first delivered on Sunday, June 2, 2002. Having discussed the first 100 months in the September 2010 *Lantern*, let me offer a few reflections on our second 100 months.

Most of the *Lantern's* features are well-set by now, but the right-hand side of page two continues to change over time. It took almost a decade to feature everyone who consented to be the "Member of the Month", but that consistent run ended in 2014, and shared that space with other interviews and the current pairing of scrambles and word searches until 2016. We have gained a handful of new members in the last several years, so I look forward to reviving the Member of the Month series before long and for as long as we have new members to feature.

Just as important as the words in the *Lantern* are the people who make the *Lantern* happen. Randy & Sandy Gilliam were key members of the *Lantern* team for five years' worth of issues in the second 100 months before their 2015 retirement. Following in their footsteps are Danny Moore, who is now the publisher and writer of the Pastor's Spotlight, as well as Jane Fowler, Linda Roberts, and Tina Appleton, who have played a vital role in folding, delivering, and mailing the *Lantern* each month. I thank each of them for their efforts.

It has been interesting to see how technology changes have affected the *Lantern*. We started out with 100% paper delivery, printing about 200 copies a month, but this month's print run is only 99 as more and more people opt for electronic delivery. This month's *Lantern* will be sent to 89 email addresses and advertised on our Facebook page, which will direct those tech-savvy readers to our new smart phone-friendly website. Newer printers and better camera resolution have improved our picture and graphics quality considerably.

So why do we keep printing the *Lantern*? Successful television series have wrapped up with far fewer than 200 episodes, but that's not good enough for a church working on 150 years of ministry. Pastor Danny and I continue to hear that the *Lantern* helps people feel connected to BBC whether they're regular attenders, away for the summer, or unable to physically attend at all. The *Lantern* is also our book of *Acts*, recording how God has been faithful to this congregation over the years, growing us over time into the people He wants us to be for His Kingdom. As long as the *Lantern* can connect us in the present, prepare us for the future, and remind us of where we've come from, we'll continue to communicate with you each month. The Lord willing, I'll be back to you in May 2027 with a report on our 300th *Lantern*.

Biblical Kisses Scramble

Can you match these biblical smoochers with the reason for their kisses? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Aaron to Moses | A. sorrow |
| 2. Absalom to Israel | B. return |
| 3. Beloved to Shulamite | C. brotherhood |
| 4. Christ to believer | D. love |
| 5. David to Absalom | E. subdued welcome |
| 6. David to Jonathan | F. blessing |
| 7. Ephesians to Paul | G. coronation |
| 8. Esau to Jacob | H. repentance |
| 9. father to prodigal son | I. politics |
| 10. harlot to Christ | J. friendship |
| 11. Jacob to Rachel | K. murder |
| 12. Jacob to grandchildren | L. farewell |
| 13. Jacob to Isaac | M. introduction |
| 14. Joab to Amasa | N. deceit |
| 15. Joseph to brothers | O. betrayal |
| 16. Judas to Jesus | P. forgiveness |
| 17. Laban to children | Q. church elders |
| 18. Moses to Jethro | R. reconciliation |
| 19. Orpah to Naomi | S. salvation |
| 20. Samuel to Saul | T. restoration |

Biblical Kisses Word Search

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

Word Bank: Aaron, Absalom, Amasa, David, Ephesians, Esau, Isaac, Israel, Jacob, Jesus, Jethro, Joab, Jonathan, Joseph, Judas, Laban, Moses, Naomi, Orpah, Paul, Rachel, Samuel, Saul, Shulamite

February Birthdays

3 Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
7 Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko
9 Trudy Meissner
10 Carole Kears
12 Luke Fedders
20 Janet Magruder
23 Billy Mossburg



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in January:

- The Pastor appointed the Deacons to serve on the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2018 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.
- The Pastor announced the retirement of Paul Foster as Choir Director as of April 21, 2019 and called for volunteers to serve on a Select Committee on Nominations to select a successor.
- The Pastor made a motion to consider installing a living space in the parsonage attic, which was referred to the Internal Administration Cmte.

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte., further to the recommendation of the Pastor and Deacons, will move to approve the commemoration of the late Dorothy (Roberson) Piper for her bequest to BBC with an engraved nameplate on a multi-name plaque.
- The Pastor and Deacons will recommend dismissing two inactive members from church membership upon their request.
- The Pastor will announce that the following members will serve on a Nominating Committee to select a candidate for Choir Director: Ann Bennett, Jan Burdette, Lisa Fedders, Roy Leibrand, Lee Michael, Cindy Moore, and Ed Williams.

Prayer Concerns

All those suffering from the flu and colds this winter
Ashlinn Cole
Joe Williams
John Beach
Larry Michael
Linda Roberts
Nick Cole
Noah Arthur, traveling to Africa
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Gene Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, Jo Blalock, June (Cole) Houseknecht, June Luhn, Margie Stream, Ola Moore, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Pauline Fowler, Gail Palestine, Charlie Driver, Cathy Rockenhauser, Dennis Oden
Our missionary friends 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).*

Biblical Kisses Scramble Answers

1. C (Exodus 4:27); **2. I** (II Samuel 15:5); **3. D** (Song of Solomon 1:2); **4. S** (Psalm 2:12); **5. E** (II Samuel 14:33); **6. J** (I Samuel 20:41); **7. Q** (Acts 20:37); **8. R** (Genesis 33:4); **9. T** (Luke 15:20); **10. H** (Luke 7:45); **11. M** (Genesis 29:11); **12. L** (Genesis 48:10); **13. N** (Genesis 27:26); **14. K** (II Samuel 20:9); **15. P** (Genesis 45:15); **16. O** (Matthew 26:49); **17. F** (Genesis 31:55); **18. B** (Exodus 18:7); **19. A** (Ruth 1:14); **20. G** (I Samuel 10:1).

News You Can Use

Baptist Men's Day. After a week's snow delay, the 2019 Baptist Men's Day breakfast and service was celebrated on Sunday, Jan 27. The men cooked a delicious breakfast and led the morning worship service. The Men of Barnesville (MOB) choir sang "Rise Up, O Men of God" as the call to worship, followed by "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus". The



congregation joined in on "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". Noah Arthur sang "Stand Like

Men" as a solo. Guest speaker Rev. Michael Mattar shared a message on the importance of men in the family, church, and community.

Youth activity. Everyone is invited to go duckpin bowling starting at 2:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes located at 304 Center St. in Mt. Airy. Kids can bowl for free; adults cost \$5.00 per person per game, shoes included. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Sign up with Lisa Fedders (240-418-7733) no later than Monday, Feb. 18.

Lottie Moon total. A total of \$1,950 was collected for the 2018 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 98% of our \$2,000 goal. Thank you to everyone who supported the 4,000+ SBC missionaries who are sharing the Gospel all over the world with a special gift. Let's pray that in 2019 these international missionaries will be able to plant even more than the 12,000 churches and the 46,000 people led to Christ in 2018.

Go paperless in 2019. Barnesville Baptist offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required. While back copies of the *Lantern* are always available on the church website, the calendar is for the current month only.

Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

Snow policy. During this season of snow and ice, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding if it is safe to travel on a given Sunday. Services will be held for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on Facebook as well as emailed. We ask that Sunday School teachers and other leaders call in their absences to the Church office as soon as possible.

Teresa Gardner, 1930-2019. Our sister in Christ and recent BBC member Teresa Gardner passed away at the age of 88 on Jan. 24. Teresa was a resident of the Sunrise Nursing Home in Frederick and was a faithful attender of BBC's monthly services with the Sunrise residents. Her favorite hymn to sing—enthusiastically--was #11 in the songbook, "How Great Thou Art". She joined BBC in December and was a steadfast contributor and supporter even though she wasn't able to physically attend. We pray that the Lord will give Teresa's family and the Sunrise community comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead.



Seniors' lunch. If you are over 55 years of age, you are invited to attend the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes baked ham and scalloped potatoes. We thank God for our seniors and want to show our appreciation to you by hosting a lunch and sharing in God's Word together. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore or Stephanie Runkles no later than Sunday, Feb. 10.

Note of thanks. Gene Bennett offered the following sentiment to the BBC family: "I want to thank you for your prayers, cards and concerns during my adjustment to Patty's passing".

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

