



# 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

Spring is right around the corner. This season of new life gives us an opportunity to start afresh and to be renewed in our walk with the Lord. Just like gardeners will soon be tilling their fields, spring is a good time to begin planting fresh new seeds of grace, truth, and love in our lives and the lives of the lost and hurting people all around us. As the natural world shakes off its winter slumber, our spirits should also yearn to be better people, to love our family and friends more, to live victorious lives, and to enjoy life and the blessings that come to us from the hand of God. The words of *Micah 6:8* will help us live in renewed obedience as worthy disciples of Christ whom we love: *"He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"*. When we put God first, others before us, and ourselves last, our priorities will begin to align with God's will and desire for our lives.

Easter is the most important reason of all why spring is a time for a spiritual fresh start. When we realize that as believers we have Jesus' righteousness (*Philippians 3:9*) and resurrection power (*v. 10*) inside us, we can truly enjoy the Lord's gift of new, guilt-free, God-pleasing life. Christ's atoning death freed us from the power and penalty of sin and His conquering of death, hell, and the grave gives us the ability to overcome with the Holy Spirit's guidance and inspiration. *"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification"* (*Romans 4:25*). Please take hold of the opportunity Jesus has given us to start anew, to be more focused on His love, and to be more involved in the ministry of the Gospel through His church here at Barnesville. Let's forgive those who have offended us, reconcile relationships that we have strained, and pray to more fully know God's will, that we may become all that God wants us to be.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- March 6** Business Meeting
- March 15** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- March 16** Baptist Men's Meeting; Children's Ministry Trip to Udvar-Hazy Center
- March 25** Deacons' Meeting



*"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."* (Acts 9:31).

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Are you familiar with the story of Mephibosheth? He was a minor Old Testament character, but his story is important because it shows why King David was a man after God's own heart and how David's kindness toward an unimportant and undeserving man is exactly how God's grace works.

David went looking for Mephibosheth to show grace. "Now David said, 'Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake'" (II Samuel 9:1)? It would have been perfectly acceptable for David to kill Mephibosheth as a descendant of his enemy King Saul and rival for the throne. However, David sought Mephibosheth out as the son of his beloved friend Jonathan. God is fully justified in punishing us for sin, but instead offers us forgiveness and mercy because He loves us. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Mephibosheth had done nothing to deserve David's favor. Indeed, with both of his feet lame (II Samuel 4:4), Mephibosheth was physically incapable of doing anything to impress David. Our salvation is just as undeserved and unearned.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Mephibosheth lived in obscurity and exile when David found him. He was living in someone's else house in the barren land of Lo-Debar (II Samuel 9:5), which means "no pasture" in Hebrew. As sinners, we are cut off from the blessings and abundant life that God has for His children. "...You were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

David's favor restored Mephibosheth's inheritance, granting him all the lands owned by King Saul, as well as Saul's servants to work the land (II Samuel 9:9-10). As king, Saul would have owned the best fields in Israel. David tasked Saul's old servant, Ziba, along with Ziba's 15 sons and 20 servants, to work the land and bring in the harvest. If the families of those 36 numbered people were included, Mephibosheth had a workforce that easily could have been in the triple digits. In an instant, Mephibosheth went from one of the poorest to one of the richest men in Israel. As believers, we too are given a rich inheritance. "...God, ...according to His abundant mercy has begotten us...to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you..." (I Peter 1:3-4).

Mephibosheth enjoyed David's favor for the rest of his life. David didn't merely restore Mephibosheth's property and then send him away. David made Mephibosheth a member of the royal household to be in fellowship with the king and his family and friends. "...he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons" (II Samuel 9:11). Just as David wanted to have Mephibosheth near him, the Lord desires close fellowship and relationship with us. "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." (Romans 8:15-17). The Lord's amazing grace rescues us from sin and spiritual exile, sets us on a path of growth and blessing, and allows us to enjoy His company forevermore.

## New Testament Churches Scramble

Can you match these 20 churches from the first century A.D. with their descriptions? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Antioch of Pisidia | A. witnessed a great harvest of souls        |
| 2. Antioch of Syria   | B. tolerated sin and heresy                  |
| 3. Berea              | C. Paul driven out by Jews here              |
| 4. Colosse            | D. Paul preached first sermon here           |
| 5. Corinth            | E. left its first love                       |
| 6. Ephesus            | F. tolerated false prophetess Jezebel        |
| 7. Galatia            | G. held in Lydia's home                      |
| 8. Iconium            | H. Paul healed impotent man here             |
| 9. Jerusalem          | I. Philemon and Onesimus were members        |
| 10. Laodicea          | J. had a good reputation but was dead inside |
| 11. Lystra            | K. neither hot nor cold for Christ           |
| 12. Pergamos          | L. believers first called Christians         |
| 13. Philadelphia      | M. met in home of Priscilla & Aquilla        |
| 14. Philippi          | N. knew and loved Scripture                  |
| 15. Rome              | O. Paul stayed 18 months                     |
| 16. Sardis            | P. had fallen victim to legalism             |
| 17. Smyrna            | Q. began at Pentecost                        |
| 18. Thessalonica      | R. believers suffered much for Christ        |
| 19. Thyatira          | S. Paul revived sleeping Eutychus            |
| 20. Troas             | T. obeyed during persecution                 |

## New Testament Churches Word Search

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

Word Bank: Antioch of Pisidia, Antioch of Syria, Berea, Colosse, Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia, Iconium, Jerusalem, Laodicea, Lystra, Pergamos, Philadelphia, Philippi, Rome, Sardis, Smyrna, Thessalonica, Thyatira, Troas

## March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Doug Heimlich, Alannah O'Leary-Yates
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 24 Janice Cole



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:*

- The Church approved the Internal Administration Committee's motion to commemorate the late Dorothy (Roberson) Piper for her estate's bequest to BBC with an engraved nameplate on a multi-name plaque.
- The Church, further to a recommendation by the Pastor and Deacons, dismissed two inactive members from church membership upon their request.
- The Pastor announced that the following members will serve on a Select Committee on Nominations to select a candidate for Choir Director: Ann Bennett, Jan Burdette, Lisa Fedders, Roy Leibrand, Lee Michael (co-chair), Cindy Moore, and Ed Williams (co-chair).
- A motion to hold a retirement luncheon for Paul Foster on Apr. 28 was referred to the Outreach Committee.

*Expected at the March Business Meeting:*

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2018 finances.
- The Nominating Cmte. will recommend Ann Bennett to serve as interim choir director from Apr. 22, 2019 until no later than Dec. 31, 2019, pending selection of a new choir director.

## New Testament Churches Scramble Answers

- 1. D** (Acts 17:4); **2. L** (Revelation 2:12-17); **3. N** (Acts 14:5); **4. I** (Acts 13:16); **5. O** (Revelation 2:1-7); **6. E** (Revelation 2:18-29); **7. P** (Acts 16:15); **8. C** (Acts 14:10-11); **9. Q** (Colossians 4:9); **10. K** (Revelation 3:1-6); **11. H** (Revelation 3:14-22); **12. B** (Acts 11:26); **13. T** (Romans 16:3-5); **14. G** (Acts 17:11); **15. M** (Acts 18:11); **16. J** (Galatians 1:6-9); **17. R** (Acts 2:47); **18. A** (Revelation 2:8-11); **19. F** (Acts 20:7-12); **20. S** (Revelation 3:7-13).

## Prayer Concerns

All those suffering from sicknesses this winter

Ashlinn Cole  
Joe Williams  
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).*

## News You Can Use

**February fellowships.** Twenty of BBC's most distinguished personalities had a great time at the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 19, coming out to enjoy



Gene Bennett, Amy Rogers, Billy Morrison, Ann Bennett, and Leslie Foster a lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes, fellowship, and spending time in God's Word. On Saturday, Feb. 24, 30 youth and families enjoyed duckpin bowling and pizza in Mt. Airy.



Cousins Zain Malik, Aleena Malik, and Casey Saylor

**Daylight savings time begins Mar. 10.** Set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on Saturday, Mar. 9.

**Kids' activity.** The Children's Ministry will visit the Udvar-Hazy Center (Air & Space Museum Annex) in Chantilly, VA on Saturday, Mar. 16. Cars will depart from BBC at 10:00 am. Admission is free; parking is \$15 per car. See Tina Appleton for more information.

**Volunteers needed.** The Food Ministry needs drivers and helpers to join the monthly rotation. Pick-ups at our Washington, DC stores are made on Wednesdays and Fridays starting at BBC at 9:00 am and returning by noon. See Pastor Danny if you would like to help.

**Join Sunday School!** A new quarter begins on Sunday, Mar. 3. The Adult I class will begin a study of *Ecclesiastes* taught by Pastor Danny. Cindy Moore's children's class is averaging four kids each week and has room to grow. The Adult II class in the sanctuary continues to study God's Word and welcomes everyone to join with them.

**Thank you.** Pastor Danny & Cindy, Cortland & Ola, and the rest of the Moore family extend their appreciation to all who have brought meals and offered other acts of kindness in the last few weeks.

**Directory update.** Additions and edits for the 2018-2020 church directory are requested no later than the end of April. Anyone who needs a new picture taken, would like to be included in the directory for the first time, or has changes to their contact information should contact Lee Michael.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.** The 2019 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is Mar. 3-10. This year's theme is "Sending Hope" based on *I Peter 1:3*, "...He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". The SBC's national goal is \$70 million;



BBC's is \$2,000. Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 5,000 missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this vital missions effort.

**Last BBC "Cat's Meow" models sold.** BBC acquired the last of the "Cat's Meow" Barnesville Baptist sanctuary woodcut models from the now-closed Poolesville store that sold them. All of the models have now been purchased by BBC members, but one is on display in the historical cabinet next to the Pastor's Office.



## COTCD Cartoon

### Church of the Covered Dish by Thom Tapp

