



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

Easter is one of my favorite times of the year. We celebrate Jesus Christ and all that He accomplished at Calvary for you and me, freeing us from the power and penalty of sin and reconciling us back to the Father. Everlasting life in heaven is ours if we will only believe in the name above all names, Jesus. The Easter season is also our time as Christians to remember the great cost Jesus endured for all of us on Good Friday. He gave up His life willingly on the cross so that we can be freed from sin, death, and judgment. *"Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him" (Romans 5:9)!* Jesus' precious blood that was shed for you and me is the reason all believers can celebrate Easter.

As the risen and living Lamb of God, Jesus longs to be our Savior and Lord. He is seated at the Father's right hand and has sent the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin, draw us to Him in faith, and teach and encourage us to follow Him. *"For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them" (John 3:34-36).* When you trust Him and believe in Him, you can take part in Jesus' Easter victory and share your story of how Jesus rescued you from Hell itself.

Please come join us here at BBC as we celebrate the Easter season together as family. Jesus has risen! He is alive! Let's share the great news!

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

April 3 Business Meeting
April 14 Palm Sunday; Easter Bell Choir Concert
April 20 Good Friday Service
April 21 Easter: Sunrise Service and Cantata
April 26 Watkins Cabinet Lunch
April 27 Baptist Men's Breakfast; Church Clean-Up Day
April 28 Retirement Luncheon for Paul Foster



"...When Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end" (John 13:1).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Jesus spoke of “His hour” at several key times during His earthly ministry, showing that He clearly understood His Father’s will for Him as the Messiah from the beginning. There were many occasions when His enemies had opportunities to attack or arrest Jesus when He criticized their hard hearts and unbelief or when He claimed to be equal with God, but He always slipped through their fingers. It wasn’t until God’s timing was ready and Jesus’ ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing was complete that the Pharisees and Sadducees could touch Him.

The first time Jesus spoke of “His hour” was at the wedding in Cana where He performed His first miracle of changing water into wine at Mary’s request. *“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come’” (John 2:4).* Jesus’ reluctance to do what His mother asked makes sense when understood in the context of His divine timetable. As the promised Messiah, Jesus knew that His suffering and death on the cross would come before the blessings of the millennial age when wine would be enjoyed by Israel in abundance. *“I will bring back the captives of My people Israel...They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them...” (Amos 9:14).*

Jesus’ enemies started plotting against Him early in His ministry, but He was able to frustrate them every time. When Jesus left Galilee to teach at the Temple in Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles, His enemies objected to His teaching, but none rose up to seize Him. *“Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come” (John 7:30).* Shortly thereafter, the Pharisees confronted Jesus for His teachings several times. *“These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come” (John 8:20).* Even when Jesus told the Pharisees that before Abraham was, He was the “I AM”, He was untouched. While the Pharisees sought to stone Him for blasphemy, Jesus evaded them and left Jerusalem.

Just as Jesus knew when it was too early for His death, He also knew when the time for His ultimate sacrifice had come. Jesus explained to His disciples about His coming death after His triumphal, and final, entry into Jerusalem. *“But Jesus answered them, saying, ‘The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified’” (John 12:23).* Again, after the Last Supper, *“Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You...’” (John 17:1).* Jesus was prepared to obey Father’s will and undergo all the pain and punishment of His trials, scourging, and crucifixion. Just as Judas came into the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Jesus, He again referenced “His Hour”, saying, *“The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners” (Mark 14:41).*

We know what happened next, and how the death and sadness of Good Friday turned into resurrection and eternal life on Easter Sunday. It is now our turn to wait for that unknown day and hour when He will come back for us (*Matthew 25:13*)! Until then, it is our calling to share the good news of Easter with all mankind.

Member of the Month: Ola Moore

- ★ Born: July 31, 1932 in Johnson City, TN
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 2018
- ★ How she first came to BBC: “Pop and I moved here August 28, 2018 after Gloria, our daughter, went to Heaven”.
- ★ Favorite Hymns: “Because He Lives”, “Who Made the Mountain”
- ★ Favorite Bible verses: *Philippians 4:6-7 and John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: six years old
- ★ Childhood church: Baptist church in Danville, VA
- ★ Most famous person she’s met: Salvation Army General Albert Osborne
- ★ Personal claim to fame: “Without Christ, I would be nothing. Without Him, where would I be?”.
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: The Great Depression
- ★ Farthest place she’s been from Barnesville: Israel
- ★ Story on first name: named after her aunt Viola
- ★ Most important technology invented in her lifetime: telephone
- ★ Childhood hero: her oldest brother Bill
- ★ Hobbies: creative writing and singing



April Birthdays

- 1 Jo Blalock
- 2 Rebecca Umstead
- 10 Alexis Connelly
- 13 Lacey Williams
- 15 Dot Fowler
- 23 Cortland "Pop" Moore
- 29 Zack Fedders



Prayer Concerns

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).*

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in March:

- The Church voted to approve the Select Committee on Auditing's report on the 2018 finances.
- Ann Bennett was elected to serve as interim choir director from Apr. 22, 2019 until no later than Dec. 31, 2019, pending selection of a new choir director.

Expected at the April Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to create a fund to receive gifts for future upgrades to the parsonage.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a bylaw requiring select church leaders responsible for children to complete background checks.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



News You Can Use

Easter services. The 2019 celebration of Jesus' resurrection will start on Palm Sunday, Apr. 14, when the Bell Choir will perform during the morning worship service. A Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 pm on Apr. 19. On Apr. 21, Easter Sunday, the day will begin with a community sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain at 6:15 am. For later risers, the Choir will perform its Easter Cantata: "Scenes from Passion Week" at 10:45 am, directed by Paul Foster in his final performance as BBC Choir Director, Jan Burdette as pianist, soloists Gary Cooley, Leslie Foster, and Suzanne Neal, and Lee Michael as narrator. Please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119 to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Did you know that three out of four people in the United States and Canada are lost and do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? The most effective and efficient way to reach the lost in North America is with SBC missionaries who spread the Gospel by establishing new churches and serving the needs of their communities. The 2019 Annie



Armstrong Easter Offering will bless the North American Mission Board's 5,000+ missionaries not only with our prayers, but also our financial support. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help those missionaries make the greatest Kingdom impact. We have just begun collecting offerings toward our 2019 goal of \$2,000; envelopes are available in each pew. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.

Choir director search update. The Nominating Cmte. has prepared a job notice for our Choir Director position that has been posted on the BBC Facebook page, the SBC JobSearch and BCM/D webpages, emailed by the MBA office to all MBA churches, and published in the Mar. 8 Monocacy Monocle (page 8). As of the end of March, we have not received any responses. The Cmte. will continue over the coming months to seek out other places to advertise and other ways to get the word out. We ask that BBC members continue to pray that we would be led to the right candidate.

Church clean-up days. Thanks to the men who re-graveled the parking lot on Saturday, Mar. 30. The lot will also be restriped in the coming weeks. On Saturday, Apr. 27 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.

March children's event. The Children's Ministry field trip to the Udvar-Hazy Center on Saturday, Mar. 16. was a most enjoyable outing. BBC folks got to see famous aircraft such as the Discovery space shuttle, the Enola Gay, a Concorde airliner, an SR-71 Blackbird, and other large airplanes, helicopters, rockets, and gliders.



Retirement luncheon. Paul Foster's 19 years as choir director will be celebrated on Sunday, Apr. 28 with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Please bring a dish to share; the church will provide meat and drinks.

C&O Canal bike ride. Be sure to sign up with Bill & Elnora Caudell for the C&O Canal bike ride scheduled for Saturday, May 4. The 5.4-mile round trip excursion will start with a hot dog lunch at noon at Lock 31 in Weverton (Mile 58). We will then bike up to Harper's Ferry (Mile 60.7) and return to Weverton.

Directory update. Updates 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 edits to their contact information should contact Lee Michael.