



# 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

It is hard to believe that it is June already and that 2019 is almost half over. Summer is here! People are making vacation plans, the days are getting longer, and the pools are filling up as the temperature rises. Summer is a great time of year to go outside and enjoy all of God's creation. Summer is also the time of year that we hold our annual Vacation Bible School. VBS is one of the greatest outreach programs the church can do to reach others with the Christian message. Pulling off all the different pieces of VBS—the classroom teaching, the decorations, crafts, recreation, food preparation, and all the behind-the-scenes work--can involve everyone in our congregation. As we work together in harmony and unity, the community will see how unique and important Christian fellowship is. The children that normally don't attend church can hear and sing about God's love. I am so happy that BBC still understands how vital VBS is to our church and to the children. Please pray that God will bless us with great weather and with His presence as we search out His Word!

You can help by inviting the children you know to join us—ask your friends, relatives and neighbors, and participate yourself. We will have classes for each and every age group so there is no reason not to bring as many people as you can. We have excellent teachers and instructors to share the good news of the Gospel so you will be blessed for coming each evening.

Cindy, Pop, and I would like to thank you all for your love and prayers as we cared for my mom these past few months. The food, cards, and other acts of kindness and encouragement were also truly appreciated. We can hold with confidence the knowledge that Ola Mae Moore is home with the Lord now and that God has healed her. We are all thankful to God for His love. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- June 2** Church Picnic at Black Hill Regional Park
- June 5** Business Meeting
- June 14** Flag Day
- June 16** Father's Day
- June 22** Baptist Men's Meeting
- June 24** Deacons' Meeting



*"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

This year, Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9. “Pentecost”, which means “fiftieth (day)”, is the birthday of the Church, coming 50 days after Easter, and commemorates when the Holy Spirit first descended upon Jesus’ followers in *Acts 2*. Pentecost corresponds to the Old Testament Feast of the Harvest when a freewill offering from the just-completed harvest was offered to the Lord (*Leviticus 23:9-10*). As New Testament believers, Pentecost represents the firstfruits of the harvest of believers—3,000 new Christians from many nations and tongues on that first day-- as well as the blessings that we will enjoy in heaven.

In *John 14:26*, Jesus promised His followers before His death that the Father would send a Helper, the Holy Spirit, to guide and encourage them. Again, before His ascension, Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem so that they would have the power to share the Gospel (*Acts 1:4-5,8*). And so it was that Jesus’ followers were filled with the Holy Spirit, who came with a great sound and tongues of fire, enabling them to speak a multitude of languages so that the visitors from many nations who were in Jerusalem could understand them.

As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us always (*Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 3:16*), but the filling of the Spirit describes times when God empowers us with His boldness, wisdom, joy, and spiritual understanding to accomplish His will (*Acts 4:31, Romans 15:13, Colossians 1:9*). The Holy Spirit gives us the power, along with Jesus’ authority, to accomplish the Great Commission mandate to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to live as Christ-followers (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

What Peter and the apostles did when they were first filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is exactly what the Church is called to do until Jesus comes again: preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, baptize new believers into the fellowship of Christians, and teach them how to become more like Christ. Peter spoke from the Scriptures, explaining that Jesus was Lord and Savior and that anyone who repented of their sins would be saved. Those who accepted the free gift of salvation were then baptized and inducted into the membership of Christian believers, where they “... continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (*Acts 2:42*). These core functions of the early Church are the same purposes we have today: to teach and preach the Scripture, to worship and praise the Lord, to pray and administer the ordinances, and to prepare new believers to come to spiritual maturity and lead the next generation to serve God’s Kingdom.

As we remember the start of the Church almost 2,000 years ago this month, let us also recall the start of our own congregation, and how we too are called to share the Gospel and can rely on the Holy Spirit’s strength and guidance to reach the many different people around us.

## Member of the Month: Cortland “Pop” Moore

- ★ Born: April 23, 1928 in Sommerville, MA
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 2018
- ★ How he first came to BBC: when he visited his son’s new pastorate in Barnesville, MD
- ★ Favorite Hymn: “Amazing Grace”
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *John 3:16*
- ★ Age at baptism: 16 years old
- ★ Childhood church: First Baptist Church, Stoneham, MA
- ★ Most famous person he’s met: Manhattan Project nuclear physicist Lawrence Johnston
- ★ Personal claim to fame: playing the horn
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: World War II, which affected his family and during which he lost many friends.
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Israel
- ★ Story on first name: “it’s a family name”
- ★ Most important technology in his lifetime: radio
- ★ Childhood hero: boxer Joe Lewis
- ★ Hobbies: fishing and stamp collecting



## June Birthdays

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**7** Amy Rogers  
**8** Lisa Fedders  
**9** David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole  
**10** Gary Burdette  
**11** Jan Burdette  
**13** Hisle Beach  
**14** Marty Woods  
**16** June Luhn  
**23** Bill Appleton  
**27** Danny Moore, Sandra Oden  
**29** Elsie Leibrand



## Prayer Concerns

Bill & Elnora Caudell, recovering from car accident injuries

Larry Michael, upcoming back surgery

Linda Roberts, back problems

Luke Fedders, back issues

the Moore family at the passing of Ola Moore

Nick Cole

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) House-

knecht, June Luhn, Margie Stream, Ola Moore, Ollie

Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers,

Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Dennis Oden, Gail Palestine, Joe

Williams, Pauline Fowler

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 May:*

- An Internal Administration Cmte. motion to sell the church pick-up truck on an "as is" basis was approved.
- The Church approved the Nominating Cmte.'s motion to extend Paul Foster's tenure as Choir Director until May 31, 2019.
- The Deacons reported that all required background checks for those in key church positions were completed and everyone was cleared.

*Expected at the June Business Meeting:*

- The Pastor and Deacons will recommend dismissing two inactive members from church membership upon their request.

## COTCD Cartoon

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



## News You Can Use

*Vacation Bible School heading our way!* The theme for this year's VBS is "In The Wild: Amazing Encounters With Jesus!", which will be held Jul. 8-12 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The VBS Scripture is *John 20:31*. Register online for classes at [barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs).



Classes are available from from Pre-K to Adults. VBS is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and

building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school.

*Church picnic.* On Sunday, Jun. 2, BBC will meet at Black Hill Regional Park's Shelter C at 1:00 pm. The church will provide fried chicken; bring a side dish or dessert to share. For those who purchased tickets for the 2:00 pm pontoon boat ride, please see Mary Yates to confirm final arrangements.

*Homeless shelter lunch.* On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, Barnesville Baptist served a barbeque lunch at the temporary Montgomery County homeless shelter for men in Rockville. Luke Fedders and Mike Nickerson (see picture, right) grilled hot dogs and hamburgers while others set up and staffed the serving line and passed out drinks and condiments. Cortland "Pop" Moore enjoyed talking to the men and passing out crosses and Bibles. Thanks to everyone who



prepare a side dish to take to the shelter. BBC provided enough food for lunch as well as dinner. The men at the shelter were very appreciative of our efforts and they know that



*Robin Berry, Cindy Moore, and Lisa Fedders serving food to the men*

*Ola Moore, 1932-2019.* Our sister in Christ and recent BBC member Ola Moore passed away at the age of 86 on May 22. She moved into the parsonage last summer and joined BBC in October 2018. Even though she wasn't able to physically attend services, her presence and testimony were strongly felt through the recorded songs that she sang and the sermon illustrations Pastor Danny shared about his mother. We pray that the Lord will give the Moore family comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead. A homegoing service for Ola Moore will be held at BBC on Saturday, Jul. 13 at 11:00 am.



*Children's fishing trip.* Fifteen fishermen enjoyed a good time of Christian fellowship at the Neals' Pond on Saturday, May 11. Thanks to Children's Ministry Coordinator Tina Appleton for organizing the event and to Suzanne Neal and family for letting us enjoy their pond. Upcoming children's events include VBS in July and a swim party in August.



*Aleena Malik, Kaycee Saylor, and Zain Malik ready to catch some fish*

*Choir news.* Paul & Leslie Foster were recognized for their 19 years of service in the Choir with a retirement luncheon on Sunday, Apr. 28. Paul's last day as Choir Director was May 31. Ann Bennett will begin serving as interim choir director on Jun. 1 as the choir begins its summer break from practices that will resume in September. The Nominating Cmte. is continuing to search for God's candidate to fill our Choir Director position. We ask that BBC members continue to pray that we would be led to the right person.



*Seniors' lunches.* Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 16 and Tuesday, Aug. 6. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 7 and Sunday, Jul. 28, respectively, for the July and August lunch dates.