



# 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

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40).*

I am truly excited to see how God is going to bless us as we welcome the Thai Christian Church of Washington, DC to use God's house here at BBC for three summer worship services. Pastor Supot Ouasi and the Thai church, who have purchased land on the south side of Barnesville, are coming as a congregation to worship at BBC during the afternoons on the last Sundays of June, July, and August. I am excited to see BBC open the doors of God's house to welcome God's people to come and be blessed by God here at His house of worship. We are so blessed by God to have a beautiful place to worship and I am glad that God has given us an opportunity to share His blessing with another body of SBC believers.

Cooperation is more than just giving money to the Cooperative Program or using the same Sunday School literature as other Southern Baptists. When we fellowship and share with each other, we learn more about what God is doing across His Kingdom and we get a better sense of what heaven will be like. As the Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church: *"For the body is not one member, but many" (I Corinthians 12:14)*, which applies just as much to congregations as it does to individuals. When we combine our strengths and abilities together, think how much more we can do to honor God and share His Gospel. *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor" (Ecclesiastes 4:9).*

Pastor Supot and the Thai church will be joining us again in September for our Pig Pickin' and International Fellowship. Along with several other churches, we will enjoy each other's food, music, and Christian fellowship. I am convinced that God is preparing us even now for what He has in store for us in the fall as we share this summer with our Thai brothers and sisters in the Lord. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1)!*



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day, Church Office closed
- July 8-12** Vacation Bible School
- July 16** Seniors' Lunch
- July 20** Baptist Men's Meeting
- July 29** Deacons' Meeting



*"For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield" (Psalm 5:12).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the best reasons to attend the Southern Baptist Convention is to hear the great preaching and teaching. The annual meeting certainly has a lot of business, but it is also characterized by worship, prayer, missions, and biblical exposition. The convention is preceded by the Pastors' Conference, which this year focused on "Kingdom Character" as expressed in the Beatitudes of *Matthew 5:1-16*. While the Beatitudes are familiar verses (blessed are the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, etc.), what I found new and interesting was the emphasis on where those qualities come from and how we actually live them out.

The first thing to know about the Beatitudes is that they are paradoxical, the opposite of what seems right to the world. Being blessed should seem to be about having riches and comfort and power, but Jesus taught that those who were poor and oppressed and weak were those who had God's favor. The Scriptures are full of such apparent contradictions, such as Jesus' teaching in *Matthew 23:12* that "...whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." We are taught by our culture that striving, competing, and fighting lead to victory and fame, but Christ tells us that is not so. Instead, Christ tells us that the path to being first is by being last, because God will order all things. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (*1 Peter 5:6*).

Second, the Beatitudes are attitudes implanted in Christians by the Holy Spirit that reflect Christ-like character. Out of our attitudes and character good works, service, and behavior are produced. Just as the nine Beatitudes are Spirit-planted attitudes, the nine fruits of the Spirit in *Galatians 5:22-23* (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) are the Spirit's power in us released to reflect the service we are called to do for God's Kingdom. Neither the attitudes of the Beatitudes nor the actions of the fruit of the Spirit are a result of our own interest, effort, or ability. These Kingdom character traits and behaviors are from God's Spirit. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts" (*Zechariah 4:6*). Because of who we are in Christ, the Spirit empowers us to grow, mature, and fulfill what we are called to be and do, to the glory of God the Father.

And third, living out the Beatitude attitudes is a process, not a fixed state of being. The Spirit will continue to grow us into what we already are. A baby given an over-sized shirt will not fill out that piece of clothing, but that child will grow up and mature to fit what it was given. In the same way, as new Christians we already possess the character and attitudes that the Spirit has implanted within us. Over time, our capacity to use, understand, and benefit from the Holy Spirit who resides within us will continue to expand and mature until we are glorified and made complete in heaven. As Paul explained in *Philippians 3:12*, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."

About 20 speakers in all discussed the Beatitudes, and what impressed me was that they all in their own way spoke about the importance of not just knowing what the Beatitudes are but what it means to live them out each and every day.

## Biblical Soldiers & Centurions Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 biblical soldiers and centurions with their descriptions? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Abishai              | A. led to Christ by Peter                           |
| 2. Abner                | B. one of David's captains                          |
| 3. Amasa                | C. treated Paul kindly                              |
| 4. Benaiah              | D. recognized Jesus as Son of God                   |
| 5. Caleb                | E. arrested Jeremiah                                |
| 6. Capernaum centurion  | F. led conquest of Canaan                           |
| 7. centurion at Calvary | G. Egyptian captain of the guard                    |
| 8. Claudius Lysias      | H. led Babylonian army                              |
| 9. Cornelius            | I. Jesus healed his dying servant                   |
| 10. Irajah              | J. led Absalom's rebels                             |
| 11. Ittai               | K. killed 300 enemies in a battle                   |
| 12. Joab                | L. sent Paul from Jerusalem to Roman Governor Felix |
| 13. Joshua              | M. led King Saul's troops                           |
| 14. Julius              | N. Syrian general and leper                         |
| 15. Naaman              | O. Canaanite defeated by Deborah and Barak          |
| 16. Nebuzaradan         | P. Assyrian commander                               |
| 17. Potiphar            | Q. supported David against Absalom                  |
| 18. Rabshakeh           | R. led King David's army                            |
| 19. Sisera              | S. Hittite soldier                                  |
| 20. Uriah               | T. scout with positive report                       |

## Biblical Soldiers & Centurions Word Search

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

Word Bank: Abishai, Abner, Amasa, Benaiah, Caleb, Calvary, Capernaum, Claudius Lysias, Cornelius, Irajah, Ittai, Joab, Joshua, Julius, Naaman, Nebuzaradan, Potiphar, Rabshakeh, Sisera, Uriah

## July Birthdays

**11** Megan Malik  
**12** Maggie Leibrand  
**14** Penny Barton  
**23** Mary Yates  
**26** Joe Yates, Aleena Malik  
**28** Jackie Cole



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:*

- The Church voted to approve dismissing two inactive members from church membership upon their request.

*Expected at the July Business Meeting:*

- As of press time, there were no new motions ready for action at the July business meeting.

## Prayer Concerns

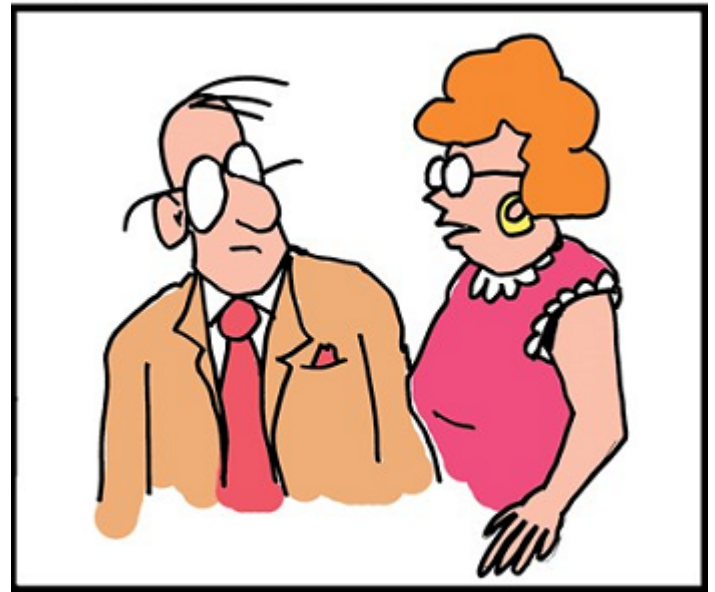
Bill & Elnora Caudell, recovering from car accident injuries  
Dot Fowler, recovering from illness  
Joe Yates, injured in four-wheeling accident  
Larry Michael, recovering from back surgery  
Linda Roberts, back problems  
Margie Stream  
the Moore family at the passing of Ola Moore  
Nick Cole  
the 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) Houseknecht, June Luhn, 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).*

## COTCD Cartoon

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



**"I just realised why no one was in church today... I forgot to unlock the doors."**

## Biblical Soldiers & Centurions Scramble Answers

**1. K** (I Chronicles 11:20); **2. M** (I Samuel 14:50); **3. J** (II Samuel 17:25); **4. B** (II Samuel 8:18); **5. T** (Numbers 13:25-14:9); **6. I** (Luke 7:1-10); **7. D** (Matthew 27:54); **8. L** (Acts 23:12-33); **9. A** (Acts 10); **10. E** (Jeremiah 37:13); **11. Q** (II Samuel 15:19-23); **12. R** (I Chronicles 18:14-15); **13. F** (Joshua 1); **14. C** (Acts 27); **15. N** (II Kings 5:1); **16. H** (II Kings 25:8); **17. G** (Genesis 39:1); **18. P** (II Kings 18:17-19:37); **19. O** (Judges 4); **20. S** (II Samuel 11).

## News You Can Use

**SBC 2019.** BBC messengers Danny & Cindy Moore and Lee Michael attended the SBC Pastors' Conference on Jun. 9-10 and the 2019



Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham, AL from Jun. 11 to 12. The Pastor's Conference focused on "Kingdom Character" and featured excellent preaching on the Beatitudes, unpacking each verse in *Matthew 5:1-16*.

The theme of the annual convention, which was attended by almost 12,000 people, was "Gospel Above All". SBC President and North Carolina pastor J.D. Greear emphasized three points during his keynote address: prioritize the Gospel above all, be willing to do whatever it takes to reach all people, and commit to sending every member. Greear was re-elected SBC president for 2019-2020 without opposition. Messengers heard reports from the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, the SBC seminaries, the WMU, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and LifeWay. The most important decisions made by the SBC were constitutional and bylaw changes to address sexual abuse. The convention also voted on multiple resolutions, elected new officers, and approved the SBC budget. Twenty-six IMB missionaries were commissioned to begin their overseas work.



*Panoramic view of the SBC meeting at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex from the BBC delegation's seats*

**Congratulations to graduates.** Lacey Williams graduated from Hood College on May 18 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Myranda Saylor graduated from Urbana High School on May 30 and Michaela Driver graduated from Clarksburg High School on Jun. 3. BBC wishes our 2019 graduating seniors the very best that life has to offer as they begin the next chapter of their lives. May God bless you all as you live to honor Him.

**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. Register online for classes from Pre-K to Adults at [barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs). The registration picnic will start on Monday, Jul. 8 at 5:30 pm. Friday will be Family Night with an ice cream social after the 7:00 pm Worship Rally.



Classroom set-up and decorating the sanctuary will begin after the worship service on Sunday, Jul. 7. Lunch will be provided for those involved with the VBS preparations. 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 to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children in Chisec, Guatemala so they can attend school.

**Field trip.** An outing to the Udvar-Hazy Center (Air & Space Museum Annex) in Chantilly, VA will be held on Saturday, Jul. 27,

leaving from BBC at 10:00 am. Sign up with Pastor Danny by Sunday, Jul. 21 to see famous aircraft



like the Space Shuttle Discovery, the Enola Gay, and the Concorde.

**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.