



# 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

We have been looking at God's Word the last two weeks concerning the precious blood of Jesus. My prayer is that we would be better prepared to celebrate and to remember Jesus' sacrifice of His body and blood when we gather together on the first Sunday of every month to partake of the Lord's Supper together. *"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (I Corinthians 11:26)*. At the Lord's Supper, real joy and peace can be celebrated and we all should be united with Jesus in His love. The Lord's desire certainly was that all of His followers should be united in Him. He prayed for those who were with Him and also for all who would follow that they would be one: *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me" (John 17:20-21)*.

The ordinance that we partake in with the bread and juice is a picture of *"...the incomparable riches of [God's] grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7)*. The foundational beliefs of all Christian faith are the death, burial, and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is around this fundamental truth that all Christians should be united. If the Church could look beyond its many differences and denominations, imagine what a powerful witness it would make to a world desperately seeking the joy, peace, and rest only God can give. This has always been my prayer for BBC, that we would be united with all believers in Jesus and to share the resources that God has given us to reach the lost, hell-bound people all around us, so that they will see God's love in us as we reach out in the name of Jesus together and to love them into the Kingdom of God. *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35)*.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- August 6** Seniors' Luncheon
- August 7** Business Meeting
- August 15** MBA Tent at Montgomery County Fair
- August 17** Baptist Men's Breakfast
- August 26** Deacons' Meeting



*"But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:11).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Many times, faith is defined by the world as trusting in something without any evidence, or contrary to reason. That is never the meaning of faith in the Scripture. Instead, biblical faith is believing in and acting on what God has said or promised will happen because He has always proven to be truthful and reliable. Even if we cannot currently see or understand why we should rely on God's Word, we know that because of His trustworthiness, what He says will be in the future is even more reliable than what exists in the present. In *Romans 4*, the Apostle Paul taught that Abraham's justification, his right-standing before God, was accomplished by faith alone and not works. Our salvation is likewise based on our faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The FAITH acronym helps explain Paul's point that faith isn't just about mere agreement, but application and action as well.

**F** is for facts--the objective, historical truth about God's promises. Whether God is blessing one person's life or offering salvation to anyone who believes in His Son, what God says will happen or will be shall fully come to pass. God promised Abram, a childless man living in Ur, that he would be the ancestor of a great nation that blessed the world. *"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you...And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed"* (Genesis 12:2-3). It took many years for Abram to see God's promises become his reality, and indeed God is still delivering on that promise from one generation to the next. *"He remembers His covenant forever; the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations"* (Psalm 105:8).

**A** is for agreement--belief that the facts are real. When God told an even older, childless Abram that his descendants would be innumerable, *"...he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness"* (Genesis 15:6). Even though those facts did not yet exist, Abram trusted God that they would be so. *"Abraham...believed God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did..."* (Romans 4:16-17). Today, we can easily see the physical proof and reality that Abraham had a multitude of descendants. Abraham's faith in that promised future was no less strong than our acceptance of present reality.

**I** is for internalization--considering that the facts matter and apply to me and my life. For Abraham, God's promises meant he was content to live in tents in a distant land instead of his birthplace. *"By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country..."* (Hebrews 11:9). Abraham's life was radically different than it used to be because His faith in God changed who he was, where he lived, and why what he was doing with his life mattered. As Christian believers, the fact that Jesus of Nazareth died on a cross 2,000 years ago matters here and now. Our spiritual condition today, how we live our earthly lives, and how we spend eternity are all dependent on the fact that the Son of God was resurrected and has borne our sins for us so that we can be saved.

**T** is for trust--action and commitment, repentance. Agreeing with and internalizing God's truth changes our lives from the way we think to what we care about to how we spend

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## Salvation Vocabulary Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 salvation vocabulary terms with their meanings? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. adoption        | A. remove, cover over with                 |
| 2. atonement       | B. God's advance choice to love us         |
| 3. election        | C. turn away from sin                      |
| 4. faith           | D. God's advance choice to save us         |
| 5. foreknowledge   | E. declare a legal status                  |
| 6. glorification   | F. ultimate and eternal perfection         |
| 7. grace           | G. obtained by paying ransom               |
| 8. imputation      | H. communicating with God                  |
| 9. justification   | I. God's right to use men for His purposes |
| 10. predestination | J. unmerited favor                         |
| 11. propitiation   | K. God's response to sin                   |
| 12. reconciliation | L. rights and duties of a son              |
| 13. redemption     | M. belief, trust, and hope                 |
| 14. repentance     | N. taking someone else's place             |
| 15. righteousness  | O. to cleanse and set apart                |
| 16. sanctification | P. restoring fellowship                    |
| 17. sovereignty    | Q. credit to another's account             |
| 18. substitution   | R. God's choice to save or judge           |
| 19. supplication   | S. moral purity and excellence             |
| 20. wrath          | T. appeasement, satisfaction               |

## Salvation Vocabulary Word Search

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

Word Bank: adoption, atonement, election, faith, foreknowledge, glorification, grace, imputation, justification, predestination, propitiation, reconciliation, redemption, repentance, righteousness, sanctification, sovereignty, substitution, supplication, wrath

## August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal  
11 Rick Thomas  
16 Stephanie Runkles  
17 Pauline Fowler  
20 Bill Williams  
25 Jim Gong  
26 Lee Michael  
28 Ann Bennett  
29 Paul Meissner  
30 Matthew Cole  
31 Bob Runkles



## Prayer Concerns

Elnora Caudell, recovering from shoulder surgery  
Joe Yates, recovering from four-wheeling accident injuries  
Linda Roberts, back problems  
Margie Stream  
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).*

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:*

- No new business was presented at the July business meeting.

*Expected at the August Business Meeting:*

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

## The Pew Perspective, continued

our time and energy. *"Now the Lord had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you'" (Genesis 12:1).* When God told Abram that he would inherit lands and have many children, Abram didn't just nod in agreement as if God merely said something inspirational and then go back to what he was doing. Abram packed up his household and family and left everything he knew for an uncertain destination. He just went. *"So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him..." (Genesis 12:4); "...And he went out, not knowing where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8).* When we accept God's offer of salvation, repent of our sins, and trust in Jesus to sanctify us in His righteousness, our lives are so altered that we call it being "born again", passing from our old selves to new life in Christ.

**H** is for hope--believing in what you have not yet seen. By the time Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah, there was no earthly, logical, rational explanation for how two people of their extremely advanced age could bear children. But that didn't matter because *"[Abraham]...contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken..." (Romans 4:18).* Abraham's trust in a trustworthy God meant that the impossible was possible if the Lord had promised it. *"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform" (Romans 4:20-21).*

So faith in God's promises is nothing like throwing pennies in wishing wells or believing things will get better by ignoring the hard truth. We can depend on the Creator of all things to change anything if He has promised it. When we accept God's offer of salvation through faith, it is as real, secure, and permanent as when a mountain climber latches onto a granite rock face. Faith doesn't just move mountains, it is a mountain.

## Salvation Vocabulary Scramble Answers

1. **L** (Galatians 4:4-5); 2. **A** (Genesis 3:21); 3. **R** (Ephesians 1:4); 4. **M** (Acts 20:21); 5. **B** (Acts 15:18); 6. **F** (Romans 8:18); 7. **J** (Ephesians 2:8-9); 8. **Q** (Isaiah 53:5); 9. **E** (Romans 5:1); 10. **D** (Romans 8:29-30); 11. **T** (Romans 3:25); 12. **P** (II Corinthians 5:18-20); 13. **G** (Ephesians 1:7); 14. **C** (Matthew 9:13); 15. **S** (Romans 3:22); 16. **O** (John 17:17); 17. **I** (Romans 9:19-24); 18. **N** (I Peter 3:18); 19. **H** (Luke 18:13); 20. **K** (Deuteronomy 9:7).



## News You Can Use

**Vacation Bible School a good time.** The motto of "Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!" was called out on the evenings of Jul. 8-12 during our wilderness-themed VBS, In the Wild. Thank you



to everyone who helped make VBS 2019 a success, especially to those in the classroom, crafts, recreation,

snacks, and behind the scenes.

Your service in building God's Kingdom and sharing His Gospel is appreciated. Megan Malik, Lara Saylor, and Zain Malik were the stars of the daily worship rally, leading the dance moves to the theme song (see picture, right). The enrollment was 51; average attendance was 44. The number of children enrolled was 20, an increase over last year's 12. The offering totaled \$1,184 and 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.



*Panoramic view of the VBS worship rally on July 8*

**Pastor's vacation.** Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore will be taking some time off from Aug. 17 to 24. Please contact the deacons for anything that arises during that week. Former pastor Randy Gilliam will preach on Sunday, Aug. 18. Lee Michael will lead the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting on Aug. 21. Pastor Danny will return to the pulpit on Sunday, Aug. 25.

**Fall activities to start up soon.** September is coming sooner than you think. Activities that will resume from their summer hiatus include Choir Practice on Sep. 3 and monthly WMU meetings and lunches with Watkins Cabinet after Labor Day.

**Children in church.** On Sunday, Jul. 28, the children had a special presentation during worship. Dylan Allnutt recited *Genesis 1:1*, Zain Malik read out *Psalms 119:11*, Kasey Saylor repeated *Matthew 19:14*, and Aleena Malik presented *Mark 3:10*. The children then sang "Amen, Praise the Lord".



*Wesley Moore, Dylan Allnutt, Aleena Malik, Kasey Saylor, Harper Ahalt, and Zain Malik (L-R) received "Jesus Loves Me" T-shirts during the Children's Story on Sunday, Jul. 21.*

**County fair outreach.** On Thursday, Aug. 15, BBC will man the Montgomery Baptist Association booth at the Montgomery Co. Agricultural Fair from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Please see Pastor Danny to participate in this outreach. Contacts with people at the county fair have led to salvation decisions and baptisms, so this is a great opportunity to reach many people with the Gospel by passing out water, candy, New Testaments, and tracts.

**Seniors' luncheon.** Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Those who attended the Jul. 18 luncheon had a great time.



## COTCD Cartoon

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

