



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

Thanksgiving season is here, and once again we all need to remember and reflect on how God Almighty has provided for us, loved us, and protected us throughout this past year. Whether in times of plenty when God has showered us with His favor or in times of hardship when God has walked with us, we have many reasons to be thankful. BBC, we are blessed to have the church family that we share. You are loving, caring, and God-honoring people of God. God's word in *Psalm 100:1-5* tells us to shout for joy to the Lord. We are to worship Him with gladness. We are to come before Him with thanksgiving in our hearts. We are to know and to remember that He made us and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Given all the blessings that we enjoy and the faithfulness of God that never changes, we should be just as fervent in having an attitude of gratitude in all that we do, think, and say. How obvious is it to God, others, and even ourselves that we are honoring Him and bringing Glory to God through our lives? - Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we all can be the people that God wants us to be. My prayer for all of us here at BBC is that we will fully know and grasp just how deep is our Father's love for us all. Just as the Apostle Paul hoped for the early Christians at Ephesus: "...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (*Ephesians 3:16-20*). My prayer for this Thanksgiving season is that we all will be more aware and grateful to God for all of His goodness, love, and mercy.

Cindy and I want to thank all of our BBC family for your love and support and for your gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month this past October. We love you all.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

November 2 Sugarloaf Hayride and Hot Dog Roast
November 6 Business Meeting
November 15 Watkins Cabinet Lunch
November 16 Baptist Men's Meeting; Clean-Up Day
November 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm
November 28 Thanksgiving, Church Office closed



"Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High" (Psalm 50:14).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

James is a practical letter that deals with living as an authentic follower of Jesus Christ. James addressed the need for humility before God so that we will receive His grace that is so needed in a world suffering from wars and strife. In *James 4:6*, James provided the principle that “*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble*” and then laid out several actions for us to pursue in verses 7-10 to ensure that our attitudes are receptive to God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy.

“Submit to God”: Just like a soldier falling in line under his commander, a sinner must give up control over his own life, choices, and values, and surrender them to God’s authority and leadership. As Jesus taught, “...*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...*” (*Matthew 6:33*). Cast aside everything that distracts from or distorts your relationship with God and He will reorder your life and priorities.

“Resist the devil and he will flee from you”: Those who belong to the Lord are no longer bound by Satan’s authority. As a defeated foe, the devil will depart from those who resist him in the name of Jesus. As Paul explained, “...*reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (*Romans 6:11*). Sin has no grip over those who are born again.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you”: Pursue a relationship with your Creator and return the love He has given. “*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments*” (*I John 5:3*). As the hymn says: trust and obey, for there’s no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

“Cleanse your hands, you sinners”: Recognize and confess your sin outwardly and give up ungodly behaviors. As David asked of the Lord in *Psalms 51:7* when he repented of his sin with Bathsheba, “*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow*”.

“Purify your hearts, you double-minded”: More important than external behavior, resolve in your heart to give up the thoughts and desires that dishonor God. David followed up his request for washing with a petition to be scrubbed on the inside of anything offensive to God: “*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me*” (*Psalms 51:10*).

“Lament”: In the Old Testament, those who were lamenting would cut their hair, tear their garments or replace them with sackcloth, and roll about in ashes to demonstrate their great grief. Those who are crushed and in pain in their spirit for their sins will receive pardon, mercy, and comfort from a loving Father who forgives and heals (*Isaiah 40:1-2*).

“Mourn” and “Weep”: These mean to grieve in your spirit over your offense before God and express your contrition outwardly. Job demonstrated this when he realized both his wrong behavior for criticizing God and his complete lack of anything to justify his actions before a perfect and Holy God when he said: “*I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes*” (*Job 42:6*).

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up”: God does not leave you in your sin, but restores you to fellowship and eternal life with Him. The Apostle Peter, when preaching the gospel at the Temple, said that those who were broken up over their offenses and sins before God and put their faith in Jesus for salvation would receive forgiveness and mercy from God. “*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...*” (*Acts 3:19*).

Member of the Month: Nita Roff

- ★ Born: Sep. 14, 1963 in Statesville, North Carolina
- ★ How long a BBC member: since October 2019
- ★ Church office held: Choir Director
- ★ How she first came to BBC: “Invited by a friend at the National Christian Choir (NCC), Gary Cooley”.
- ★ Favorite Hymns: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”, “Lord, Here Am I”, “Heavenly Sunlight”
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- ★ Age at baptism: 10 years old, also baptized in the Jordan River in 2008
- ★ Childhood church: Front Street Baptist Church, Statesville, NC
- ★ Most famous people she’s met: Christian composers Keith & Kristen Getty
- ★ Personal claim to fame: plays six-in-hand hand bells, and has sung with the NCC since 1991
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: the Chicago Cubs won the 2016 World Series
- ★ Farthest place she’s been from Barnesville: Israel
- ★ Story on first name: “It means ‘grace’”.
- ★ Most important technologies in her lifetime: space shuttle, autonomous vehicles
- ★ Childhood heroes: “My mother and grandmother who both led me to Christ, Billy Graham, and Mrs. Knight who shared Bible stories at school”.
- ★ Hobbies: bicycling, hiking, birdwatching



November Birthdays

4 Laura Luhn, Matt Burriss
5 Randy Gilliam
6 Sam Berry
12 Cris Driver
16 Sherry Morrison
18 Resha Layman
22 Michelle Ennis
23 Kitty Cooley
26 Joyce Dunn
27 Margie Stream
29 Connie Connelly



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 148th Annual Business Meeting in October:

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2020 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 3.
- The Church approved the membership application of Nita Roff, by transfer of letter from First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg (Pathways).
- The Nominating Cmte. motion to select Nita Roff as Choir Director for the remainder of the 2018-2020 term, vice Ann Bennett (interim), was adopted.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will request increased spending authority for the Electric BLI by \$1,000 and the Fuel Oil BLI by \$1,500.
- The Pastor and Deacons will make motions to approve the membership applications of John & Doris Kiser, each by statement.
- The Nominating Cmte. will offer motions to fill standing committee and church officer positions for the remainder of the 2018-2020 term:

Education Cmte.: Roy Leibrand as Non-Committee Instructor for Adult II Sunday School Class;

Internal Administration Cmte.: Larry Michael as Groundsman vice Dennis Bryson, resigned;

Worship Cmte.: Robin Berry vice Dot Fowler, resigned, Doug Heimlich vice Leslie Foster, resigned.

Paid Personnel: Tina Appleton as Church Custodian vice Dot Fowler, resigned.

Prayer Concerns

Dot Fowler
Joe Yates, recovering from four-wheeling accident injuries
Linda Roberts
Margie Stream
Mary Ann Luhn, broken hip
Nick Cole
Ryan Saylor, heart issues
Pauline Fowler, lung issues
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 Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Paul & Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Dennis Oden, Gail Palestine, Joe Williams
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

Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 8. The BBC Christmas Party will be held at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 5:00 pm, with dinner served at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. Kids ages 16 and under are the guests of BBC. Join us for good food, activities, and fellowship to get the Christmas season started. Bring your favorite holiday cookies or dessert. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, Nov. 24 to Cindy Moore by cash or check made payable to BBC.

Fall fellowships. October was a busy month for fellowships. Forty-two kids, youth, and families had a good time around the bonfire, watching fireworks, and in the corn maze at Summers Farm in Frederick



Frederick on Saturday, Oct. 5. The Baptist Men enjoyed good food, fellowship, and testimonies with 21 men around the table at the sixth annual Beast Feast on Saturday, Oct. 19.

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Fall clean-up day. On Saturday, Nov. 16 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.

MBA annual meeting report. Two BBC messengers attended the 84th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Ashton Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 13. Five new churches received full membership affiliation and another three congregations continued in watch care status for future membership.

Glade Valley services. BBC has been invited by Genesis HealthCare to hold services at the Glade Valley Center assisted living facility in Walkersville, MD on the first and third Wednesdays of the month starting in November. We will lead worship for the residents by singing hymns, serving communion, and delivering a short message. We will also call on residents unable to leave their rooms who have requested prayer or visitation. Those interested in participating in the one-hour service (10:45-11:45 am) should contact Pastor Danny.

Updated food ministry hours. The food shed will be open on Fridays from 1:00 to 8:00 pm and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

Christmas project. This year, we will be partnering with missionaries Matthew & Ellen Zell in Honduras to send gifts to children in need. Stay tuned for details on how to participate. Gifts will be delivered after the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Eve service. A special service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm to thank the Lord for all His many blessings and kindnesses in the last year. This is a great way to start the holiday season.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

