



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

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests'" (Luke 2:13-14).

Joy to the world, and peace to all of those on whom His favor rests. This year of 2019 has gone by so fast. I hope that we all have stopped long enough to thank God for all of His love and blessings and for all the opportunities He has given us to serve Him. We have seen God work in mighty ways this year at BBC. I am so excited to see how God is going to use us in 2020. I believe our best days are ahead of us. We all must stay focused on Jesus and His will for us as His church. I want to encourage you to slow down this Christmas season and look around at how God has blessed you. Take time to give a hug away to someone that needs some joy in their lives. Send a card of hope, peace, and joy, reminding your friends, relatives, and neighbors that those blessings can only be truly found in Jesus! Take time this season to give away the love that you have known and experience firsthand from Jesus and you will be blessed for it. The greatest gift that you could give to anyone is love.

I would like to encourage you to please take part in the Christmas activities this month. The fellowship of believers in Jesus is awesome and the joy that we share with each other is contagious. I hope to see you at the Dec. 15 parsonage open house immediately after the service. We will have plenty of food, drinks, desserts, and fellowship. Everyone is invited! Make sure you look at this month's calendar for the dates and times of our Christmas dinner, the children's programs, and the Christmas cantata. Hope to see you all celebrating Jesus and each other this Christmas season.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

December 4 Business Meeting
December 6 Christmas Dinner
December 15 Cantata, Parsonage Open House
December 19 Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
December 21 Baptist Men's Meeting
December 22 Children's Birthday Party for Jesus
December 24 Christmas Eve Service
December 25 Christmas



"For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples..." (Luke 2:29-30).



The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the reasons that the old-time Christmas carols have been enjoyed for generations is that they pack a lot of Scripture into the lyrics. One of the most biblically-based songs is Charles Wesley's "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing", which he first wrote in 1739. The three stanzas that we are familiar with today declare Jesus' divinity and humanity, affirm the doctrines of the virgin birth and the incarnation, teach Christ's Lordship, prove the inerrancy of the Scriptures through the fulfillment of prophecy, and preach the salvation message and the good news of Gospel.

Below are the lyrics (minus the refrain) of "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing", followed by the verse(s) from the Old and New Testaments that are the foundation for the words. It is obvious that the first stanza comes straight out of *Luke 2*. If you don't remember what the angels said to the shepherds abiding in the field at night, sing the first stanza and you'll have *Luke 2:10-14* covered. *John 1*'s focus on the Word made flesh is prominent in the second stanza, while the third has verses that focus on Christ's first and second coming and the reason why He came as the Son of Man.

Hark! the herald angels sing, *Luke 2:13*
"Glory to the new-born King!" " "
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, *Luke 2:14*
God and sinners reconciled." " "
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, *Luke 2:10, Psalm 67:4*
Join the triumph of the skies; *Luke 2:13*
With th' angelic host proclaim, *Luke 2:11*
"Christ is born in Bethlehem." " "

Christ, by highest heaven
adored: *Revelation 5:13*
Christ, the everlasting Lord; *Isaiah 40:28*
Late in time behold him come, *Galatians 4:4*
Offspring of the Virgin's womb. *Luke 1:31, Isaiah 7:14*
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; *John 1:14*
Hail, th'incarnate Deity: " "
Pleased, as man, with men to
dwell, " "
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Matthew 1:23*

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of
Peace! *Isaiah 9:6*
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness! *Malachi 4:2*
Light and life to all He brings, *John 1:4,9*
Risen with healing in His wings *Malachi 4:2*
Mild He lays His glory by, *Philippians 2:5-7*
Born that man no more may
die: *John 5:24, 11:26*
Born to raise the son of earth, *John 3:3*
born to give them second birth. " "

May this and all the other Christmas carols that we sing and hear this season be "tidings of comfort and joy" as we worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020 from the *Lantern* staff.

Christmas Scramble

Can you match these 20 Christmas characters with their description? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. angels | A. descendant of David |
| 2. Anna | B. angel who visited Zacharias and Mary |
| 3. Bethlehem | C. where Joseph registered for Roman census |
| 4. Caesar Augustus | D. celebrated Christ's birth before the shepherds |
| 5. chief priests | E. leapt for joy in the womb at Mary's arrival |
| 6. Egypt | F. residence of Joseph's family after Egypt |
| 7. Elizabeth | G. witnessed Jesus in the Temple |
| 8. Gabriel | H. Roman governor of Syria |
| 9. Herod | I. name given to Messiah 8 days after birth |
| 10. Holy Spirit | J. Roman emperor who called for census |
| 11. Jesus | K. doubting priest who went mute until son's birth |
| 12. John | L. wife of Joseph |
| 13. Joseph | M. visited newborn Jesus in Bethlehem manger |
| 14. Mary | N. caused Mary's virgin conception |
| 15. Nazareth | O. prophesied over Jesus |
| 16. Quirinius | P. land Joseph fled to until Herod died |
| 17. shepherds | Q. knew prophecy of Christ's birthplace |
| 18. Simeon | R. visited 2-year old Jesus in Bethlehem house |
| 19. Wise Men | S. aged wife of Zacharias |
| 20. Zacharias | T. king of Judea |

Christmas Word Search

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

Word Bank: angels, Anna, Bethlehem, Caesar Augustus, chief priests, Egypt, Elizabeth, Gabriel, Herod, Holy Spirit, Jesus, John, Joseph, Mary, Nazareth, Quirinius, shepherds, Simeon, Wise Men, Zacharias

December Birthdays

- 2 Tina Appleton, Elnora Caudell
- 5 Robin Berry
- 6 Justin Yates
- 17 Roy Leibrand, Mary Ann Luhn, Cindy Moore
- 24 Ashlinn Cole
- 28 Ralph Cooley
- 29 Ollie Baumbaugh
- 31 Larry Michael



Prayer Concerns

Dot Fowler
Joe Connelly
Joe Yates, recovering from four-wheeling accident injuries
Linda Roberts
Margie Stream
Mary Ann Luhn, recovering from broken hip
Nick Cole
Resha Martin's family at her passing on Nov. 15
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, 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)

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in November:

- The Nominating Cmte.'s motions to fill standing committee and church officer positions for the remainder of the 2018-2020 term were adopted.
- The Church approved the membership applications of John & Doris Kiser, each coming by statement.

Expected at the December Business Meeting:

- The Finance Cmte. will offer a motion to approve its recommended 2020 Church budget of \$214,602, which is \$4,843 less than the 2019 adjusted budget amount of \$219,445.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will request increased spending authority for the 2019 Electric BLI by \$1,000 and the 2019 Fuel Oil BLI by \$1,500.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Christmas Scramble Answers

1. **D** (Luke 2:13); 2. **G** (Luke 2:38); 3. **C** (Luke 2:4); 4. **J** (Luke 2:1); 5. **Q** (Matt. 2:5); 6. **P** (Matt. 2:13); 7. **S** (Luke 1:7); 8. **B** (Luke 1:13,31); 9. **T** (Matt. 2:1); 10. **N** (Matt. 1:20); 11. **I** (Luke 2:21); 12. **E** (Luke 1:41); 13. **A** (Luke 2:4); 14. **L** (Luke 2:5); 15. **F** (Matt. 2:23); 16. **H** (Luke 2:2); 17. **M** (Luke 2:16); 18. **O** (Luke 2:34); 19. **R** (Matt. 2:11); 20. **K** (Luke 1:20).



News You Can Use

Christmas services planned. BBC has several special events scheduled to celebrate Christmas. On Sunday, Dec. 8, the children will perform. That evening, the Christmas Dinner at St. Mary's Pavilion will start at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm; bring a dessert to share. The Choir will present its cantata on Sunday, Dec. 15. The parsonage open house will then be held at 12:30 pm. The Children's Ministry will hold a Birthday Party for Jesus after church on Sunday, Dec. 22. On Christmas Eve, a candlelight service will be held at 6:00 pm.

Giving thanks. BBC held a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 27. David Bennett led the opening prayer and Lee Michael read from *Psalm 147* for the responsive reading. Special guest Pastor-Rabbi Robert Pristoop discussed the biblical basis for the American holiday of Thanksgiving, to include the Old Testament festivals and public acts of worship and



thankfulness to God that were familiar to the Pilgrims. The service ended with Rabbi Robert blowing his shofar and offering a blessing. Rabbi Robert's presentation can be viewed on the BBC Facebook page.

Christmas project. This year, we will be partnering with missionaries Matthew & Ellen Zell in Honduras to send gifts to children in need. Please see Mary Yates to sign up to sponsor a child. Gifts will be delivered after the holiday season.

Glade Valley services. December services in Walkersville will be held on Dec. 11 and 18 to accommodate the holiday schedule. BBC's new ministry was featured on the BCM/D's online "**Maryland/Delaware Roundup**" on Nov. 14. The post reads:

Barnesville Baptist Church (BBC) in Maryland has developed a ministry with a local health rehabilitation center. Many of the church members have spent time at the center during an extended illness.

The church leads music with a short devotional twice a month, but the most significant impact is the one-to-one ministry, says BBC Pastor Danny Moore.

"We've built a great relationship with the center," Moore says. "We get to go and pray with people in the rooms. They'll also call us if someone is not doing well." Recently one patient asked for prayer for her son, who was dying of cancer. Moore said it was wonderful for this woman to have a chance to share her concerns.

Sermons now on Facebook Live. BBC has started streaming live video of Sunday morning sermons on its Facebook page ([facebook.com/barnesvillebaptistchurch](https://www.facebook.com/barnesvillebaptistchurch)), which has been received very enthusiastically by

Barnesville Baptist Church was live
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those who are sick or unable to attend services in person. As of press time, the Nov. 17 sermon was viewed by 263 people. The sermons begin approximately 11:15 am. The idea to use

Facebook's live streaming service was discussed at a "Social Media and the Church" breakout session at the November BCM/D annual meeting.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal set at \$2,000. Dec. 1-8 is the week of prayer for the 2019 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

Together, we and the International Mission Board are able to send out more than 3,600 missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. The national goal is \$165 million; BBC's is \$2,000. Last year, IMB missionaries engaged 847 people groups, planted almost 14,000 churches and baptized more than 52,000 people. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.



*Southern Baptist missionary to China
Lottie Moon (1840-1912)*

Christmas poinsettias for sale. If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services and throughout the holiday season. Four sizes are available this year: 6" for \$11.00; 7" for \$17.00; 8" for \$27.00; and 10" for \$35.00.

Write to Dot Fowler. Dot Fowler would appreciate hearing from her BBC family members. Her address is 9107 Liberty Knolls Ct., Union Bridge, MD 21791.

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.