



# 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

Happy new year 2020! 2019 really went by fast. But wow, what a year we have had. God has poured out His blessings on each of us, our families, and on His church. We have seen God work in mighty ways in the last twelve months just as He has given us new opportunities to serve Him through new and expanded ministries. We have been given several new openings to share His love with the lost and hurting people all around us. We have had many of our prayers answered. Lives have been changed forever because of what Jesus has done and we have been blessed to participate in what the Lord is doing.

My prayer is that God has been pleased with our worship as a church family. Yes, there are things we all would like to change. There have been words and deeds that we all would like the chance to change or do over again. Yet we can thank the Lord for His grace and mercy that gives us strength and ability to serve His Kingdom in spite of our weaknesses and shortcomings.

I would like to challenge all of us here at BBC to spend more time in prayer and Bible study this new year. I firmly believe that our best days are ahead of us as believers in Jesus. I believe that we all could be more compassionate and focused on God and His plan for our lives and His church here at BBC. Even though Christmas is over, God's Word tells us about the perfect gift that we all can both receive and give away: Jesus! *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15).* I am excited about 2020. Let's all be prepared to be used by God in many ways this coming year.

Cindy and I would like to thank everyone for your cards and gifts this Christmas season. We are truly blessed to be serving here with you at BBC.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

**January 1** New Year's Day  
**January 8** Business Meeting  
**January 16** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet  
**January 18** Baptist Men's Meeting  
**January 19** Baptist Men's Day Breakfast & Service



*"The fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened" (Proverbs 10:27).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

It seems like I just wrote a year-in-review column for 2018, and now the year 2019 has already gone on its way. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are serving our Lord (or is that the same thing)? Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: "I Can Only Imagine" movie shown, Baptist Men's Day celebrated with Rev. Michael Mattar

February: Love Our Seniors luncheon served, kids enjoyed duckpin bowling

March: kids visited Udvar-Hazy Air & Space annex, parking lot re-graveled

April: Easter celebrated with "Scenes from Passion Week" cantata and bell choir performance

May: Choir Director Paul Foster retired after 19 years, church pick-up truck sold, kids fished at Neals' Pond, passing of Ola Moore

June: church picnickers took pontoon boat ride, three attended Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham, AL

July: kids enjoyed In The Wild VBS

August: Bibles given away at county fair

September: Pig Pickin' went international with Ghanaian and Thai churches, Bob Lillard antique car show held

October: Nita Roff started as Choir Director, men enjoyed Beast Feast, youth and families took on Summers Farm corn maze, one new member joined

November: services for Walkersville seniors began, youth and families enjoyed hayride to Sugarloaf, two new members joined

December: Christmas celebrated with party and cantata, presents collected for Honduras missions, sermons started streaming on Facebook

God has certainly blessed BBC in the past year with many opportunities to engage in discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and worship. As we look forward to 2020, it is exciting to imagine the possibilities the Lord has in store for us as we seek to serve Him in this new year.

*"I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing" (Ezekiel 34:26).*

## Biblical Calling #2 Scramble

Can you place these 20 people with their correct calling? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Barak     | A. serve as prophet to the nations    |
| 2. Daniel    | B. interpret dreams                   |
| 3. David     | C. receive God's covenant of peace    |
| 4. Eleazar   | D. be true to his grandfather's faith |
| 5. Elijah    | E. save Jews from extermination       |
| 6. Esther    | F. lead Israel into Canaan            |
| 7. Ezekiel   | G. rule Israel like his father        |
| 8. Ezra      | H. marry a harlot                     |
| 9. Gideon    | I. defeat the Midianites              |
| 10. Hosea    | J. be Israel's watchman on the wall   |
| 11. Isaac    | K. rebuild Jerusalem's wall           |
| 12. Isaiah   | L. teach the Word to returning Jews   |
| 13. Jacob    | M. carry on father's faith            |
| 14. Jehu     | N. serve as Israel's best king        |
| 15. Jeremiah | O. preach judgment against sin        |
| 16. Joshua   | P. defeat the Canaanites              |
| 17. Nehemiah | Q. become greatest prophet            |
| 18. Phinehas | R. rule over 10 tribes                |
| 19. Samuel   | S. become Israel's high priest        |
| 20. Solomon  | T. replace Eli as high priest         |

## Biblical Calling #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Barak, Daniel, David, Eleazar, Elijah, Esther, Ezekiel, Ezra, Gideon, Hosea, Isaac, Isaiah, Jacob, Jehu, Jeremiah, Joshua, Nehemiah, Phinehas, Samuel, Solomon



## January Birthdays

- 1** Jack Cooley
- 6** Zain Malik
- 8** Hannah Leibrand
- 10** Lois Hogue
- 11** Jesse Yates
- 15** Sara Oden
- 19** Joe Connelly Jr.
- 22** Leslie Foster
- 24** Dennis Bryson

## Prayer Concerns

Dot Fowler  
 Joe Connelly  
 Joe Yates  
 Linda Roberts  
 Margie Stream  
 Mary Ann Luhn  
 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, 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 December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Committee’s motion to approve its 2020 Budget proposal.
- The Internal Administration Cmte.’s request to increase the 2019 Electric BLI by \$1,000 and the 2019 Fuel Oil BLI by \$1,500 was approved.

*Expected at the January Business Meeting:*

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2019 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2019 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

## COTCD Cartoon

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



**“Sorry, our finances aren’t as good as I thought. I had the chart up-side-down.”**

## Biblical Calling #2 Scramble Answers

1. **P** (*Judges 4:4-9*); 2. **B** (*Daniel 2:19-23*); 3. **N** (*I Samuel 16*); 4. **S** (*Numbers 3:32*); 5. **O** (*I Kings 17:1-4*); 6. **E** (*Esther 4:13-16*); 7. **J** (*Ezekiel 3:10-27*); 8. **L** (*Ezra 7:6-10*); 9. **I** (*Judges 6:11-16*); 10. **H** (*Hosea 1:1-2*); 11. **M** (*Genesis 26:1-5*); 12. **Q** (*Isaiah 6:1-13*); 13. **D** (*Genesis 28:12-15*); 14. **R** (*II Kings 9:1-6*); 15. **A** (*Jeremiah 1:4-10*); 16. **F** (*Joshua 1:1-9*); 17. **K** (*Nehemiah 2:18*); 18. **C** (*Numbers 25:10-13*); 19. **T** (*I Samuel 3:1-14*); 20. **G** (*I Kings 3:1-14*).

## News You Can Use

**Christmas activities.** The month of December was packed with times of worship and fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beginning with the annual Christmas Party at St. Mary's Pavilion on Sunday, Dec. 8. Thanks to Gary & Jan Burdette for organizing the meal and games. On Sunday, Dec. 15, Pastor Danny & Cindy hosted a parsonage open house for



over 70. The children enjoyed receiving gift bags prepared by the Baptist Men on Dec. 15 and 22 (see picture above). The month-long celebration concluded with a candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

**Baptist Men and WMU.** Consider joining the men's or women's groups this coming year. The WMU gathers on the second Monday mornings and the Baptist Men meet on third Saturdays for breakfast. Baptist Men's Day 2020 will start with the men cooking breakfast for the church on Sunday, Jan. 19. Join the men at 8:30 am for a buffet of pancakes, eggs, and other good food. The men will then lead the morning service, to include the annual singing performance of the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir. John Gauger of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware will be the guest speaker.

**Choirs start again.** If you like to sing or ring, or would like to try, please consider joining the Choir, led by Nita Roff, or the Bell Choir, Ann Bennett conducting. The Choir re-starts practices on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm as of Jan. 7. On Jan. 16, the Bell Choir will start practicing Easter music on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.



Choir performing the "Love's Pure Light" cantata on Dec. 15

**Birthday updates requested.** The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

**Lottie Moon offering.** Gifts received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stand at \$1,570, which is 79% of our 2019 goal of \$2,000; the national goal is \$165 million. 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. 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.

**Go paperless in 2020.** BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required.

**Snow policy.** As we enter the season of snow and ice, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding whether or not it is safe for your family to travel on a given Sunday. Services will be held for anyone who can safely travel during inclement weather. A BBC local weather/road condition message will be posted on Facebook as well as emailed. We ask that Sunday School teachers and other leaders call in their absences to the Church office as soon as possible.

**Christmas poinsettias.** Flowers were donated by the following in memory of loved ones: Gary & Jan Burdette (Lloyd & Helen Burdette and Bob & Margery Lillard); Jack & Kitty Cooley (Jack & Nellie Cooley and Carson & Dorothy Ward); David & Ann Bennett (Carroll & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland); Barbara Swank (Doug Swank, Dean Swank, and Annie Cooley); Sherry Morrison (Bill Morrison and Bill & Mary Mossburg); Janet Magruder & family (Dick Magruder); and Luke & Lisa Fedders & family (Doug Cooley); and Joe & Mary Yates (Larkin & Ann Yates, Hazel Ward, Bruce Benson, and Jimmy Benson).