



# 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 don't know about you, but I can hardly believe that we are in the year 2020. Time truly is flying right past us. As I was reflecting on the things that we as a church accomplished in 2019, I was overwhelmed by the fact that we truly grew closer to God and to each other. BBC, you have been faithful to God and to your fellow church family members and attenders in mighty ways. I am so encouraged by our Facebook Live streaming that we now have available each Sunday. Over 200 people weekly have been able to view the service and be challenged by God's Word. To God be the glory, great things He has done and is still doing. I believe that we have taken *Matthew 22:37-40* to heart: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments"*.

As the pastor of BBC, I am excited and can't wait to see how God is going to use us even more this year as a church family to reach out in His love to each other and to our community. As I was reflecting on my own life and looking back on 2019, my prayer for myself and for our church is that we will be able to say, Lord willing, at the end of 2020, thank You Lord for allowing me to be used by You and for allowing me to leave a legacy of true Christlike love for everyone that I had the privilege of meeting. It's not too late to start--right now--being the people that God wants us to be. The formula is simple: seek, pray, believe, trust, go! Jesus tells us to seek out a deeper relationship with Him daily. We can accomplish that by being obedient to the Bible and by having a true love for His Word. It also involves the teaching of the Holy Spirit living within us. The believer who spends time learning the Word, then goes out to live the Word, will enjoy a close, satisfying communion with the Father and Son. We are blessed to be part of the mighty works that God is doing within His church. May we be found to be faithful.

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- February 5** Business Meeting
- February 11** Love Our Seniors Lunch
- February 15** Baptist Men's Meeting
- February 20** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- February 22** Youth Duckpin Bowling



*Groundhog Day is Feb. 2*

*"From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised" (Psalm 113:3).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Did you know that all but one of the Ten Commandments (found in *Exodus 20:1-17*) are restated in the New Testament? Whereas the Old Testament provided a list of rules to keep the Jewish people from engaging in proscribed behavior, the New Testament emphasizes believers' relationship with and love for God to keep them in fellowship with Him. Even so, Old Testament practices translate into New Testament principles, as what was begun in the past is fulfilled by a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. As we compare each of the Ten Commandments with their counterpart in the words of Christ and the apostles, we can see how God's eternal truth is unchanging.

"No other gods before Me": In *Acts 14:14-15*, Paul and Barnabas told the people of Lystra that there was only one true God and Creator of the universe.

"No carved images": In *1 John 5:21*, the Apostle John told believers to avoid idols.

"Do not take the Lord's name in vain": James, the brother of Jesus, instructed Christians to be honest in their dealings and avoid swearing rash oaths (*James 5:12*).

"Keep the Sabbath holy": Moses' rule for seventh-day (Saturday) rest is no longer binding, but the basic principle remains. In *Colossians 2:16*, Paul wrote that rules about food, holidays, and days of worship were past. While Sunday worship commemorates Jesus' resurrection for Christians, you can worship on any--or every--day of the week. What is more important is that we worship "in spirit and truth".

"Honor your parents": In *Ephesians 6:1*, Paul encouraged children to obey their parents to please the Lord.

"Shall not murder": In *1 John 3:15*, the Apostle John, echoing Jesus' words in *Matthew 5:22*, said that those who hated were murderers, and murderers do not have eternal life.

"Shall not commit adultery": In *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*, Paul warned that those who practice sexual immorality of all kinds would not inherit the kingdom of God.

"Shall not steal": In *Ephesians 4:28*, Paul preached against stealing, encouraging people to work so that they may be able to give to others.

"Shall not lie": In *Colossians 3:9-10*, Paul preached against lying, saying that it did not belong in the life of one who had died to sin.

"Shall not covet": In *Ephesians 5:3*, Paul said that covetousness was unfitting for saints.

The New Testament's teachings on ethics emphasize love for God rather than concern for avoiding punishment as the motive for obeying Him. The power and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a born-again believer's life enables righteous living instead of relying on fear of becoming ceremonially unclean to avoid sinning. For Christians, following the Ten Commandments is no longer the minimum necessary to stay on God's good side, but is the foundation for deepening our relationship with Him and showing ever more care and kindness to others.

## Biblical Cities #2 Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 cities in the Bible with what happened there? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Arimathea | A. visited by Paul during 2nd missionary journey    |
| 2. Ashkelon  | B. birthplace of Rebecca                            |
| 3. Babylon   | C. David hid from King Saul                         |
| 4. Berea     | D. home of Simon who carried Jesus' cross           |
| 5. Bethphage | E. home of Abraham's servant Eleazar                |
| 6. Cyrene    | F. capital of Northern Kingdom                      |
| 7. Damascus  | G. cave where Lot and daughters lived               |
| 8. Dothan    | H. Jesus mounted Palm Sunday donkey                 |
| 9. Emmaus    | I. Jesus revealed Himself to two disciples          |
| 10. Ephesus  | J. Ezekiel lived and wrote Scripture                |
| 11. Gath     | K. birthplace of Goliath                            |
| 12. Haran    | L. David anointed king of Israel                    |
| 13. Hebron   | M. Christians tested Paul's words against Scripture |
| 14. Laodicea | N. home of Joseph who buried Jesus                  |
| 15. Masada   | O. Israel demanded a king                           |
| 16. Nineveh  | P. Job preached repentance to Assyria               |
| 17. Ramah    | Q. lukewarm church                                  |
| 18. Samaria  | R. Joseph sold into slavery                         |
| 19. Tarsus   | S. birthplace of Paul                               |
| 20. Zoar     | T. Samson slew 30 men                               |

## Biblical Cities #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Arimathea, Ashkelon, Babylon, Berea, Bethphage, Cyrene, Damascus, Dothan, Emmaus, Ephesus, Gath, Haran, Hebron, Laodicea, Masada, Nineveh, Ramah, Samaria, Tarsus, Zoar

## February Birthdays

- 3** Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts  
**7** Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko  
**9** Trudy Meissner  
**10** Carole Kears  
**12** Luke Fedders  
**20** Janet Magruder  
**23** Billy Mossburg



## 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 January:*

- The Pastor appointed the Deacons to serve on the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2019 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

*Expected at the February Business Meeting:*

- A motion will be made to nominate Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael to serve as messengers to the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting being held in Orlando, FL from June 9-10.

## COTCD Cartoon

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



**"Tithers please return your seats to their full up-right position. You will exit the building first."**

## Biblical Cities #2 Scramble Answers

**1. N** (Acts 18:19); **2. T** (Genesis 24); **3. J** (I Samuel 24:2); **4. M** (Matthew 27:32); **5. H** (Genesis 15:2); **6. D** (I Kings 16:24); **7. E** (Genesis 19:30); **8. R** (Matthew 21:1); **9. I** (Luke 24:13-31); **10. A** (Ezekiel 1:1-3); **11. K** (I Samuel 17:4); **12. B** (II Samuel 5:1-5); **13. L** (Acts 17:10-12); **14. Q** (Matthew 27:57-60); **15. C** (I Samuel 8:4-5); **16. P** (Jonah 1); **17. O** (Revelation 3:14-22); **18. F** (Genesis 37:17); **19. S** (Acts 9:11); **20. G** (Judges 14:19).



## News You Can Use

**Baptist Men's Day.** The 2020 Baptist Men's Day breakfast and service was celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 26. The men cooked a delicious breakfast and led the morning worship service. The Men of Barnesville (MOB) choir sang "What Wondrous Love Is This" as the call to worship, as well as "Standing on the Promises". The congregation joined in on "There Is Power in the Blood". The "Joyful Noise Band", composed of Pastor Danny and Larry Michael, sang "Jesus Loves Me". Guest speaker Rev. John Gauger (pictured, right) shared anecdotes from his mission trip to Africa in a message from *Psalms 127* on the importance of men relying on and seeking the Lord in raising a family and leading a household.



*Larry Michael scrambling eggs and Ed Williams frying bacon for the Baptist Men's Day breakfast*

**Youth activity.** Everyone is invited to go duckpin bowling starting at 2:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes located at 304 Center St. in Mt. Airy. Kids can bowl for free; adults cost \$5.00 per person per game, shoes included. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Sign up in the church vestibule no later than Sunday, Feb. 9.



**Go paperless in 2020.** Barnesville Baptist 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. While back copies of the *Lantern* are always available on the church website, the calendar is for the current month only.

**Choirs welcome new members.** 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 practices on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. The Bell Choir has started practicing Easter music on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

**Christmas gift report.** Matthew & Ellen Zell provided the following update and picture (below) on the delivery of BBC's Christmas presents to the children in Honduras: "We had a very successful day last week giving out the gifts from BBC. We explained that these were gifts from Christians in a church in the States who wanted to share the love of Jesus with them! We had a great day full of games, Bible teaching, a craft with Bible verses, fried rice as an extra special meal (with a piece of white bread served on top), and the gifts!! Thanks so much for sending such practical love to bless these youth and their siblings!!"



**Snow policy.** During this season of snow and ice, we urge all our members and visitors to exercise caution and good judgment in deciding if it is safe 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.

**Seniors' lunch.** If you are over 55 years of age, you are invited to attend the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu features chicken marsala. We thank God for our seniors and want to show our appreciation to you by hosting a lunch and sharing in God's Word together. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore no later than Sunday, Feb. 9.

**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.

**Seniors' service.** Starting on Sunday, Feb. 9, BBC will lead a monthly service at the Spring Arbor retirement home in Buckeystown/Frederick on the second Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm. This service will replace the longstanding service at the Sunrise nursing home in downtown Frederick. We will continue to sing and play hymns, deliver a message, pray, and pass out copies of the *Lantern* to the residents.