



# 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

As I reflect back on the month of February, I can't help but tear up just a little. I know that God answers prayers. I know that God hears me when I reach out to Him in prayer. But I am still amazed every time Jesus answers my prayers. What He does in us, for us, and through us just shows how much He truly loves me and you. February has been enlightening and uplifting to me and to His church here at BBC. The lessons the Lord provided through our sermon study of Joseph's life were truly a gift from God to prepare us for what He has in store for us in the future. I am so thankful for the faithfulness of the BBC family toward God Almighty and His will.

Thinking over how God has opened so many doors for us as a church family just in the last two months alone, I was flooded with so many scripture verses in my heart. So, I would like to share some of these awesome words from God with you that show the power of prayer:

*Jeremiah 33:3: "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know".*

*Psalm 116:1-2: "I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live".*

*Isaiah 65:24: "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear".*

*Psalm 66:19-20: "...but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me"!*

These powerful words from God should remind us all just how much we are blessed to be a child of the King. Jesus loves us and intercedes for us to the Father daily. *"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25).*

Church, I want to challenge all of us, starting with myself, to be grateful to God for all that He is doing among us to glorify His holy name and build His Kingdom. Let us be good stewards with every blessing He bestows upon us so that many people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- March 4** Business Meeting
- March 7** "Overcomer" Movie Night
- March 14** Children's Ministry Indoor Swim Event
- March 19** Lunch with Watkins Cabinet
- March 21** Baptist Men's Meeting
- March 23** Deacons' Meeting



*"...He is Lord of lords and King of kings" (Revelation 17:14).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the small but significant details of the Passion story is the tearing of the Temple veil mentioned by three of the Gospel writers. *Mark 15:37-38* records it this way: *“And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom”*. *Matthew 27:50-51* and *Luke 23:45* provide similar accounts. The Jewish readership of Matthew’s Gospel would have quickly understood the reference to the veil inside the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem as well as the significance of the veil tearing apart that at the moment of Jesus’ death on the cross, when He gave up His spirit. The Temple veil was no ordinary piece of cloth. As first handed down in the instructions for building the Tabernacle, the veil was a large and richly embroidered fabric intended to keep all but the High Priest out of the most holy area of worship: *“...the Lord said to Moses: ‘Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil...lest he die...’”* (*Leviticus 16:2*).

The veil, along with the physical layout of the Temple, and the Tabernacle before it, served to show the separation and distance between a holy God and sinful men. Starting with Adam & Eve’s banishment from Eden in *Genesis 3*, the Old Testament made it clear that sinners had no relationship and no standing with their Creator. *“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear”* (*Isaiah 59:2*). Only an unending cycle of sacrifices would allow the Hebrews, God’s chosen people, to be in fellowship with Him. The Temple building was surrounded by gates and courts that limited access to different groups. Gentiles and the unclean, on pain of death, had to stay in the outermost court. Only Jews could proceed through the gates into the court of the women. Then only men, or women with sacrifices, could proceed further to offer their animal sacrifices. Priests would stand between the people and the actual Temple building. The Temple consisted of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, separated by a veil, which contained the Ark of the Covenant where God’s presence resided. And only the High Priest, just once a year, would be permitted to enter the Holy of Holies to offer atonement on behalf of the people. And so sins and sacrifices continued, year after year, generation after generation, until Jesus came, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day (*I Corinthians 15:3-4*).

What had been kept apart was now open--forever. The veil’s tearing from top to bottom was a sign that God, not any man, had torn the veil. When Jesus died and had paid the penalty for sin, mankind once again had access to God the Father through Jesus’ redeeming work on the cross.

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## Kings & Queens #2 Scramble

Can you place these 20 biblical kings and queens with the correct description? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Abimelech    | A. friend of Nehemiah and Ezra              |
| 2. Achish       | B. wife of King Agrippa                     |
| 3. Agag         | C. king of Sodom                            |
| 4. Artaxerxes   | D. finished sacking Samaria                 |
| 5. Balak        | E. restored true worship to Judah           |
| 6. Belshazzar   | F. Philistine king who sheltered David      |
| 7. Bera         | G. hired Balaam to curse Israel             |
| 8. Bernice      | H. built Samaria, northern capital          |
| 9. Herodias     | I. Roman emperor who killed Peter and Paul  |
| 10. Hiram       | J. furnished wood for Temple                |
| 11. Jehoiakim   | K. struck with leprosy                      |
| 12. Joash       | L. Judah’s worst king                       |
| 13. Josiah      | M. spared by Saul, killed by Samuel         |
| 14. Manasseh    | N. hidden as child from evil Queen Athaliah |
| 15. Michal      | O. only ruled 90 days                       |
| 16. Nero        | P. saw handwriting on the wall              |
| 17. Omri        | Q. Abraham lied to him about Sarah          |
| 18. Sargon II   | R. plotted John the Baptist’s death         |
| 19. Sennacherib | S. army destroyed by angels                 |
| 20. Uzziah      | T. David’s first wife                       |

## Kings & Queens #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Abimelech, Achish, Agag, Artaxerxes, Balak, Belshazzar, Bera, Bernice, Herodias, Hiram, Jehoiakim, Joash, Josiah, Manasseh, Michal, Nero, Omri, Sargon II, Sennacherib, Uzziah

## March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Doug Heimlich, Alannah O'Leary-Yates
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 24 Janice Cole



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:*

- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael were approved by the Church to serve as messengers to the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting being held in Orlando, FL from June 9-10.

*Expected at the March Business Meeting:*

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2019 finances.

## Prayer Concerns

Bill Caudell  
Jerry Neal  
Joe Yates  
John Dunn  
Linda Roberts  
Nick Cole  
Ryan Saylor, heart issues  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Cortland Moore, Dot Fowler, Gene Bennett, Hisle Beach, Janet Magruder, June Luhn, Ollie Baumbaugh, Margie Stream, 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).*

## The Pew Perspective, continued

*Hebrews 9:12* explained how Jesus, both our High Priest and Sacrifice, fulfilled and completed the requirements of the old covenant: *"Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption"*. Instead of a system of gates, courts, and veils that restricts and controls our relationship with God, we instead may confidently approach the Lord when we place our faith in Jesus Christ. *"...Hav[e] boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh..."* (*Hebrews 10:19-20*).

It is also interesting how quickly the veil was torn—not at the following sunrise, not at the start of the next business day, but at the very moment Jesus had removed the sin barrier. The Lord was ready to restore fellowship with His children at the earliest possible moment, just like He said in *Isaiah 45:22*: *"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other"*. As we approach the Easter season, we as Christ's followers have the privilege and responsibility to let everyone know that the veil between God and man is indeed torn and that He seeks them even today.

## Kings & Queens #2 Scramble Answers

**1. Q** (*Genesis 20*); **2. F** (*I Samuel 21:10-14*); **3. M** (*I Samuel 15:8-9*); **4. A** (*Nehemiah 2:1 and Ezra 7:1*); **5. G** (*Number 22-24*); **6. P** (*Daniel 5*); **7. C** (*Genesis 14:2-24*); **8. B** (*Acts 25:13*); **9. R** (*Matthew 14:1-12*); **10. J** (*I Kings 5:1-18*); **11. O** (*II Kings 23:34-24:5*); **12. N** (*II Kings 11:1-12:21*); **13. E** (*II Kings 22:1-23:30*); **14. L** (*II Kings 21:1-18*); **15. T** (*I Samuel 18:20-28*); **16. I** (*Acts 25:10-12*); **17. H** (*I Kings 16:15-28*); **18. D** (*Isaiah 20*); **19. S** (*II Kings 18-19*); **20. K** (*II Kings 15:1-7*).



## News You Can Use

*February fellowships.* Two dozen of BBC's most distinguished personalities had a great time at the Love Our Seniors Lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 11, coming out to enjoy chicken marsala, fellowship, and spending time in God's Word. On Saturday, Feb. 22, 29 youth and families enjoyed duckpin bowling and pizza in Mt. Airy.



David & Ann Bennett, Marlowe & Susan Mentzer, and Paul & Leslie Foster enjoying a Valentine's-themed lunch



BBC bowlers praying at the end of the Youth event

*Movie night.* The movie "Overcomer" will be shown on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. From the same directors that brought "Fireproof" and "War Room" to theaters, "Overcomer" dares to leave you filled with hope, inspired to dream, and asks the question: what do you allow to define you?

*Daylight savings time begins Mar. 8.* Set your watches and clocks forward one hour (and lose an hour of sleep) before you go to bed on Saturday, Mar. 7.

*Kids' activity.* The Children's Ministry will hold a private swim party at Kids First Swim School at FSK Mall in Frederick on Saturday, Mar. 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. BBC will provide chicken nuggets; please bring a snack and drink to share. Please sign up in the church vestibule no later than Sunday, Mar. 8. See Tina Appleton for additional details.

*Easter services.* The 2020 celebration of Jesus' resurrection will start on Palm Sunday, Apr. 5, when the Bell Choir will perform. A Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 pm on Apr. 10. On Apr. 12, Easter Sunday, Pastor Danny will preach at the 6:00 am sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain. The Choir will perform its Easter Cantata at 10:45 am.

*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.* The 2020 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is Mar. 1-8.

This year's theme is "It's All About the Gospel" based on *I Corinthians 15:3-4*: "For I passed on to you as most important what I also

received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures". The SBC's national goal is \$70 million; BBC's is \$2,000.

Every dollar given goes to train and resource thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States and Canada.

The offering was started in 1895 by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and the WMU's first national executive leader. Generations of Southern Baptists have given over \$1 billion to the cause since then. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this vital missions effort.

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## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

