



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

The core of Jesus' message here on earth was the good news of His Kingdom. He came to deliver salvation and hope to those who were in despair and darkness. "...Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' He said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news' (Mark 1:14-15)! That is still the message that we as believers are to proclaim today. Now, more than ever, people are receptive to hearing good news. Many are dealing with personal storms like they have never faced before, such as uncertain health, lost jobs, stressed-out family members, and financial concerns.

Jesus showed His power over any storm when the boat He and His disciples were on was caught in a tempest: "A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith' (Mark 4:37-39)? This passage demonstrates the divine power that Jesus has over everything. The disciples weren't saved by a ship captain or a weatherman. Instead, the One who created the seas, land, and skies spoke a word and all was at peace. We can see that it is possible to replace the fears of this life with a life of peace that only can be found in Jesus if we believe in Him. Just as Jesus expected faith from His followers, we too can experience the amazing peace of Jesus when we trust in Him to save us. As Christians, it is our awesome task and privilege to share the great news about Jesus with everyone. We are to stay focused on the task at hand, not the hindrances that Satan places in our way. The great news of the gospel will always go forward!

I know that we are in the midst of a storm right now, but pray that the God of peace will, first, calm your heart, and second, calm the waves around you, in His good time. Stay focused on God and all the good that He is doing, and we will all be back together to worship physically again very soon.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Online and Virtual Events

June 6 Baptist Men's Outside Meeting
June 8 Virtual Business Meeting
June 14 Flag Day
June 21 Father's Day
June 22 Virtual Deacons' Meeting



"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

When we do finally resume in-person worship, we will have to adapt to a lot of changes in where we sit, how we greet each other, and what our service looks like in our coronavirus world. (However, why we gather and Whom we worship will never change). The adjustments will be annoying, sound silly, but will be completely necessary to show Christian love and care for others' safety and health.

In the latter chapters of *Romans*, the Apostle Paul took a lot of time to talk about Christian ethics, the attitudes and behaviors that were expected from followers of Christ. In Paul's day, one of the biggest controversies within the church was about the eating of meat that had been sacrificed to idols before it was sold in the market. For some Christians, it was just food and it didn't matter where it came from. To other believers, such meat was a painful reminder of a dark religious past. Paul fully agreed with those who didn't see the meat as a big deal. However, Paul would have no part in causing weaker believers to have doubts, worries, or fears about their relationship with God because of meat. *"Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil..." (Romans 14:14-15)*. Even though we have liberty as Christians, it is a liberty to do good and to love others. If we overextend our liberty to the point that we are hurting others, then we are mistreating those whom Christ valued so much that He died on the cross to save.

That is the same attitude we need to have as we make decisions as a congregation about how we come back together physically. Our age range extends from newborns to over 90. We have both healthy young people and cancer survivors sitting in our pews. The best solutions for BBC will take into account the "least of these". For as many who are eager to get back into the house of the Lord to worship, there are those who are cautious and concerned about the risks of catching an invisible, highly communicable disease. As a charter member of the "but we've always done it that way" club, I will be there to grumble under my breath right there along with you, but I will put aside my own personal comforts and preferences if it means another fellow believer is put at ease*. If I can make it three months without a haircut, I know I can get through what we need to do at BBC to stay safe. *"We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification" (Romans 15:1-2)*. As we pray that we will soon be able to gather again, let's also ask the Lord to give each one of us an extra dose of sensitivity and concern for the needs of those around us.

* No one else gets to sit in my seat.

Holy Spirit Scramble

Can you match these 20 ways in which the Holy Spirit works in the world and in the lives of believers and the Church? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. aids | A. sinners of sin |
| 2. anointed | B. believing sinners |
| 3. appoints | C. preachers |
| 4. assures | D. the Church |
| 5. birthed | E. Israel in the wilderness |
| 6. convicts | F. believers |
| 7. created | G. Christ's body |
| 8. directs | H. church members |
| 9. empowers | I. Christ's love |
| 10. imparts | J. Jesus as a man |
| 11. incarnated | K. missionary work |
| 12. indwells | L. of everlasting salvation |
| 13. inspires | M. biblical truth |
| 14. inspires | N. the universe |
| 15. led | O. singing services |
| 16. regenerates | P. writing of Scripture |
| 17. restrains | Q. Christian worship |
| 18. resurrected | R. witnessing |
| 19. reveals | S. Christ's ministry |
| 20. warns | T. Satan's power |

Holy Spirit Word Search

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

Word Bank: aid, anoint, appoint, assure, birth, convict, create, direct, empower, impart, incarnate, indwell, inspire, inspire, lead, regenerate, resurrect, restrain, reveal, warn

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

- The Church approved a Worship Cmte. motion to create a Video Upgrade budget line item of \$1,850 to cover the costs of upgrading video equipment needed for improved live-streaming quality and stability.

Expected at the June 2020 Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no new motions ready for action at the June business meeting.
- The June business meeting will be held by teleconference on Monday, June 8 at 7:00 pm. Members may email the Church Office to receive instructions to participate in the call.

June Birthdays

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7 Amy Rogers
8 Lisa Fedders
9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
10 Gary Burdette
11 Jan Burdette
13 Hisle Beach
14 Marty Woods
16 June Luhn
23 Bill Appleton
27 Danny Moore, Sandra Oden
29 Elsie Leibrand



Prayer Concerns

Bill Caudell
Jerry Neal
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).*

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



People don't REALLY want you to
"HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS."

Holy Spirit Scramble Answers

1. O (Ephesians 5:18-19); **2. S** (Matthew 3:16); **3. C** (Acts 20:28); **4. L** (Romans 8:16); **5. D** (Acts 2:1-4); **6. A** (John 16:7-11); **7. N** (Genesis 1:2); **8. K** (Acts 8:29); **9. R** (Acts 1:8); **10. I** (Romans 5:5); **11. J** (Luke 1:35); **12. F** (Romans 8:9); **13. P** (I Corinthians 14:37); **14. Q** (Philippians 3:3); **15. E** (Nehemiah 9:20); **16. B** (Titus 3:5); **17. T** (Isaiah 59:19); **18. G** (I Peter 3:18); **19. M** (I Corinthians 2:10); **20. H** (I Timothy 4:1).

News You Can Use

Congratulations graduates. BBC salutes the academic achievements of the following: Zack Fedders is graduating from Poolesville High School, where he received an award for over 260 hours of volunteering. As a senior, he was captain and MVP of the PHS soccer team. Zack will attend McDaniel College in Westminster, MD this fall and will major in Elementary Education. Kirk Williams earned an Environmental Studies degree from Salisbury University on the Eastern Shore and will be working at NIH as a contractor. Ryan Saylor earned his bachelor's degree and his daughter Myranda Saylor graduated from high school.

Baptist Men to meet. The Baptist Men will have breakfast on the church grounds on Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 am. Bring a Bible, a chair, and your own coffee.

Kingdom work continues. Depending on conditions and guidance from public health officials, we are anticipating that we may be able to resume limited in-person services and activities at BBC about mid-June. Meanwhile, we continue to live out the Great Commission on all fronts:

Fellowship. Meals are being delivered to our seniors (see picture of Ralph Cooley, row 1, right) and flowers were dropped off on Mother's Day to the ladies of the church (see picture of Janet Magruder, row 1, left).

Discipleship. Bill Caudell (row 2, left), Lisa Fedders (row 3, left), and Ann Bennett, (row 5, left) each led the children's story for Sunday morning worship. Lee Michael (row 4, left) has been reading for Wednesday night Bible studies on *John*.

Worship. Jan Burdette (row 2, right) continues to play hymns for Sunday services from her piano at home. Hidden talents Roy Leibrand (row 3, right) and Harper Ahalt (row 4, right) have also contributed their vocal abilities in singing. Nita Roff prayed for moms on Mother's Day (row 5, right).

Ministry. Danny & Cindy Moore have been going out regularly to conduct safe-distance, drive-by visits to BBC families. Lisa Fedders and Stephanie Runkles helped deliver 31 meals on May 20. Thanks again to Dickerson Market and Michelle Fowler for generously donating meals.

Evangelism. Pastor Danny's (row 6) online Sunday services and Wednesday night Bible studies continue to reach a broad audience well beyond the 20838 ZIP code, with hundreds of Facebook hits each week. Luke Fedders has upgraded our streaming equipment resulting in a noticeable improvement in video quality and stability.

Online giving. An electronic checking method has been added to the online giving options for tithes and offerings on the BBC website. Regular checks can continue to be sent to BBC at P.O. Box 69, Barnesville, MD 20838; please mark the envelopes with "giving" so they can be sent directly to the Church Treasurer.

