



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

It is August already; summer is going very fast. But the year 2020 seems to be going very slow. So many things have changed this year: fear, sadness, loneliness, anger, and evil are growing faster and faster. But as Christians, we are to always have a true hunger and thirst for God and His love, because that is what will see us through all of these worldly challenges and changes. Jesus taught in *Matthew 5:6* that *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled"*. It is said that a human can live three minutes without oxygen, three days without water, and three weeks without food. But the truth is a that believer in Jesus cannot even go one day without God's guidance, love, and protection. The point that I am trying to share is that we all have a spiritual hunger that only Jesus can fill. We are all seeking after peace, joy, acceptance, and forgiveness, but only Jesus can give you and me those blessings.

Jesus taught His disciples that a willingness to seek the truth was the key to finding the truth. *"Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own"* (*John 7:17*). Again in *John 8:32*, Jesus proclaimed, *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* Once we look for spiritual truth, Jesus says that we will find in Him not only the truth, but the way and life. *"The disciples came to Him and asked, 'Why do you speak to the people in parables?' He replied, 'Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them'"* (*Matthew 13:10-11*). Those who reject Christ and seek their own path will never be satisfied. Don't go through life spiritually hungry. Seek God's spiritual nourishment through prayer, worship, and His Word, and you will be filled abundantly.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

August 2 Baptism & Communion Service
August 5 Business Meeting
August 16 Church Lunch on the Grounds
August 23 Nominating Cmte. Meeting
August 24 Deacons' Meeting



"As [Saul] journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven"
(Acts 9:3).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

When the Apostle Paul and Silas visited the city of Philippi in northern Greece during their first missionary trip in *Acts 16*, they weren't entering just any Greek city. Philippi was a Roman colony, and proud of it. Settled by Roman soldiers who fought so Octavian Augustus could be the first Roman emperor, Philippi had privileges only granted Italian cities. The people were Roman citizens, spoke Latin, and upheld Roman customs and values.

Little did the people of Philippi realize that Paul and Silas were about to plant a colony of Christians within their Roman colony, where a very different set of morals, beliefs, and worship would be upheld: the kingdom of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul made the point very clearly in *Philippians 3:20*, when he told the Christians of Philippi that their citizenship was in heaven. The Greek word for "citizenship" in that verse is best translated as a "colony of foreigners".

Paul quickly got into trouble with the Philippians when he healed a demon-possessed girl who made money for her owners by telling fortunes. Dragged in front of the city magistrates, Paul was accused of "...teach[ing] customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe" (*Acts 16:21*). Without any investigation or trial, Paul and Silas were severely flogged and jailed. As a Roman citizen, Paul was exempt from such treatment, and the city of Philippi was liable for punishment from the Roman government for mistreating a Roman citizen. But Paul didn't mention his status until much later, when it did not him, but others, any good.

Instead of responding with anger and seeking justice for their illegal mistreatment, Paul and Silas got people's attention by acting out the Christian values of mercy, love, and concern for others while in the Philippian jail. "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them" (*Acts 16:25*). Paul's and Silas' worshipful attitude kept their fellow prisoners' attention, even when an earthquake destroyed the jail, opened the doors, and loosed the chains. Paul had to tell the jailer not to kill himself because none of the prisoners he was responsible for had escaped. So too the jailer was fully interested in what was different about Paul and Silas, asking, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved" (*Acts 16:30*)? Suddenly the Roman system in which the jailer lived wasn't so wonderful anymore.

Paul and Silas had the prisoners' and the jailer's attention because they lived out the Gospel before they shared the Gospel. Their righteous lifestyle critiqued the Romans' unrighteous lifestyle more effectively than any sermon could have achieved. The jailer's heart was ready to hear about the Gospel, and when Paul and Silas shared the love and salvation of Jesus Christ, both the jailer and his whole household were more than willing to believe and be baptized.

Paul and Silas soon left Philippi, but not before Paul brought up his Roman citizenship and how much trouble the city leaders could get into if he complained. Paul's late timing likely provided some protection for the small colony of Christian believers he left behind: the jailer's family, the house of Lydia, and perhaps a small girl freed from demon possession. They would need protection and each other to survive. As a newly founded colony, they need to be in community with each other to flourish: to follow Jesus' teachings, to spur on good works, and to hold each other accountable for walking as faithful disciples. We too today are Christian colonists in a world whose values look less and less familiar and hospitable each day. We need each other for support and strength just as the first Christians in Philippi did.

Biblical Timeline Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 biblical characters' lives and historical events with their correct dates? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. anointing of David | A. 1404 B.C. |
| 2. baptism of Jesus | B. 1404-1397 B.C. |
| 3. birth of Isaac | C. 1107 B.C. |
| 4. completion of Paul's 2nd missionary journey | D. 478 B.C. |
| 5. Conquest of Canaan | E. 971 B.C. |
| 6. conversion of Paul | F. 1025 B.C. |
| 7. crossing of the Jordan | G. 1897 B.C. |
| 8. Daniel taken into captivity | H. 34 A.D. |
| 9. death of Abraham | I. 4 A.D. |
| 10. death of Herod the Great | J. 26 A.D. |
| 11. Esther becomes queen of Persia | K. 1445 B.C. |
| 12. fall of Babylon to Persia | L. 52 A.D. |
| 13. Jerusalem Council held | M. 520 B.C. |
| 14. Joseph sold into Egypt | N. 35 A.D. |
| 15. judgeship of Eli | O. 605 B.C. |
| 16. martyrdom of Stephen | P. 49 A.D. |
| 17. ministry of Elijah | Q. 860-852 B.C. |
| 18. ministry of Haggai | R. 539 B.C. |
| 19. Solomon's reign begins | S. 2065 B.C. |
| 20. the Exodus | T. 1990 B.C. |

Biblical Timeline Word Search

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

Word Bank: Abraham, Babylon's fall, Canaan conquest, Daniel, David, Elijah, Exodus, Haggai, Herod, Isaac, Jerusalem, Jesus' baptism, Jordan, Joseph, Judge Eli, Paul, Queen Esther, Saul to Paul, Solomon reigns, Stephen

August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal
8 John Kiser
11 Rick Thomas
12 Doris Kiser
16 Stephanie Runkles
17 Pauline Fowler
20 Bill Williams
25 Jim Gong
26 Lee Michael
28 Ann Bennett
29 Paul Meissner
30 Matthew Cole
31 Bob Runkles



Prayer Concerns

June Luhn, recovering from hip surgery
L.T. Tyler, recovering from a heart attack
Linda Roberts
Mary Yates, broken toe
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, Ollie Baumbaugh, Margie Stream, Paul &
Trudy Meissner, Phoebe Rogers, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca
Umstead, Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Dennis Oden, Gail Palestine, Joe
Williams, Bob & Stephanie Runkles' granddaughter,
Amathy, breast cancer
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 July:

- A motion was made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2020-2022 term.

Expected at the August Business Meeting:

- The Pastor has appointed the following members to serve on a Nominating Committee that will select officers for the 2020-2022 term: David Bennett, Lee Michael (Chairman), Cindy Moore, Danny Moore, Barbara Swank, and Ellen Williams.
- The Church Clerk will report a joint motion providing the five Standing Committees' recommendations for Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2020-2022 term. The Select Committee on Nominations will use those authorizations as it seeks out Church members to serve.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a by-law to create a Select Committee on the 150th Anniversary of Barnesville Baptist Church, which will be celebrated in Sep. 2021.
- The Worship Cmte. will offer a motion to increase the 2020 Video Upgrade budget line item by \$1,000 to purchase a new laptop for live-streaming services.
- The Worship Cmte. will recommend the adoption of a by-law to create the office of Audio-Visual Technician.

Biblical Timeline Scramble Answers

1. F (I Samuel 16); **2. J** (Matthew 3:16-17); **3. S** (Genesis 21); **4. L** (Acts 15:40-41); **5. B** (Joshua 6-12); **6. N** (Acts 9:1-7); **7. A** (Joshua 1:5); **8. O** (II Kings 24); **9. T** (Genesis 25); **10. I** (Matthew 2:19); **11. D** (Esther 2); **12. R** (Daniel 5); **13. P** (Acts 15); **14. G** (Genesis 37); **15. C** (I Samuel 1-4); **16. H** (Acts 6:8-7:60); **17. Q** (I Kings 17-19, 21; II Kings 1-2); **18. M** (Ezra 5:1); **19. E** (I Kings 1:39); **20. K** (Exodus 12-15).

News You Can Use

August updates. Sunday School resumed on Jul. 26; the Adult I class continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall while the Adult II class is using the Choir Room instead of the sanctuary. Materials for Sunday School lessons and crafts continue to be mailed to children. A new youth class will be taught by Nita Roff. VBS will not be held this year; the materials purchased for this year will be used in 2021. With the cancellation of the Montgomery County fair, there will be no Montgomery Baptist tent this year. The Baptist Men will not meet in August.

Baptism. Two candidates will be baptized on Sunday, Aug. 2, when the ordinance of communion will also be celebrated.

Pastor away. Pastor Danny & Cindy will be away at a family wedding on Sunday, Aug. 9. Former pastor Randy Gilliam will preach for us on the 9th.

Fellowship lunch. A lunch will be held on the church grounds on Sunday, Aug. 16 after the worship service. For safety reasons, all food will be provided. A tent and picnic tables will be available. Bring folding chairs if desired.

Church election preparations. The Nominating Cmte. will meet on Sunday, Aug. 23 after the service to discuss 2020-2022 officer and committee positions.

Bon voyage. We ask for God's blessings on Billy Mossburg & Amy Rogers as they prepare to move to Florida, where they are building a new house.

Mask policy. Except for times of singing and those presenting at the front, please remember to wear your face mask as much as possible while in the church building. Thank you for protecting others' health by wearing a mask.

Newlyweds. Best wishes to Virginia Ann Carroll, who married Ted Shusterman on Jul. 18 in Keymar, MD. Ann and David Bennett are the proud parents of the bride.

MBA annual meeting. BBC will host the 2020 Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting in October. A small number of MBA officers and pastors will be present physically to host an otherwise online event. There will not be an MBA dinner this year. The 2020 BCM/D convention has been cancelled, as was the national SBC annual meeting scheduled for June 2020.



Row 1: Ann Bennett delivering an online 4th of July children's story, Deacon Joe Yates praying the opening prayer, Jan Burdette playing piano for Barbara Swank's special. Row 2: Gary Cooley singing a solo, Nita Roff directing hymn-singing, Bill Caudell sharing the children's story remotely. Row 3: Lee Michael teaching from *Acts 16* for Wednesday night Bible study, Joyce Dunn picking up groceries from the Food Ministry, Pastor Danny Moore preaching about the importance of studying the Bible. Row 4: Ed Williams leading the congregation in the Doxology in a socially-distanced sanctuary.

COTCD Cartoon

