



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 we draw near to the end of summer, I know that there is a lot of fear and questions about the presidential election, the new school year, returning to work places, and health questions concerning the coronavirus and flu season. So, I wanted to share with you some encouraging words from the Bible. Jesus is in control because He created all things and He holds all creation in His hands (*Colossians 1:16*). Jesus is in control because He intercedes to God the Father on our behalf (*Hebrews 7:25*). Jesus is in control because He knows the Father and makes His will known: *"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known"* (*John 1:18*). In all those ways, Jesus is in a class all by Himself, unique, in a field of one.

Because Jesus is all-powerful, all-knowing, and full of love and compassion for all created things, including all of mankind, we should not fear. Everything was created for Jesus and from Jesus and He called them by name. *"Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing"* (*Isaiah 40:26*). If Jesus can keep the stars in the universe in order, He can take care of our wants, needs, and concerns.

As we go forward in the strength of the Lord, please remember that Jesus that Jesus will protect His people. If *"His eye is on the sparrow"* (*Matthew 10:29-31*), He will provide for us as believers. But we are to do our part by trusting and obeying His Word and by loving everyone just as Jesus first loved us. In those ways we will honor the Father with all of our hearts, souls, and minds. So let's join together in our praise to God, and we will see Him work in our lives like never before. To God be the glory, great things He has done and will do!

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

- September 7** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 9** Business Meeting
- September 19** Baptist Men's Breakfast
- September 28** Deacons' Meeting



"So she called his name Moses, saying, 'Because I drew him out of the water'" (*Exodus 2:10*).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

In Acts 15:36-41, the disagreement between the Apostle Paul and Barnabas over whether to take John Mark on their second missionary journey has always left me wondering who was right. In the end, both Paul and Barnabas got their way: Paul took Silas while Barnabas took John Mark to another destination, but the sharp disagreement between two brothers in the Lord was regrettable.

For background, Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark all started the first missionary journey together and things were fine while they preached in Cyprus. The trouble started in Acts 13:13: "Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem". Why John Mark left isn't clear: was he scared, bored, tired, homesick? The Bible doesn't say, but for whatever reason, John Mark deserted Paul and Barnabas and went home. So when the time for the second missionary trip arose, Paul's view was firm in Acts 15:38: "But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work."

Was Paul being too harsh toward John Mark or was he saving the youth from a greater fall? Consider Paul's description of how his missionary journeys went in II Corinthians 11:24-28: "...five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked...in perils of robbers...in perils in the city... among false brethren...in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness...". Would it be fair to allow someone like John Mark to be defeated and overcome by such punishing physical and spiritual demands? Would it be wise to lay the heavy burden, scrutiny, and expectations of spiritual leadership on someone so young and inexperienced?

While Paul evaluated John Mark's spiritual leadership, Barnabas was looking at John Mark from the perspective of redemption. Would it benefit the Kingdom to leave John Mark in a state of failure? What better way than going on the second missionary journey would there be for John Mark to correct his previous mistakes and improve? Isn't the church the place that hurting and imperfect people should be able to go to get help and address their problems honestly and without shame?

Perhaps the answer is that both Paul and Barnabas were right about John Mark. Like Paul, we need to maintain high standards of spiritual maturity for those in positions of leadership (I Timothy 5:22) so that the inexperienced and immature (I Timothy 3:6) are not set up for defeat and failure. And like Barnabas, we should not condemn or judge other sinners like us when they stumble and fall (Romans 14:10) as if we were better than them (Romans 12:3) but instead help to restore our brothers in Christ back to strength (Galatians 6:1).

The best part of the story about John Mark is at the end. Whatever happened in between led to John Mark's becoming an effective and valuable Kingdom worker and to an eventual reconciliation with Paul. In II Timothy 4:11, Paul made the following request: "Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry."

Biblical Timeline #2 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 1.

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| 1. Ahab rules Israel | A. 29 A.D. |
| 2. Apostle James martyred | B. 931 B.C. |
| 3. Babylon conquers Jerusalem | C. 4 B.C. |
| 4. birth of Abraham | D. 587 B.C. |
| 5. birth of Jacob and Esau | E. 2165 B.C. |
| 6. birth of Moses | F. 30 A.D. |
| 7. Cornelius converted | G. 1011 B.C. |
| 8. Cyrus allowed Jews' return | H. 2066 B.C. |
| 9. David rules Judah | I. 516 B.C. |
| 10. Hezekiah begins reign | J. 2005 B.C. |
| 11. Jesus' 12 disciples chosen | K. 28 A.D. |
| 12. Job's life and times | L. 538 B.C. |
| 13. John the Baptist beheaded | M. 1990 B.C. |
| 14. judgeship of Samson | N. 44 A.D. |
| 15. Kingdom of Israel split | O. 716 B.C. |
| 16. Paul's last imprisonment | P. 874 B.C. |
| 17. Pentecost | Q. 40 A.D. |
| 18. Sodom destroyed | R. 1069 B.C. |
| 19. Temple restoration completed | S. 66 A.D. |
| 20. visit of the Magi | T. 1525 B.C. |

Biblical Timeline #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Abraham, Cornelius, Cyrus' decree, David rules, Hezekiah, Jacob and Esau, James killed, Jerusalem, Jesus' Twelve, Job, John killed, King Ahab, kingdom split, Magi visit, Moses born, Paul in prison, Pentecost, Samson, Sodom, Temple

September Birthdays

- 3 Megan Fedders
- 7 Scott Bennett
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Nita Roff, Ellen Williams
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church authorized Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2020-2022 term.
- The Internal Administration Cmte.'s proposed by-law to create a Select Committee on the 150th Anniversary of Barnesville Baptist Church was adopted.
- The Worship Cmte. motion to increase the 2020 Video Upgrade budget line item by \$1,000 to purchase a new laptop for live-streaming services was approved.
- The Church approved the Worship Cmte.'s recommendation to adopt of a by-law to create the office of Audio-Visual Technician.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

- Under the provisions of the Mar. 2020 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions, on Aug. 24, 2020, the Pastor and Deacons set the date of the Sep. 2020 business meeting for Sep. 9, 2020.
- A motion to appoint as many as five messengers for the 85th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held virtually on Oct. 11 from BBC, will be offered.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Bro. Eli listens intently as the committee discusses the merits of scented toilet paper over non-scented toilet paper.

Prayer Concerns

The family of June Luhn at her passing

Linda Roberts

Nick Cole

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: Sam Berry, prostate cancer, 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).*

Biblical Timeline #2 Scramble Answers

1. **P** (I Kings 16-22); 2. **N** (Acts 12:1-2); 3. **D** (II Kings 25); 4. **E** (Genesis 11:26); 5. **J** (Genesis 25); 6. **T** (Exodus 2:1-4); 7. **Q** (Acts 10); 8. **L** (Ezra 1); 9. **G** (II Samuel 2:4); 10. **O** (II Kings 18-21); 11. **K** (Matthew 10:1-4); 12. **M** (Job); 13. **A** (Matthew 14:1-12); 14. **R** (Judges 13-16); 15. **B** (I Kings 12); 16. **S** (II Timothy 1:8); 17. **F** (Acts 2); 18. **H** (Genesis 19); 19. **I** (Ezra 6:15); 20. **C** (Matthew 2:1-12).

News You Can Use

June Luhn, 1927-2020. We regret to announce the passing of our sister in Christ, Edith June Luhn, on Aug. 16 at the age of 93. June was a faithful member of our congregation for over 76 years, as she was baptized on Jul. 12, 1944. She was a member of the Choir for many years. We extend our sympathies for the Luhn and Oden families and pray that the Lord will grant them strength and peace in the days and weeks ahead. The Aug. 21 funeral service was held at BBC and was also live-streamed for those who couldn't attend in person. Burial was in Hyattstown Cemetery.

Fifth anniversary. Sep. 1, 2020 marks five years since Rev. Danny Moore started his ministry as pastor at BBC.



We are thankful to the Lord for the many blessings our congregation and community have received since Pastor Danny & Cindy arrived in Barnesville,

and we look forward to many more years of serving God's Kingdom together.

Guest speaker. Rev. Dr. Ron Blankenship, Director of Missions for the Montgomery Baptist Association, will preach at BBC on Sunday, Aug. 30. Pastor Danny & Cindy are on a family vacation and will return on Friday, Sep. 4.

September schedule. Activities and events that would normally resume in September are on hold due to coronavirus restrictions. The September business meeting will be held on the 9th instead of the 2nd. The annual Pig Pickin' will not be held this year; the men will gather outside in October for the Beast Feast.

Committee meetings. The Nominating Cmte. will meet after the service on Sunday, Sep. 13 to finalize 2020-2022 officer and committee positions. The five slates will then be announced in advance of a vote by the Church at the 149th Annual Business Meeting in October. The 150th Cmte., the newly-appointed group planning for BBC's 150th anniversary celebration in Sep. 2021, will hold its first meeting after the service on Sunday, Sep. 20.

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.



Row 1: Former pastor Rev. Randy Gilliam preaching on Aug. 9, Megan Fedders presenting the children's story, Deacon Joe Yates praying the opening prayer. Row 2: Socially-distanced food line at the Aug. 16 lunch on the grounds. Row 3: David & Ann Bennett singing a solo with Jan Burdette on the piano, Pastor Danny with baptism candidates and newlyweds Owen & Danielle Richmond. Row 4: Fellowship under the tent at the Aug. 16 lunch. Row 5: Ed Williams presenting the offering, Gary Cooley singing a solo, Lee Michael reading from *Hebrews 4* at Wednesday night Bible study. Row 6: June Luhn's Aug. 21 funeral service.