



# 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 have been asked lately, how do I start to read the Bible? What should I read first? How do I go about studying God's Word? How can I understand God's Word better as I read it? I am excited that so many of you are asking these questions because it means that the Holy Spirit is moving within His church. *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).*

There are many different ways to start studying God's Word, the main thing is to begin. You can start by finding a modern translation of the Bible, a pencil, and a highlighter. Pick one of the gospels in the New Testament (*John* and *Luke* are good choices) and get a picture of the life and ministry of Jesus. Ask the Lord to speak to you, then read the first paragraph. Look for something to underline, circle, or highlight that caught your attention. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the living word to you as you read. Remember that all of God's Word is true and relevant. *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16).* Then read the next paragraph and do the same. Ask yourself these questions as you read: Is there a truth to learn? A promise to claim? A prayer to speak? A command to obey? A truth to apply to your life now? If a verse is confusing to you, put a question mark there so you ask about it later. If something thrills you put an exclamation mark there. If you find a verse that you want to memorize, highlight it with a different color. Take it slow, verse by verse, and even word by word. When you finish that book, go to another one and before you know it the whole Bible will be marked. If you have a study Bible with notes and references, it will help you a lot to understand the context and locate related passages. Whatever you do, don't grow discouraged, frustrated, or disappointed. The more you study God's Word, the more it will get in to you, and the more you'll want to read it. And the more you absorb God's Word, the more you will live out its truths in your life. To God be the glory, great things He has and will do when we study His living Word, the Bible.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- October 7** 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting
- October 11** Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)
- October 17** Beast Feast for Men
- October 31** Halloween



*"Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it" (Genesis 29:12).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

God gave Abraham four things when He called him: a direction, a destination, a transformation, and a purpose.

God's direction for Abraham's life was simple to understand but came at great cost: leave everything behind. "Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house" (Genesis 12:1). That meant not just a location, but to leave the old and familiar, the safe and comfortable. What's even more interesting to consider is that Abraham left home and didn't go back. Abraham only went several hundred miles away, not across the oceans or around the world. It was more than possible for him to go back, but he didn't because he wanted to go and be where God sent him (Hebrews 11:15-16).

God's destination for Abraham was also less than precisely defined when he started out. God's initial description was just "...a land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). Abraham apparently knew enough to go to the land of Canaan, the land God promised was his, even though he spent the rest of his life in tents. In the following chapters of Genesis, Abraham is described as someone who kept moving from place to place, sometimes at Shechem, sometimes in Hebron, or even Egypt. Abraham freely allowed his nephew Lot to choose the land he wanted to have while Abraham was content with whatever was left over. Abraham's apparent ease with his situation can only be explained by his trust in God's promise that Abraham would inherit all of Canaan, even though he didn't possess or control any of it except for a small burial plot.

God's transformation of Abraham was amazing when you compare where he started with where he finished. Abraham went from a fatherless old man with a barren wife to the ancestor of unnumbered multitudes. God delivered on his promise that "I will make you a great nation" (Genesis 12:2). God also worked on Abraham's faith. More than once Abraham gave in to fear and doubt, hiding the fact that Sarah was his wife or trying to achieve God's promise on his own terms by fathering Ishmael. But Abraham grew in his faith to the point that he was willing to sacrifice his son of promise, Isaac, reasoning that God would raise him from the dead if need be to fulfill His promises (Hebrews 11:17-19).

God's purpose for Abraham's life was much bigger than Abraham could ever imagine or hope for himself. When God told Abraham that "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3), Abraham was stuck on the fact that he was childless and that fact was unlikely to change. It's unclear just how much Abraham knew of God's ultimate plan that would unfold over the centuries and generations to come. But God repeated and reaffirmed His covenant promises with Abraham, removing all the barriers and challenges in his life so that His will came to pass. Abraham's faith that God could and would achieve the impossible in his life was what pleased God the most.

God's calling for each of us is the same as He had for Abraham: a path to follow, a goal to achieve, changes to make, and a reason for living. Just as with Abraham, God chooses us, calls us, and shapes the course of our lives to suit His will. That looks different for each of us, but it begins with a relationship with and faith in God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, the descendant of Abraham that indeed has blessed the entire world.

# Biblical Symbols Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 symbols with the biblical people, groups, or concepts they represent? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. anchor             | A. authority         |
| 2. ashes              | B. rewards           |
| 3. body               | C. Kingdom of Heaven |
| 4. crowns             | D. covenant          |
| 5. dove               | E. frailty           |
| 6. grass              | F. judgment          |
| 7. harlot wife        | G. Holy Spirit       |
| 8. Jonah's great fish | H. ministers         |
| 9. ladder             | I. Israel            |
| 10. lampstands        | J. Antichrist        |
| 11. leaven            | K. Satan             |
| 12. little horn       | L. Christ            |
| 13. marriage feast    | M. sorrow            |
| 14. rainbow           | N. apostates         |
| 15. roaring lion      | O. God's voice       |
| 16. signet ring       | P. uncleanness       |
| 17. sword             | Q. Bible             |
| 18. thunder           | R. path to God       |
| 19. waterless clouds  | S. the Church        |
| 20. wine press        | T. resurrection      |

# Biblical Symbols Word Search

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

Word Bank: anchor, ashes, body, crowns, dove, grass, harlot wife, Jonah's great fish, ladder, lampstands, leaven, little horn, marriage feast, rainbow, roaring lion, signet ring, sword, thunder, waterless clouds, wine press

## October Birthdays

**10** David Shive  
**23** Kaycee Saylor  
**25** Judy Wright  
**26** Liz Heimlich



## Prayer Concerns

Dan Yates  
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, Linda Roberts, 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 Symbols Scramble Answers

**1. L** (Hebrews 6:19); **2. M** (Esther 4:1); **3. S** (I Corinthians 9:24-27); **4. B** (Revelation 4:4); **5. G** (John 1:32); **6. E** (Psalm 90:6-5); **7. I** (Hosea 4:15); **8. T** (Jonah 1-2); **9. R** (Genesis 28:11-13); **10. H** (Revelation 1:20); **11. P** (Matthew 16:6); **12. J** (Daniel 7:8); **13. C** (Matthew 22:2); **14. D** (Genesis 9:13); **15. K** (I Peter 5:8); **16. A** (Esther 8:10); **17. Q** (Hebrews 4:12); **18. O** (Psalm 29:3); **19. N** (Jude 12); **20. F** (Isaiah 63:3).

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:*

- Pastor Danny Moore, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders were appointed as messengers to the 85<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held virtually on Oct. 11 from BBC.

*Expected at the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:*

- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2021 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 8.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for 2020-2022 church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- Note: All outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

## COTCD Cartoon

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



**Some things are just better left un-said!**



## News You Can Use

**Men invited to beast feast.** All men are invited to the fifth annual beast feast on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Roy Leibbrand's farm at 19715 Mouth of Monocacy Rd. in Dickerson at 4:00 pm. The menu will include fried fish, lamb, bear chili, venison burgers, and wild game stew. There will be a few door prizes and a drawing for a couple of \$50 gift certificates to help hunters get ready for the upcoming season.

**MBA annual meeting.** The 85<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association will be held virtually from Barnesville Baptist Church, with only a small in-person contingent. At 5:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 11 the annual meeting will be livestreamed from the BBC Facebook page. During the business session, the 2021 budget and officers will be approved, and a watch care church will be presented for full membership.

**New address.** Dot Fowler has moved into Spring Arbor and is now next-door neighbors with our very own Cortland "Pop" Moore. Sending cards encouraging her and letting her know how much she is loved would be much appreciated as Dot starts this new chapter in her life. You can write to her c/o Spring Arbor Senior Living, Room 113, 6601 English Muffin Way, Frederick, MD 21703.

**150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** Mark your calendars now for the weekend of Sep. 24-26, 2021, when BBC will celebrate 150 years of God's faithfulness. We are planning a Friday history night, Saturday open house, and Sunday worship service. Additional details will be coming out over the next 12 months. The next 150<sup>th</sup> Cmte. meeting will be on Oct. 11 after the worship hour.

**Missions love offering.** In the absence of a VBS offering and state missions offering this year, an in-gathering for our missionary friends Matthew & Ellen Zell in Honduras and Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala. On Sunday, Nov. 1, we will have a special time of prayer for their ministries. We hope to hear from them by pre-recorded video or even possibly live. Offerings can be brought on the 1<sup>st</sup> or sent by mail or online.

**Child dedication.** On Sep. 27, BBC was pleased to virtually witness and participate in the dedication of Pearl Grace Gilliam, daughter of David & Elise Gilliam and granddaughter of former Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam. Thanks to our new video equipment and the hard work of Luke Fedders, the distance between Colorado and BBC was bridged.

**Thank you.** BBC appreciates the generosity of the now-retired gospel group Damascus Road, who donated their sound equipment to us. The new soundboards, wireless microphones, and other technology are already improving our worship experience and blessing others, such as our ability to host the MBA annual meeting and connect with others who are live-streaming.



Pastor Danny Moore,  
Audio-Visual Technician  
Luke Fedders, and  
Damascus Road's  
Charles Brauning



Row 1: Pastor Danny Moore preaching on his fifth anniversary at BBC. Row 2: Barbara Swank singing "Amazing Grace" with Jan Burdette on the piano, Lee Michael teaching from *Matthew 5* at Wednesday night Bible study, Gary Cooley singing "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus". Row 3: Rev. Ivan Leibbrandt sharing a children's story from Alaska, Ann Bennett talking to the kids about Play-Doh, Deacon David Bennett praying the opening prayer. Row 4: Ed Williams presenting the offering. Row 5: Pastor Danny teaching from *Hebrews*, Bill Caudell sharing the children's story, moldy carpet removed from the parsonage basement by Head Groundsman Bill Appleton