



# 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

2020...wow, what a difficult year! Yes, it was filled with challenges, hurts, and disappointments, but I am reminded how God showed Himself to us throughout the past year in mighty ways. God's hand protected our families and our congregation. My prayer is that we will look back and recognize how Jesus moved in our lives during this past year. Multiple people came to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord and were baptized. Our online family grew beyond any of our imaginations. All of BBC's financial needs were met and then some. We are closer as a church family and we appreciate each other even more. Great things did happen during 2020, so let's give God the praise and thankfulness that He deserves.

As we look ahead to 2021, my prayer is that we will take full advantage in this new year to serve the Lord. *Hebrews 12:28* tells us we have a firm foundation in Jesus. As I read this powerful word from God, I received a real sense of peace: "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe". No matter what this new year has in store for us, the Kingdom of God cannot be shaken, and as children of God we cannot be shaken if we stay focused on God and His plan for us! So, my prayer for all of BBC is that we will trust these words from God and stand on them no matter what.

Rejoice, this is the day that the Lord has made. This is not just a statement; this has to be our lifestyle. The greatest testimony we can have concerning our faith in God is to live it out daily! We are all so blessed here at BBC to have a real loving and caring family to worship with. Cindy and I are so thankful to God for allowing us to serve Him and all of you. Thanks to everyone that sent us Christmas cards and gifts. We appreciate and love our BBC family so much. I am so excited about 2021 for healing and to come back in person to worship Jesus together.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year's Day
- January 11** Virtual Business Meeting
- January 23** Deacons' Annual Prayer Session



*"Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, the years in which we have seen evil" (Psalm 90:15).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Coronavirus pandemic! Masks! Hand sanitizer! Every other pew! No hugs or shaking hands! 2020 is certainly a year to remember, or one we'd like to forget, or maybe a bit of each. This was a year of many firsts for BBC in our methods and practices. For as much as was cancelled, modified, or shifted to online, God opened new doors of opportunity and ministry so that we were able to do what mattered: worship every single Sunday, baptize new believers, share the gospel, and show the love of Christ to the needy and hurting among our families and community. God gave us everything we needed and even more so that we were able to participate in His ever-advancing Kingdom work. Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months, from both the "before times" and after:

January: Baptist Men's Day held with Rev. John Gauger of the BCM/D as guest speaker

February: Youths and families enjoyed duckpin bowling in Mt. Airy, monthly service for Spring Arbor seniors began, Love Our Seniors lunch held, growing Sunday School and worship attendance

March: "Overcomer" movie shown.....

BBC shifted to online-only Sunday services and Wednesday Bible studies to "slow the curve", Sunday School materials mailed to kids

April: Easter celebrated online, online giving system set up

May: "We are the Church" videos recorded, meals delivered to seniors

June: in-person services resumed, Food Ministry groceries delivered to WUMCO

July: Sunday School resumed, VBS delayed until August and then cancelled

August: two baptisms held, passing of June Luhn, picnic held on the grounds

September: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cmte. began preparations to celebrate BBC's sesquicentennial birthday in Sep. 2021, first-ever child dedication by Zoom held

October: BBC hosted online Montgomery Baptist Association meeting, men enjoyed an in-person Beast Feast

November: In-gathering service for missionaries netted almost \$2,500, two-service Sundays began for first time ever

December: three baptisms held, two members joined, online-only services resumed again, Christmas celebrated with many videos of BBC talent

# Exodus Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 people and events from the book of *Exodus* with their description? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Aaron                | A. father of Moses                    |
| 2. Amram                | B. eighth plague                      |
| 3. boils                | C. seventh plague                     |
| 4. darkness             | D. hid Moses in an ark in the reeds   |
| 5. death of firstborn   | E. offered her mother as Moses' nurse |
| 6. flies                | F. heart hardened by God              |
| 7. frogs                | G. adopted by Pharaoh's daughter      |
| 8. hail                 | H. third plague                       |
| 9. Jethro               | I. ninth plague                       |
| 10. Jochebed            | J. wife of Moses                      |
| 11. lice                | K. sixth plague                       |
| 12. livestock diseased  | L. Moses' spokesman                   |
| 13. locusts             | M. Shiphrah and Puah                  |
| 14. midwives            | N. fifth plague                       |
| 15. Miriam              | O. fourth plague                      |
| 16. Moses               | P. second plague                      |
| 17. Pharaoh             | Q. tenth plague                       |
| 18. sorcerers           | R. first plague                       |
| 19. waters became blood | S. priest of Midian                   |
| 20. Zipporah            | T. Jannes and Jambres                 |

# Exodus Word Search

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

Word Bank: Aaron, Amram, boils, darkness, death of firstborn, flies, frogs, hail, Jethro, Jochebed, lice, livestock diseased, locusts, midwives, Miriam, Moses, Pharaoh, sorcerers, waters of blood, Zipporah

## January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 6 Zain Malik
- 8 Hannah Leibrand
- 10 Lois Hogue
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 22 Leslie Foster



## Prayer Concerns

Nick Cole

Jesse Yates

the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Cortland "Pop" 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; 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).*

## Exodus Scramble Answers

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

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Cmte.'s motion to approve its 2021 Budget proposal.
- The membership applications of Tim & Donna Conklin, each coming by statement, were approved.

*Expected at the January Business Meeting:*

- Under the provisions of the Mar. 2020 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions, on Jan. 2, 2021, the Pastor and Deacons set the date of the Jan. 2021 business meeting for Jan. 11, 2021.
- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2020 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2020 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"While I'm preaching, you keep an eye on that kid with the sling-shot."**

## News You Can Use

*150<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts.* As part of our 150th anniversary celebrations in 2021, commemorative embroidered polo shirts will be sold. Pre-order requests are being received

until Sunday, Feb. 28. We will order as a group to take advantage of the cost and shipping savings of a single large order. If you

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are interested in purchasing shirts, please contact the Church Office with your name and number of each style and size shirt you want. Options available are: S, M, L, XL @ \$21.95; 2XL @ \$24.45; 3XL @ \$25.45; Women's: S, M, L @ \$21.95.

*January schedule.* The January business meeting will be held by teleconference on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 pm. Members may contact the Church Office to receive instructions to participate in the call. Baptist Men's Day events have been cancelled due to pandemic restrictions.

*Birthday updates requested.* The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

*Lottie Moon offering.* Gifts received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stand at \$625, which is 31% of our 2020 goal of \$2,000. Together, we and the International Mission Board are able to send out more than 3,500 missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. Offerings will be collected through the month of January. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.

*Go paperless in 2021.* BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required.

*Christmas poinsettias.* Flowers were donated by the following in memory of loved ones: Gary & Jan Burdette (Lloyd & Helen Burdette and Bob & Margery Lillard); Jack & Kitty Cooley (Jack & Nellie Cooley and Carson & Dorothy Ward); David & Ann Bennett (Carroll & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland); Danny & Cindy Moore (Arthur James and Ola Moore); Janet Magruder & family (Dick Magruder); Luke & Lisa Fedders & family (Doug Cooley); and Joe & Mary Yates (Larkin & Ann Yates, Hazel Ward, and Bruce Benson).



Row 1: Pastor Danny baptizing Frankie (left) and Matthew Ennis (right), Barbara Swank and Ralph Cooley lighting an Advent candle (middle); Row 2: Dot Fowler at Spring Arbor, Tim & Donna Conklin lighting an Advent candle, David Bennett ready for the Dec. 24 candlelight service; Row 3: Ann & David Bennett playing bells, Joe Yates praying, Zain Malik singing; Row 4: Jan Burdette playing piano, Ann Bennett sharing the Children's Story; Row 5: LT Tyler singing before his Nov. 29 baptism, "O, Holy Night" soloist Brooke Speed, Lee Michael teaching from *Matthew 2*; Row 6: balcony view, Cindy & Danny Moore lighting the last Advent candle; Row 7: Lee Michael teaching from *Matthew 1*, Harper Ahalt singing; Lisa & Luke Fedders lighting an Advent candle.