



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 plan to come back together on Sunday, Feb. 28 for in-person worship, my prayer is that we will be found to be faithful to the will of God for His church. I would like to share a prayer from my heart for all of us here at Barnesville Baptist Church: that everything we do and say, and all of our plans for worship, fellowship, and Sunday School, bring glory and honor to God and God alone. *"May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer"* (Psalm 19:14).

As we move forward in God's plan for our lives, it is so important that we all, starting with myself, stay focused on God and His will for His church. God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. *"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you"* (Joshua 1:5). He has given His promise that He has a wonderful plan for our lives and for His church! *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

Our hope and safety can only be found in Jesus! As your pastor and along with your deacons, we will do everything in our power to stay focused on God's plan for His church here at Barnesville Baptist and to show true respect and concern towards all of the church family. With your commitment to be flexible, and with your love and support, I know that God will be honored and that we can be respectful to each other during this time of COVID-19. And most importantly, we will all be able to bring true honor and glory to God together. Remember we need each other to be all that God wants us to be!

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- February 2** Groundhog Day
- February 7** Sunday School by Zoom Begins
- February 14** Valentine's Day
- February 15** Presidents' Day; Deacons' Meeting
- February 28** In-Person Worship Resumes



"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

During the first Lord's Supper, the 12 apostles began to argue about which of them was the greatest. Jesus upended the argument by pointing out that He, who was greater than all of them, was serving them. Unlike the Gentiles, they were not to strive for rank, power, and position so they could look down on and mistreat others. "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves" (Luke 22:27). This was not the first time during His earthly life and ministry that Jesus denied Himself the benefits and privileges due Him while providing them to others. It was not His Father's purpose at His first coming to receive glory, honor, and blessings. Consider the following:

Jesus was hungry in the wilderness while being tempted by the devil and refused to turn stones into bread (Matthew 4:2). Yet He was able to easily feed the multitudes with just a handful of fish and loaves (John 6:51).

Jesus was thirsty on the cross, and voluntarily endured all the savagery and pain of crucifixion to take the punishment for our sins (John 19:28). Yet He is the water of life for us, so that we are supplied with an eternal fountain of spiritual blessings and will never thirst again (John 4:14).

Jesus grew weary living as a human being, enduring the griefs and misfortunes of this life, laboring as the son of a carpenter, and walking the hard and dusty roads of Israel as an itinerant preacher (John 4:6). Yet He is our rest, so that when we trust in Him, our souls find comfort and peace in the arms of a gentle and humble Savior (Matthew 11:29-30).

Jesus paid tribute and gave lawful obedience to the governing powers and authorities of His day, from the oppressive Roman conquerors who imposed heavy and unfair taxes to the corrupt and unworthy religious authorities who abused the sacrificial system for their own benefit and power (Matthew 17:27). Yet He is the King of kings who will one day rule the nations with a rod of iron, will judge all mankind, and will set all things right (Revelation 19:16).

Jesus prayed to His Father and cried out with His needs and petitions as a faithful worshiper of the Lord Almighty, and submitted to the Lord's will in His Life (Mark 14:32-42). Yet He is our faithful High Priest, and sits at the right hand of His Father in heaven as we petition Him (John 14:13-14).

Jesus wept, experiencing pain, loss, disappointment and all the human emotions and feelings we go through in this life (John 11:35). Yet He dries our tears, and in Heaven, there will be no more death, sorrow, or crying as He comforts us forever more (Revelation 21:4).

Jesus was sold out and betrayed by Judas Iscariot to the Jewish religious leaders for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave (Matthew 26:15). Yet He who was treated as a slave and criminal worthy of death redeemed the world, freeing us from sin, adopting us into His family, and guaranteeing us an eternal inheritance (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Jesus was put to death, horribly scourged, crucified, and buried for three days (John 19:33). Yet He raises the dead, from Jairus' son to Lazarus to everyone who is born again through faith in His saving grace (John 5:25).

As we consider how to be followers of Jesus, remember His words in Luke 10:37: "...go and do likewise".

Prayers in the Bible #2 Scramble

Can you match each of these people with who or what they were praying for? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Abraham | A. justice |
| 2. Antioch elders | B. forgiveness for sin with Bathsheba |
| 3. David | C. Jerusalem's safety from Assyrian invasion |
| 4. Elijah | D. removal of a "thorn in the flesh" |
| 5. Elisha | E. plagues upon Egypt |
| 6. Gideon | F. servant's spiritual vision |
| 7. Hezekiah | G. missionaries Paul and Silas |
| 8. Job | H. saving from perishing at sea |
| 9. Joel | I. reinstatement as king |
| 10. Joshua | J. resurrection of Dorcas |
| 11. Manasseh | K. rain |
| 12. martyrs | L. fire |
| 13. Moses | M. to be spared from judgment |
| 14. Ninevites | N. signs in the fleeces |
| 15. Paul | O. Jordan River to part |
| 16. Peter | P. forgiveness for his murderers |
| 17. prodigal son | Q. for an heir |
| 18. sailors | R. false friends |
| 19. Stephen | S. Abimelech's health |
| 20. Zacharias | T. forgiveness for backsliding |

Prayers in the Bible #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: Abraham, Antioch elders, David, Elijah, Elisha, Gideon, Hezekiah, Job, Joel, Joshua, Manasseh, martyrs, Moses, Ninevites, Paul, Peter, prodigal son, sailors, Stephen, Zacharias

February Birthdays

3 Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
7 Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko
9 Trudy Meissner
10 Carole Kearse
12 Luke Fedders
20 Janet Magruder
23 Billy Mossburg



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).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in January:

- The Pastor appointed the Deacons to serve on the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2020 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- Under the provisions of the Mar. 2020 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions, on Jan. 23, 2021, the Pastor and Deacons cancelled the Feb. 2021 business meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"That concludes this morning's sermon.
for opposing views visit www.heresy.com"**

Prayers in the Bible #2 Scramble Answers

1. A (Revelation 6:10); **2. B** (Psalms 32 and 51); **3. C** (II Kings 19:14-19); **4. D** (II Corinthians 12:7-10); **5. E** (Exodus 8-12); **6. F** (II Kings 6:17); **7. G** (Acts 13:3); **8. H** (Jonah 1:14); **9. I** (II Chronicles 33:11-13); **10. J** (Acts 9:36-43); **11. K** (Joel 1:19-20); **12. L** (I Kings 18:36-37); **13. M** (Jonah 3); **14. N** (Judges 6:36-40); **15. O** (Joshua 4:15-18); **16. P** (Acts 7:59-60); **17. Q** (Luke 1:13); **18. R** (Job 42:7-10); **19. S** (Genesis 20:17-18); **20. T** (Luke 15:17-19).

News You Can Use

In-person services to resume. BBC will restart in-person services on Sunday, Feb. 28. The Sunday schedule will be the same as when we last met in December, with Sunday School at 8:30 am and two worship services, one at 9:15 am and the second at 10:45 am that is streamed online. Both services will have the same format, music, readings, and sermon. For those who do not feel comfortable in attending in person, online streaming of the 10:45 am service will continue so you can worship virtually. Emails have been sent out with further details and instructions. Please contact Pastor Danny Moore with any questions or concerns.

Sunday School by Zoom. Before BBC resumes in-person services on Feb. 28, an adult Sunday School class will be held online using the Zoom teleconferencing system beginning on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 8:30 am. We will pick up where both adult classes left off in December in our LifeWay Bible Studies For Life Fall 2020 material with a seven-week study titled "All In: A Life of Commitment". Zoom allows for private conversations, so you can ask questions and share prayer requests with your fellow Sunday School members. The church will send out an invitation to participate in the Zoom meeting along with any lesson information, scripture readings, handouts, etc.

150th 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.

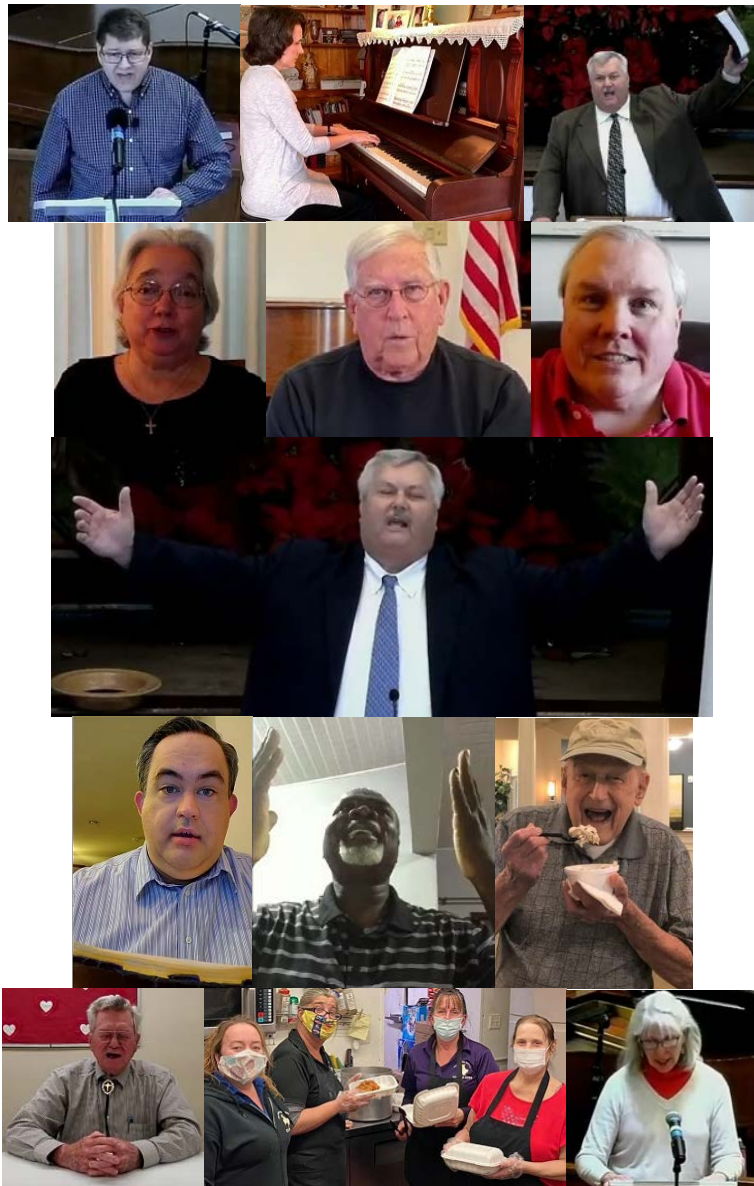
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1871 **150th Anniversary** 2021
Barnesville, Maryland

We will order as a group to take advantage of the cost and shipping savings of a single large

order. If you 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.

Go paperless in 2021. Barnesville Baptist 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. While back copies of the *Lantern* are always available on the church website, the calendar is for the current month only.

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.



Row 1: Gary Cooley singing, Jan Burdette playing piano, Pastor Danny explaining the importance of God's inerrant Word
 Row 2: Ann Bennett and Bill Caudell sharing the Children's Story, Deacon David Bennett leading the Sunday morning prayer
 Row 3: Pastor Danny preaching
 Row 4: Deacon Lee Michael reading from *Hebrews* for the Wed. Night Bible study, Noah Arthur singing in Ghana, Cortland "Pop" Moore enjoying a senior's appreciation meal
 Row 5: Deacon Joe Yates reciting the Lord's Prayer, Michelle Ennis and the ladies at Dickerson Market, Karen Hazzard performing a solo