



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

Spring has arrived! You can smell the beautiful flowers and the trees and grass are turning green and looking alive, fresh, and new. There is hope in the air as we see more blessings from God being poured on us. We all have heard the saying "April showers brings May flowers". My grandmother was the first one to say that to me. It didn't mean much to me then, but as I grow older and slower, I can see the beauty in that statement. There is another statement in God's Word that has been proven over and over again to be trustworthy and true: *James 5:16* says "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective". This verse tells us that as Christians our prayers aren't just mere words that we hope God hears and might do something about. No, it shows us that our prayers matter and produce wonderful results. So when you pray, you can know that God hears you and your prayers are producing something great and amazing!

Be encouraged today to keep praying and believing God because your prayers work! We all need each other's prayers daily. Prayer is an amazing privilege by which God involves us as He accomplishes His will in our lives and in the world. During hardships and trouble, we can come to Him in weakness and helplessness, asking for His love, strength, and guidance. He then answers according to His good and perfect will. There is life-changing power in prayer. I believe that there is no greater way to show someone how much you love them than by praying for them daily.

Please keep looking at your *Lantern* and bulletins as more and more opportunities for worship and fellowship are opening up weekly.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

- May 5** Business Meeting
- May 6** National Day of Prayer
- May 9** Mother's Day
- May 15** Baptist Men's Meeting
- May 24** Deacons' Meeting
- May 30** Gospel Concert
- May 31** Memorial Day



Welcome Back, 17-Year Cicadas!!

"And God made ... everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good"
(Genesis 1:25).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

As we get ready to celebrate our 150th anniversary as a congregation, it's a good time to reflect on why we are here. One of the best places to understand the mission and calling of our church—and any church—is found in *Acts 2:40-47*. There we see five major functions of the Christian church.

First is evangelism, or sharing the Gospel, the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus. The first activity of the church was public preaching about Jesus. The Apostle Peter boldly shared with the people of Jerusalem that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. In *Acts 2:41*, it is recorded: *"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them"*.

A second purpose of the church is discipleship, which means teaching people how to follow Jesus' commandments as found in the Bible so we can become more like Him and love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In *Acts 2:42*, it says that the early Christians *"...continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers"*.

The third reason the church exists is for ministry, which means meeting peoples' needs in Jesus' name. In *Acts 2:44-45*, it says that *"...all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need"*. In the days of the early church, Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire and those who converted often were rejected by their families and communities. The church had to assist its own members and offered help and hope to those who were worse off than them.

The fourth role of the church is fellowship, or showing care and love to one another. Now sometimes when church people in Barnesville talk about "fellowship", it means we're about to eat some fried chicken from Dickerson Market. Enjoying a good meal is great, but what's most important is that we as a church family are spending time together, living life together, and growing closer to God and to each other, together. In *Acts 2:46*, it reads, *"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart..."*. A Christian needs to be with other Christians to be effective and fulfill God's purpose in their lives: we encourage one another, teach one another, correct one another, rejoice with one another, and comfort one another as we walk together in Jesus' footsteps.

The fifth major calling of the church is worship, or praising God and giving Him the honor, glory, and thanksgiving He rightly deserves. In *Acts 2:47*, it says that the early church was found to be *"...praising God and having favor with all the people..."*. In the days of the apostles, there were no large church buildings available to Christians like we enjoy today. Instead, believers met at the Temple in Jerusalem, in individual houses, wherever they could, all to remember and celebrate Jesus: His life, His ministry, and His death, burial and resurrection.

All five of the church's functions—evangelism, ministry, discipleship, fellowship, and worship—are needed for a

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BBC 150th: Pastors Scramble

Can you match these 20 BBC pastors with their historical highlights? Use the BBC website history page (barnesvillebaptist.org/history) for clues. Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Jones | A. 1878-87; BBC joined BCM/D forerunner |
| 2. Davis | B. 1904-07; photo on 1906 BBC calendar |
| 3. Marsh | C. 1969-94; longest-serving pastor |
| 4. Hatcher | D. 1931-33; 13 baptized after revival |
| 5. Milbourne | E. 2015-; first online services held |
| 6. White | F. 2001-15; bell tower replaced |
| 7. Smith | G. 1947-49; WWII Marine |
| 8. Cowell | H. 1893-1900; Montgomery County circuit pastor for 60 years |
| 9. McFadden | I. 1953-69; Sunday School wing built |
| 10. Shaver | J. 1920-22; ordained 1920 |
| 11. Nicoll | K. 1889-92; MD church planter |
| 12. Hall | L. 1950-52; flew plane to BBC services |
| 13. Flinn | M. 1909-13; married 1910 |
| 14. Fleming | N. 1933-36; BBC joined Seneca Assoc. |
| 15. Shoup | O. 1873-75; elected to one-year terms |
| 16. DuBois | P. 1872-73; BBC trustees formed |
| 17. DeFries | Q. 1995-2000; creek baptisms and VBS carnivals |
| 18. Welker | R. 1929-31; electric lights installed |
| 19. Gilliam | S. 1871; first and founding pastor |
| 20. Moore | T. 1924-28; large baptism after revival |

BBC 150th: Pastors Word Search

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

Word Bank: Cowell, Davis, DeFries, DuBois, Fleming, Flinn, Gilliam, Hall, Hatcher, Jones, Marsh, McFadden, Milbourne, Moore, Nicoll, Shaver, Shoup, Smith, Welker, White

May Birthdays

- 12 Lara Saylor
- 14 John Beach
- 15 Eddie Fowler
- 24 Nick Cole, Bobbi Comert, Wade Williams
- 28 Paul Foster
- 30 Sandy Gilliam, Susan Rice



Prayer Concerns

Cindy Moore
Mary Ann Luhn, recovering from knee surgery
Robert Michael, Larry Michael's brother
Nick Cole
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: Kitty Cooley; Gail Palestine; Joe Williams; Bob & Stephanie Runkles' granddaughter, Amathy, breast cancer



*"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).

The Pew Perspective, continued

congregation to be healthy and effective. Each one is good, but we can't emphasize one and ignore another. They all must be in balance, as each one empowers and directs the others. When all five are present and active in the life of our church, we will see what the apostles saw in *Acts 2:47*: "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved". Three thousand people became believers in Jesus Christ on that first Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit descended and Peter preached to the crowds. As we here at BBC honor God and obey His word, He will bring glory to His name and will draw all peoples to Himself.

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in April:

- No new business was presented at the April business meeting.

Expected at the May Business Meeting:

- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to increase the 2021 Telecommunications BLI by \$300.
- The Pastor & Deacons will offer a motion to accept the membership application of Noah Arthur pending baptism on May 23.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"The Harmony Committee meeting has been cancelled. We couldn't agree on a time."

BBC 150th: Pastors Scramble Answers

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

News You Can Use

150th anniversary plans. We're fewer than five months from our big celebration weekend on Sep. 24-26! The planning committee has been busy getting ready and it's just about time for the BBC family to participate in the preparations. Here's what's coming up soon: recording interviews with older members about memories of early years, a commemorative oak tree planting in the church yard, developing a list of church alumni to send invitations, and assembling pictures and artifacts for historical displays.

Baptism service. The baptistry will be filled on May 23. Candidates include Noah Arthur and Harper Ahalt. Please pray for these in our church family following Jesus' example.

Annie Armstrong report. BBC collected 115% (\$2,300) of its 2021 goal of \$2,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Sixty-five percent came from individual gifts and 35% came from the church budget line item for Cooperative Program offerings. Thank you for your generosity to support our missionaries spreading the Gospel in North America.

National Day of Prayer on May 6. The National Day of Prayer is a time for Americans to pray for our country and ask for God's blessings and guidance. BBC's sanctuary will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month if you want to come and pray.

VBS 2021. Vacation Bible School will be held this year on Aug. 2-6 using the 2020 theme "Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus". The VBS Scripture is *Philippians 1:6*. Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Talk to VBS Co-Directors Cindy Moore and Tina Appleton if you'd like to participate. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year. A planning meeting will be held on Monday, Jun. 21 at 6:30 pm.

Thank you. The church grounds and buildings look much better after the Apr. 17 church clean-up day: flower beds were tended, the shed was organized, the sign was washed, the parking lot was striped, mulch was spread, weeds were pulled, and much more. Thanks to all who participated.

Coronavirus update. As the rate of vaccinations increases and Montgomery County reduces restrictions, we will slowly be able to open up additional pews for seating in the coming weeks and months. Bibles and hymnals have been returned to the pew racks and in-person children's stories have resumed. The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, Jun. 6 on the grounds. The church will provide all the food. Please continue to wear your face masks and practice our health and safety procedures.

Gospel concert. Southern & country gospel singers Myron and Brandon Padgett from Miamisburg, OH will perform on Sunday, May 30. A free will offering will be taken.



Row 1: John Kiser power-washing the church sign, Doug Heimlich giving the children's story, Luke Fedders organizing the shed; Row 2: BBC's first Easter Sunrise Service on the grounds, Deacon Joe Yates sharing announcements; Row 3: Jan Burdette playing the offertory, Zain Malik and Ed Williams with the offering, Barbara Swank singing; Row 4: Noah Arthur requesting baptism and membership, Karen Hazzard and Brooke Speed singing the Easter version of "Hallelujah"; Row 5: Barnesville Bell Quintet (Nita Roff, Ann Bennett, Megan Malik, and Cindy & Danny Moore) performing an Easter melody