



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 want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me" (Philippians 3:10-12).

In *Philippians 3*, the Apostle Paul described for those early Christians his earnest desire to know Jesus even more. Even though Paul first encountered Jesus on the Damascus Road years before, Paul still longed and strived to deepen his relationship with Jesus, to know Him and to better understand Him and His will for Paul's life. You and I should never get to the place in our lives where we are content in our walk with Jesus until we see Him face to face. We should continue to seek the wonders and glory of Christ with all our being.

As we strive to seek out Jesus' heart and will for our lives, it will bring true joy and peace as we see and experience more of Jesus' unconditional love for us. As believers we come to Jesus at the cross through faith and salvation, but we truly get to know Him and the depth and breadth of what He has in store for us in this life and for eternity through prayer and by listening to and obeying Jesus, our Teacher and Master, through His living Word.

Paul said in *Philippians 3:10*, "...I want to know Christ..." and "...becom[e] like Him". As we put into daily practice seeking after Jesus' wisdom and guidance and love, we will all grow closer to Jesus and become more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. And folks, that is what truly pleases Jesus!

Join me as we take advantage of all the resources that God has given us here at BBC to know more of Jesus through worship and discipleship: live and recorded sermons and Bible studies on Facebook and YouTube, our new discipleship podcasts, and our website. As believers, let us join together in prayer and fellowship and then let's watch God do great and mighty things in all our lives.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

July 4 Independence Day
July 7 July Business Meeting
July 13 Seniors' Luncheon
July 17 Men's Breakfast; Trudy Meissner Memorial Service
July 26 Deacons' Meeting
July 28 August Business Meeting



"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

A few years back, Pastor Randy and I were standing in the church parking lot, looking at his late father-in-law's old car. Randy asked me if I wanted to have a "historic" car like that one someday. Contemplating that worn-out vehicle, its upholstery limply hanging off the cabin ceiling, I joked, "it might be old, but it's not 'historic'!" As we approach our 150th anniversary as a congregation in September, my experience at the Southern Baptist Convention and the historical research our 150th Committee is doing have helped me think about whether BBC is just "old" or, instead, "historic".

On the opposite column you can view photographs of just a few of the believers who founded and sustained our congregation. Hopefully these pictures and the historical displays we will have in September will give you some insight into who our church founders were. The men and women who came before us invested their lives into our church, not merely for themselves or their legacy, but so that the name of Christ would be lifted up in Barnesville, Maryland and beyond. Those 19th-century Baptists lived and died over a century ago but our desire to carry on their efforts to honor Christ is what will make the difference between Barnesville Baptist Church being "old" or being "historic".

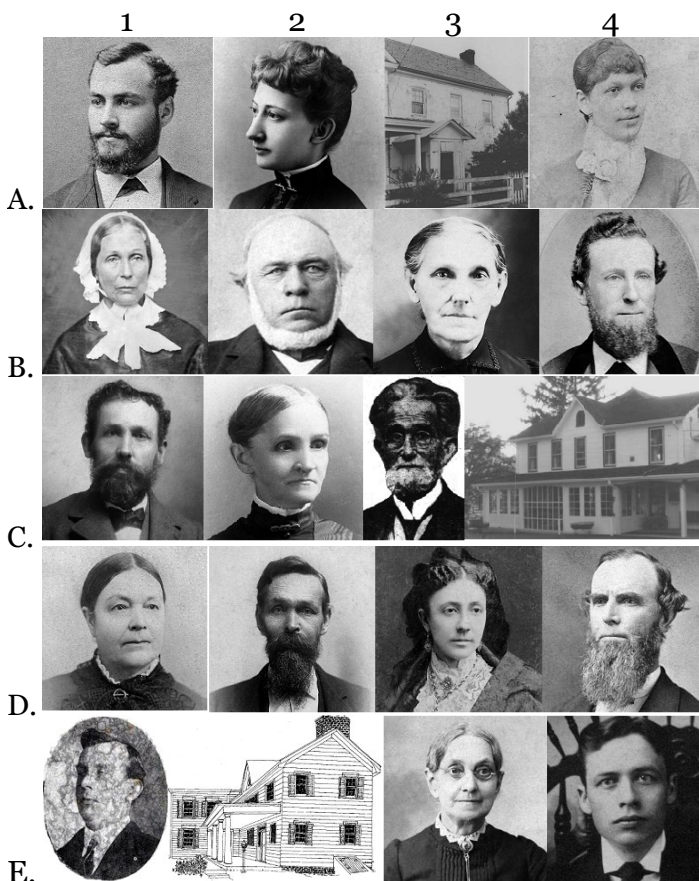
The tone and theme of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting and all of the speeches, sermons, and prayers delivered this past June was the same: we exist as a Christian denomination for one reason: to spread the Gospel and fulfill the Great Commission so that everyone everywhere may call on Jesus for salvation and are taught to obey His Word in all things. Despite all the challenges, difficulties, and adversities that are facing our convention and the world around us, we are unified as Southern Baptists to send out missionaries, plant churches, and disciple new believers. The same spirit of purpose is found in the words of our church covenant, our founding document dated September 24, 1871 and signed by 22 charter members. BBC was established: "...to worship [God], to celebrate His Ordinances, to maintain His Truths, and to endeav[o]r, to promote His glory in the world...". The mission for Barnesville Baptist hasn't changed since 1871. We are united as a body of believers to spread the Gospel, disciple new believers, minister to needs, show care and love, and praise and honor God. If we aren't fulfilling those tasks, then nothing else we do at BBC really matters from a Kingdom perspective.

That's why the theme for our 150th anniversary festivities is "Celebrating 150 Years of God's Faithfulness". The reason we can celebrate is because God has directed our steps and empowered our ministry for these many years. The generations of Barnesville Baptists who came before us were imperfect, just like us, with their own shortcomings and failures as sinners forgiven by grace. Our focus for celebration is not so much on them but as on their Lord who took us as jars of clay to store His divine treasure so that His all-surpassing power would be seen by all (*II Corinthians 4:7*). If we "make known [His] faithfulness to all generations" (*Psalms 89:1*), then we will have a legacy worth preserving and a future worth striving after. Barnesville Baptist Church will get older but better—historic--as we and the generations who follow us are renewed in the Lord's strength and blessing.

BBC 150th: Early Members and Pictures Scrambles

Can you match these 20 early BBC members with their descriptions and their pictures or houses? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Leah Griffith | A. church clerk, 1890-1894; charter member [CM] |
| 2. Charles R. Darby | B. founding pastor, 1871 |
| 3. Mary Jane Harris Darby | C. church clerk, 1871-1890; trustee; charter member |
| 4. Samuel C. Darby | D. trustee, CM, carpenter |
| 5. Elizabeth Dickerson Griffith | E. charter member (1836-1904) |
| 6. Francis M. Griffith | F. first assistant deacon, trustee, charter member |
| 7. Prudence Jones Griffith | G. WMU leader |
| 8. Rose V. Griffith | H. church clerk, 1924-1937; treasurer; WMU leader |
| 9. F. Rebecca Snyder Hilton | I. first Sunday School superintendent, deacon |
| 10. H. Mortimer Hilton | J. first deacon, charter member |
| 11. William T. Hilton | K. deacon, trustee, CM, blacksmith |
| 12. Joseph H. Jones | L. pastor, 1904-1907 |
| 13. Richard S. Owens | M. charter member (1830-1912) |
| 14. Jessie Hilton Price | N. charter member (1818-1890) |
| 15. Ann Poole Sellman | O. pastor, 1902-1903 |
| 16. William O. Sellman | P. charter member (1855-1920) |
| 17. Robert A. Smith | Q. charter member (1826-1891) |
| 18. Richard T. White | R. charter member (1820-1897) |
| 19. Samuel R. White | S. sister of first pastor, CM |
| 20. Joel H. Wolfe | T. pastor, 1893-1900 |



July Birthdays

11 Megan Malik
12 Maggie Leibrand
14 Penny Barton
23 Mary Yates
26 Joe Yates, Aleena Malik
28 Jackie Cole



Prayer Concerns

the family of Trudy Meissner at her passing
the family of Hisle Beach at her passing
Nita Roff and family at her mother-in-law's passing
Cindy Moore
Nick Cole
Stephanie Runkles
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Bilyie Luhn, Cortland "Pop"
Moore, Dot Fowler, Gene Bennett, Janet Magruder,
Ollie Baumbaugh, Linda Roberts, Margie Stream, Paul
Meissner, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Kitty Cooley, Gail Palestine, Joe
Williams



*"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).*

BBC 150th: Early Pictures Scramble Answers

1. **D3**; 2. **A1**; 3. **E3**; 4. **B2**; 5. **C2**; 6. **B4**; 7. **B1**; 8. **A2**;
9. **B3**; 10. **C1**; 11. **D2**; 12. **E2**; 13. **E4**; 14. **A4**; 15. **D1**;
16. **D4**; 17. **E1**; 18. **A3**; 19. **C3**; 20. **C4**.

BBC 150th: Early Members Scramble Answers

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

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

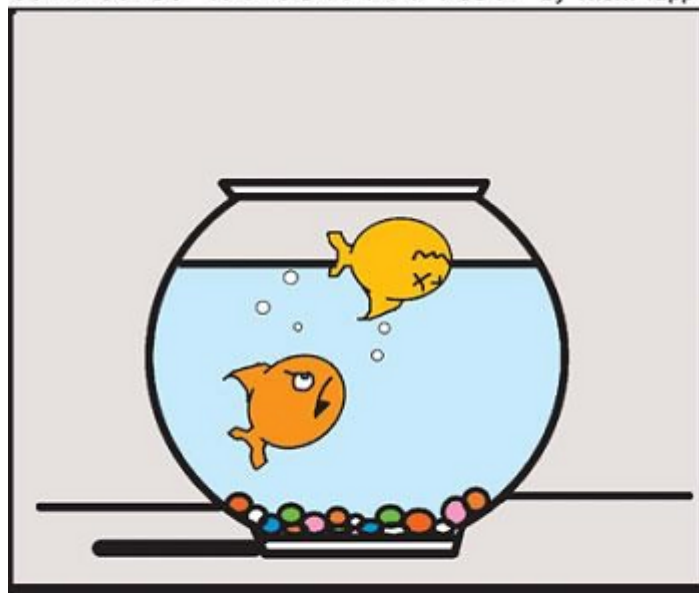
- The Internal Administration Cmte. motion to increase the Physical Plant BLI by \$6,675 was passed.
- The Church approved the membership application of Karen Hazzard, by transfer of letter from First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg (Pathways).

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- On Jun. 21, the Pastor and Deacons unanimously voted to end the state of emergency declared on Mar. 26, 2020 per the March 2021 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions.
- A vote to schedule the August Business Meeting for Jul. 28 given the VBS schedule will be held.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"Good grief Edna, his sermon
wasn't THAT long!"**

News You Can Use

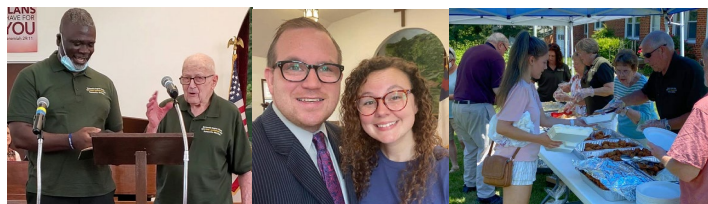
150th anniversary plans. We're fewer than four months from our big celebration weekend on Sep. 24-26. There's so much to celebrate, the event will take place over three days! On Friday the 24th, the actual 150th anniversary, is History Night, where the church's founding and early history will be discussed at 7:00 pm. Saturday the 25th is the Open House and Fellowship Picnic from noon to 4:00 pm, with special guest speakers, historical exhibits, and a barbeque lunch catered by Dickerson Market. On Sunday the 26th will be an expanded worship service starting at 9:45 am. Invitations will be sent out soon. Be sure to RSVP for this special celebration weekend by Aug. 31. The 150th Cmte. is looking for old pictures or historical items for display during the 150th anniversary celebration. Please contact Lee Michael to share or make copies of your memorabilia.

VBS 2021. Vacation Bible School is heading our way! The theme for this year's VBS is "Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus", which will be held Aug. 2-6 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classroom set-up will be held after church on Sunday, Aug. 1. Register online for classes at barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs. Classes are available from Pre-K to Adults. VBS is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to missionaries Manuel & Cindy Batres in Guatemala to purchase school uniforms, shoes, and supplies for local children so they can attend school.



Car show. The Bob Lillard Memorial Antique Car Show, featuring pre-1935 vehicles, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center in Frederick from 10:00 am to noon. Volunteers are needed to assist residents to the show area. Please contact Jan Burdette at 301-956-6220 with any questions or to indicate your intent to participate.

Seniors' lunch. Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 13. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 11.



Noah Arthur and Cortland "Pop" Moore sang a duet on Jun. 27; Michael (& Kayla) Thompson led worship on Jun. 20; BBC enjoyed good food and fellowship at the Jun. 6 church picnic

Trudy Meissner, 1925-2021 and Hisle Beach, 1931-2021. We regret to announce the passing of our sisters in Christ, Trudy Meissner on Jun. 15 at the age of 96 and Hisle Beach on Jun. 20 at the age of 90. Trudy was a longtime resident of Barnesville and a church member since 1995. Hisle first joined BBC in 1956. We extend our sympathies to the Meissner and Beach families and pray that the Lord will



Trudy Meissner

grant them strength and peace in the days and weeks ahead. A memorial service for Trudy will be held at BBC on Saturday, Jul. 17 at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Hisle's service was held at Hilton's Funeral Home on Jun. 24; she will be interred in Monocacy Cemetery.



Hisle Beach

SBC 2021. BBC messengers Danny Moore and Lee Michael attended the SBC Send Conference on Jun. 13-14 and the 2021 Southern

Baptist Convention in Nashville, TN from Jun. 15 to 16. The Send Conference focused on missions and featured Dr. Tony Evans and Dr. David



Southern Baptists convene by the thousands at the Music City Center, Nashville, TN

Jeremiah as keynote speakers. The theme of the annual SBC meeting, which was attended by over 21,000 people, was "We Are Great Commission Baptists". Departing SBC president and North Carolina pastor J.D. Greear challenged Southern Baptists to unify around the one true Gospel and the Great Commission. Dr. Ed Litton, a pastor from Alabama, was elected 2021-22 SBC president in a run-off election after an initial four-way ballot. Messengers heard reports from the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, the SBC seminaries, the WMU, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and Lifeway. The SBC messengers also finalized constitutional changes to address sexual abuse. The convention also voted on multiple resolutions, elected new officers, and approved the SBC budget. The messengers fielded multiple proposals from the SBC Executive Committee, including adopting six Vision 2025 goals to send 500 more missionaries overseas, add 5,000 more congregations across North America, increase and train more missionaries and pastors, focus on baptizing and discipling those younger than 18, increase giving through the Cooperative Program, and eliminate all sexual abuse and racial discrimination among SBC churches.