



# 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

Summer is an exciting time of year. The gardens are producing tomatoes and zucchinis almost overnight and I can enjoy beautiful sunsets from my porch swing. Summer time is fun! This summer is even more special because we are able once again to get out of our houses, enjoy God's creation, and share life together with our families, friends, and our church family. The one churchwide event I am most looking forward to is Vacation Bible School. VBS is truly an exciting and rewarding experience where we can gather and celebrate Jesus together in person.

BBC, as you recall, we weren't able to have VBS in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, the first time in years, if ever, that BBC hasn't had a summertime Bible school. I truly was saddened that we had to cancel and I missed the laughter of children and the blessings of watching so many learn more about Jesus together. But God has blessed us this year to be able to safely hold our greatest evangelistic outreach of the year as a church family. Remember the Great Commission that Jesus gave us all: "...Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). I believe that VBS is one of the most effective ways to share the great news of the gospel of Jesus with our community. So many of us began our Christian walks after attending VBS and learned to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Please pray for God's blessings on our teachers, helpers, students, and their families as we begin VBS week on Aug. 2 and please come and take part in this year's Concrete & Cranes VBS. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and see the gospel of Jesus in action for themselves. My prayer is that we will be found faithful to His command to share the great news of the gospel. See you all at VBS!

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## Upcoming Events

**August 2-6** Vacation Bible School  
**August 21** Men's Breakfast  
**August 28** Trudy Meissner Memorial Service  
**August 30** Deacons' Meeting



*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ"  
(I Corinthians 3:11).*

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the hardest challenges in trying to tell the story of BBC's first 150 years is how much we don't know. The church archives list names of members, dates of baptisms, and rosters of pastors, deacons, and Sunday School teachers, but those dry facts don't tell us very much about their lives and times. How I wish I had a time machine to go back to 1871 and see what BBC's first days and founding members were really like. In *I Corinthians 3*, we actually get a glimpse of the early years of an early church, the congregation of Corinth. The Apostle Paul was actually regretting that the Corinthian Christians knew too much about their church history, focusing more on which prominent preacher baptized which members than uniting and focusing on their common identity in Christ. *"For when one says, 'I am of Paul,' and another, 'I am of Apollos,' are you not carnal" (v. 4)?* Paul's warnings to the Corinthian church are worthy cautions to us as we celebrate our 150th anniversary so that we never forget we are not celebrating ourselves, but God's faithfulness and goodness in His church in Barnesville.

First, God grew His church. Pastors have come and gone over the last century and a half. Some stayed ever so briefly, others served intently for years. All of them preached, baptized, conducted weddings and funerals, and ministered to churchgoers and the community. Yet none of those preachers saved a soul or redeemed a lost person. Only Jesus, the Head of the Church, calls people to follow Him and serve Him at BBC. *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (v. 6).*

Second, God will reward His laborers. Many faithful servants have offered their time, talents, and treasure to serve God's Kingdom through the ministry of BBC. For as many whose names were recorded in the business meeting agendas as holding a position or office, others quietly labored for their Master without recognition or thanks. As long as we are faithful stewards of the opportunities and blessings the Lord has given us to expand His Kingdom in our day, it doesn't matter if we are remembered by others, for He will honor us. *"...Each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor" (v. 8).*

Third, other workers will come after us. BBC was founded and sustained in its earliest years by the Jones, White, Sellman, Darby, Griffith, and Hilton families. Those names are no longer represented in our pews, as God has called us to replace them in our day just as He will call future generations to take our places until He calls His church home. *"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it" (v. 10).*

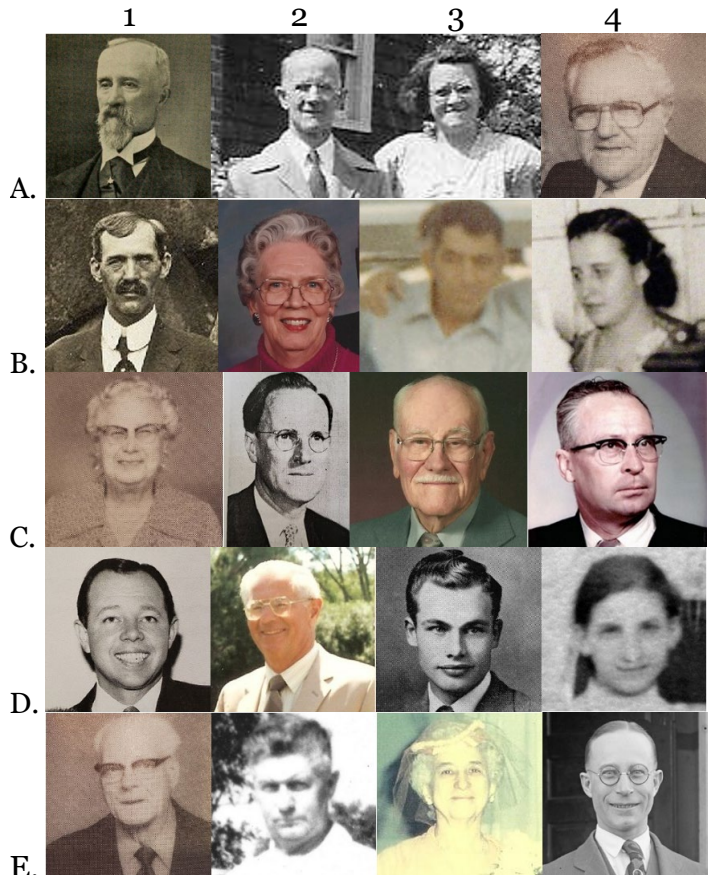
Fourth, our work must be worthy. While I can't find great biographies in the church archives, what is clear is a 150-year commitment to preaching the Gospel, teaching the Bible, supporting home and foreign missions, offering God prayer and praise, and caring for others in Jesus' name. Without that focus on what God considers as gold, silver, and precious stones (v. 12), BBC could easily become a historical society, country club, or entertainment hall, but that is the hay and stubble Paul warned against. *"Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire" (v. 13).*

Fifth, we are God's church. As Jesus' called-out people, we are more than the wooden shell that houses us. The testimony and work of the Holy Spirit in each of us and all of us as a congregation is what deserves to be recognized and celebrated this September. *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you" (v. 16)?*

# BBC 150<sup>th</sup>: Early Members and Pictures Scrambles #2

Can you match these 20<sup>th</sup>-century BBC members with their descriptions and their pictures? Answers are on page 3, column 2.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Marshall Allnutt         | A. church clerk, 1894-1901                                      |
| 2. Thomas Cole              | B. pastor's wife  |
| 3. Eberly T. Dixon          | C. pastor, 1950-1952  |
| 4. Edith Dubois             | D. deacon, Sunday School [S.S.] director, trustee, usher        |
| 5. Horace Dubois            | E. pastor, 1953-1969  |
| 6. Thomas Fleming           | F. pastor, 1917   |
| 7. Naomi Nicholson Griffith | G. deacon, 1960s-1987   |
| 8. Robert Griffith          | H. librarian, asst. S.S. director and S.S. teacher              |
| 9. A.G. Harley              | I. organist, 1950s  |
| 10. Onan Hill               | J. deacon, S.S. teacher, budget cmte. member                    |
| 11. Wanda Hill              | K. treasurer (1904-1990)  |
| 12. June Cole Houseknecht   | L. music director, 1953-1969                                    |
| 13. Elbert Knill            | M. deacon, 1950s-1965   |
| 14. William Herman Lewis    | N. pastor, 1947-1949  |
| 15. Anna L. Darby Pyles     | O. deacon (1909-1990)   |
| 16. Mildred Shoup           | P. church clerk, 1937-1952                                      |
| 17. William F. Shoup        | Q. deacon, S.S. superintendent, trustee, building cmte. member  |
| 18. Earl Shreve, Sr.        | R. pastor, 1946   |
| 19. P. Rowland Wagner       | S. deacon, trustee, 1950s-1977                                  |
| 20. Larkin Yates            | T. senior deacon, S.S. superintendent, choir member (1871-1953) |



## August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal  
8 John Kiser, Donna Conklin  
11 Rick Thomas  
12 Doris Kiser  
16 Stephanie Runkles  
17 Pauline Fowler  
20 Bill Williams  
25 Jim Gong  
26 Lee Michael  
28 Ann Bennett  
29 Paul Meissner  
30 Matthew Cole  
31 Bob Runkles



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:*

- The August Business Meeting was scheduled for Jul. 28 given the VBS schedule in early August.

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting for August:*

- The Internal Administration Cmte. approved a bid from Thompson Flooring of Frederick, MD to replace the Sunday School wing carpeting.
- The Internal Administration Cmte.'s motion to donate the chalkboard in the Church Office to Northeast Baptist Church was approved.
- The Church adopted a motion from the Worship Cmte. to increase the Worship BLI by \$600.

## Prayer Concerns

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).*

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



*"Yes sir Harold . . . if I was a human, I would be a 'hard shell' Baptist!"*

## BBC 150<sup>th</sup>: Early Pictures #2 Scramble Answers

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

## BBC 150<sup>th</sup>: Early Members #2 Scramble Answers

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

## News You Can Use

*RSVP for the 150<sup>th</sup> weekend.* We're just under two months from our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sep. 24-26. There's so much to celebrate, the event will take place over three days! On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, the actual 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is History Night, where BBC's founding and early history will be discussed at 7:00 pm. Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> will be an expanded worship service starting at 9:45 am. Invitations have been mailed out and hand-delivered at church. Be sure to RSVP for this special celebration weekend by Aug. 31. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Jan Burdette.

*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](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs). Classes are available from 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 need 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.

*Trudy Meissner memorial.* The rescheduled memorial service for Trudy Meissner, who passed away Jun. 15, will be held at BBC on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.



Gary Cooley, Nita Roff, and Ann Bennett combined their musical and singing talents on Jul. 4.

*150<sup>th</sup> weekend guest speakers.* On Saturday, Sep. 25 starting at 1:00 pm, we will hear from our friends at the Montgomery Baptist Association (MBA), Director of Missions Dr. Ron Blankenship and Church Planter Missionary Rev. Michael Mattar. Representing the 25-year pastorate (1969-1994) at BBC of the late Rev. Jeddie DeFries will be Mrs. Lorraine DeFries. Former associate pastor and senior pastor (2001-2015) Randy Gilliam will also speak on his years serving at BBC. On Sunday, Sep. 26, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware Associate Executive Director Tom Stolle will speak during the worship service on behalf of the state convention. Pastor Danny Moore will preach the sermon.

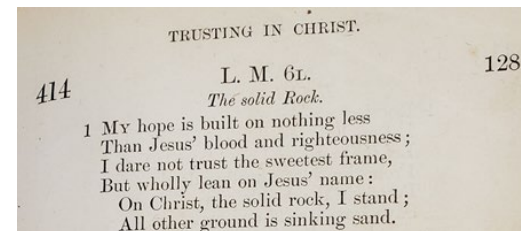
*Share your memories.* What are your favorite memories of Barnesville Baptist Church? The 150<sup>th</sup> Cmte. would like to hear from you about your recollections of BBC. What would you like future generations to know about our church and your time at Barnesville Baptist? Interview questions have been emailed out and will be inserted in upcoming worship bulletins. Responses will be part of the historical displays during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration weekend and kept in the church archives. Please submit your responses to the Church Office no later than Aug. 31. Pictures and memorabilia for display are also welcome.



Gravestone of 1<sup>st</sup> BBC Pastor Joseph H. Jones (1871) in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, MD

*Pastor's vacation.* Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore will be taking some time off from Aug. 22 to 27. Please contact the deacons for anything that arises during that week. Rev. Gail Clifton will preach on Sunday, Aug. 22. Pastor Danny will return to the pulpit on Sunday, Aug. 29.

*150<sup>th</sup> hymns.* Each Sunday leading up to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our 1871 founding, we will be singing a hymn that our 22 charter members would have known. The songs will



come from a historic hymnal in the BBC archives. The first special hymn, which will be sung on Sunday, Aug. 1, will be "The Solid Rock". Composed by Edward Mote in 1834, the lyrics are copied from *The Baptist Hymn Book*, published in 1871.