



# The Barnesville Lantern

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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

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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 our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration nears, I have been thinking about how well I have done my part as the pastor since 2015. Have I been faithful to God and to BBC since God sent me to shepherd our flock? I would like to encourage everyone to take a look back on your time here at BBC. Ask the tough question: just how faithfully have I served God and my church? Have I allowed God to use me to my full potential? As Jesus taught in *Matthew 25:21*, we want to serve Him well. *"His master said to him, well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master"*.

One of the reasons we are celebrating 150 years is the faithfulness of those before us: Ministers like our first pastor, Joseph Jones, who rode a horse 2,000 miles a year to preach before bringing the gospel to Barnesville; sister churches like Rockville and Upper Seneca who shared preachers and resources; servants like Deacon E.T. Dixon who hauled wood to heat the sanctuary; and saints like our 22 founding members who gave of their time and resources to say "yes" when God called them to start the good work that is BBC in 1871. Those past generations and so many others were faithful to God because of His guiding hand and provision through the years. That is our why our anniversary theme is "Celebrating 150 Years of God's Faithfulness". *Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples. For great is His steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord (Psalm 117:1-2).*

As we approach our special time of remembrance and celebration, let's remind ourselves of our own responsibility and privilege to be found faithful to God, to our church family, and to our community as we move forward and seek out God's will for His church here at BBC. I am excited to celebrate with you, and to serve God moving forward with you. We all need each other to be all that God wants us to be.

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### Upcoming Events

**September 1** Business Meeting  
**September 5** Baptism Service  
**September 18** Men's Breakfast  
**September 24** BBC 150<sup>th</sup>: History Night, 7:00 pm  
**September 25** BBC 150<sup>th</sup>: Open House, 12:00 pm  
**September 26** BBC 150<sup>th</sup>: Worship Service, 9:45 am  
**September 27** Deacons' Meeting



*"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence"*  
(Colossians 1:18).

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Preparations for BBC's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2046 begin now. In 25 years, the closest Sunday to our Sep. 24 birthday will be the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have just a little over 1,300 Sundays to get ready. What will BBC look like in the middle of the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Will we need a floating parking lot for flying cars or transmit our sermons to colonists on Mars? Do you plan to join us in September 2046 or will you celebrate from glory? Either way, today's leaders and servants will have to raise up the next generation of Barnesville Baptists to carry on the good work started in 1871 in their day as we pass on the torch until the Lord comes back for His Church. Our task in the next 25 years will include the following:

Share the gospel. We will have to share Jesus with relatives, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and even strangers—some yet to be born or move into our area—just as we were told by faithful parents and Sunday School teachers before us. None of the families who founded BBC in 1871 are still worshipping with us in 2021. Those who are here in 2046 may not be our relatives, but they will be our Christian brothers and sisters. *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15).

Stand on Scripture. As this world descends ever deeper into spiritual darkness, we will need to teach our young people and new members how to read, interpret, rely upon, and defend the Bible. Our future pastors will need to preach the Word with clarity and conviction despite opposition. *"The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever"* (Psalm 119:160).

Maintain unity. BBC excels at being a loving church with a spirit of family that also welcomes new people into our fellowship. We need to transmit to future generations the best of ourselves and our unity is certainly among our strengths. *"...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..."* (Philippians 1:27).

Bathe everything in prayer. Just as we are celebrating God's faithfulness for the last 150 years, future BBCers will need His power, wisdom, protection, and blessing to move forward. We must teach our young people to call upon the Lord, seek His will in every decision, and replace their thoughts and goals with His. *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).

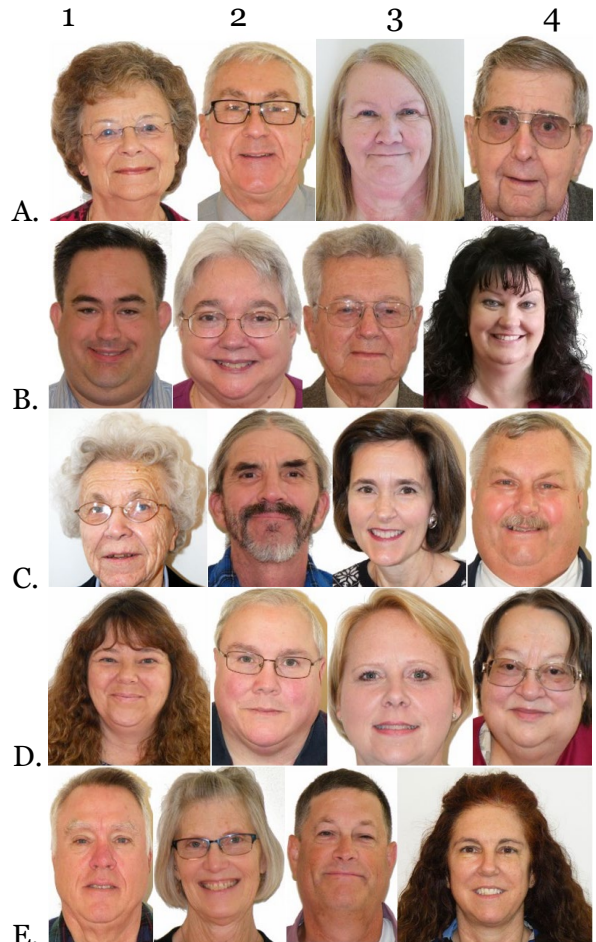
Make the most of change. Even as we honor our history, BBC is a soul-saving workshop, not a museum. BBC's 19<sup>th</sup>-century founders were used to circuit-riding preachers, candlelight, and horses. Their 20<sup>th</sup>-century children built parsonages, installed electric lights, and paved parking lots for cars just as we now use 21<sup>st</sup>-century smartphones and live-streaming. Each generation made space for new technologies and methods so they could reach more people for Christ in ways their forebearers never dreamed possible. *"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more..."* (I Corinthians 9:19).

For the next quarter-century, we have work to do for God's glory and to serve His Kingdom. If we are faithful to pass on a legacy of following Christ, Barnesville Baptist Church will continue to be a light on the hill. Please RSVP to Jan Burdette by Aug. 31, 2046 for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration!

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

Can you match these current BBC members with their descriptions and their pictures? Answers are on page 3, column 2.

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|---------------------|--|
| 1. Bill Appleton    | A. Pastor                                      |
| 2. Tina Appleton    | B. WMU Secretary                               |
| 3. Ann Bennett      | C. Worship Chair, Head Usher                   |
| 4. David Bennett    | D. Retired Deacon                              |
| 5. Jan Burdette     | E. Most Senior Member                          |
| 6. Ralph Cooley     | F. Ch. Custodian, Children's Min.              |
| 7. Lisa Fedders     | G. Children's Teacher                          |
| 8. Luke Fedders     | H. Choir Director                              |
| 9. Doris Kiser      | I. Deacon, A/V Tech.                           |
| 10. Larry Michael   | J. Deacon Chair, Treasurer                     |
| 11. Lee Michael     | K. Head Groundsman                             |
| 12. Cindy Moore     | L. S.S. Secretary, Bell Choir Conductor        |
| 13. Danny Moore     | M. Deacon, Internal Admin. Chair, Church Clerk |
| 14. Linda Roberts   | N. WMU President                               |
| 15. Nita Roff       | O. Baptist Men Leader                          |
| 16. Rebecca Umstead | P. Church Pianist                              |
| 17. Ed Williams     | Q. Youth Ministry Coordinator                  |
| 18. Ellen Williams  | R. Nursery Coordinator                         |
| 19. Joe Yates       | S. Outreach Chair                              |
| 20. Mary Yates      | T. Deacon, S.S. Superintendent                 |





## September Birthdays

3 Megan Fedders  
7 Scott Bennett  
9 Janna Williams  
11 Shirley Yates  
13 Michael Oden  
14 Nita Roff, Ellen Williams  
18 Nancy Taylor  
24 Barnesville Baptist Church,  
Marlowe Mentzer



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in 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.

*Expected at the September Business Meeting:*

- As of press time, there were no new motions ready for action at the September business meeting.

## 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



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

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

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

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

# News You Can Use

**150<sup>th</sup> anniversary schedule.** In case you hadn't heard, Barnesville Baptist Church turns 150 years old this Sep. 24! RSVPs to the big bash are due by Aug. 31. On Friday, Sep. 24 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 from Dickerson Market. A bronze memorial plaque for our 150<sup>th</sup> oak tree planted in May will be installed. On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> will be an expanded worship service starting at 9:45 am. During the service, active members with 40+ years of membership will be recognized. Kim Ghaner will take photographs throughout the weekend.

**History night.** BBC's founding will be celebrated on Friday, Sep. 24 in the same sanctuary 22 charter members met 150 years ago in 1871. The service will include a reading of the original church covenant (volunteers are needed) and recorded oral history interviews with senior members. Church Historian Lee Michael will discuss the "Founding and Early History of BBC". Pastor Danny will moderate a discussion panel featuring Randy Gilliam, Lorraine DeFries, Joe Yates, David Bennett, and Lee Michael as they share stories about BBC's past. There will also be an opportunity for the congregation to share memories.

**Historical displays.** Throughout the celebration weekend, several historical displays will be set up to browse and learn more about BBC. Most of the displays will be in the Fellowship Hall, to include those about Education and Sunday School, Missions, and Historic Furniture. The Music, Choir, and Bells display will be in the Choir Room. A Founding and Early History display will be set up in the Church Office. Also visit the sanctuary for a display focused on the baptistry mural.

**Baptism service.** On Sunday, Sep. 5, Robert McDonald will be baptized as a new believer in Christ. Pray for him as he begins living for Jesus.

**Upgrades.** Several major projects have been or are about to be completed. Painting of the Sunday School wing and Fellowship Hall is done. New carpet will be installed in the Sunday School wing on Saturday, Sep. 4. A new air conditioning unit for the sanctuary will be installed on the roof well before the 150<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**Lunches for the homeless.** Thanks to everyone who donated supplies for the 120 bag lunches with sandwiches, water and Bibles that were delivered to the Montgomery County homeless shelter on Sunday, Aug. 22. Your kindness is appreciated. Thanks also to those who assembled the bags on Aug. 21.



Luke Fedders and Tim Conklin assembling lunch bags

**Paul Meissner, 1926-2021.** We regret to announce the passing of our brother in Christ, Paul Meissner, on Aug. 26, three days shy of his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Paul was a longtime resident of Barnesville and a church member since 1995. He served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher and in his later years composed and played worship songs on the keyboard. We extend our sympathies to the Meissner family and pray that the Lord will grant them strength and peace in the days and weeks ahead.



**150<sup>th</sup> news coverage.** BBC's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was front-page news in the Aug. 6 edition of our local community newspaper, the *Monocacy Monocle*. The Montgomery Baptist Association electronic newsletter also featured an article on BBC. We expect the BCM/D's BaptistLIFE newsjournal and the Town of Barnesville's newsletter "The Tidbit" to cover our big event in the coming weeks. We



will keep copies of all these news stories in our church archives.

**150<sup>th</sup> souvenirs.** Several mementos of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration will be available for purchase. A select assortment of embroidered BBC polo shirts will be sold for \$18 each. We have also commissioned a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition set of Cat's Meow woodcuts of the BBC sanctuary. The text on the back was customized for BBC's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please contact the Church Office if you would like any of these items but can't pick them up in person.

**Sep. 25 parking.** In anticipation of a large number of guests for our Open House on Saturday, Sep. 25, parking will be available at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Drivers may drop off passengers at BBC and then proceed west for 0.3 miles to 18230 Barnesville Rd. The church van will be used to shuttle drivers back and forth to BBC. Carpooling with family and neighbors is also encouraged. Volunteers are needed for both Saturday and Sunday—contact Sam Berry to help.

**BBC history driving tour.** Did you know that this 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmhouse at the bottom of the hill from Barnesville Baptist was the home of the first assistant deacon William Sellman (1814-1884), who granted the land for the church? A BBC history driving tour is being developed to show you the local buildings and locations that mattered to the founding and early history of our church. Stayed tuned for news on how to take a guided or self-guided tour through Barnesville, Beallsville, and Boyds.

