



# 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

Wow, what a weekend of celebration we just had. I am so thankful to God for His faithfulness over the past 150 years to us here at Barnesville Baptist. The Holy Spirit was moving within our hearts this past weekend and I am so happy to be your pastor and to be your fellow family member here at BBC. To God be the glory, great things He has done, and great things He will continue to do here at His church. But we must all stay on track and focused on God's plan for us as a church and as His children. God's Word tells us how we are to go about staying focused on Jesus: *"I [Jesus] am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5).

One of the wonderful blessings of being a believer in Christ is that we all receive strength, courage, and wisdom from God the Father. *John 15:5* tells us that we can do nothing without Him. At times we try to share God's great news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ using our own wisdom and strength instead of seeking out His will and way. When we put God first as we live out the Gospel of Jesus, then all the plans and programs that we take part in will fall in line with God's will. If we abide in Him, we will all bear much fruit, which might ripen into spiritual maturity, becoming more like Christ, and new believers that come to a saving faith in Jesus through our testimony or witness.

Get excited about God's love and share the great news that Jesus is alive and well and working within our lives here at BBC. Get involved, pray for one another, and we will all be blessed so that our church body will be fruitful! Give God all the glory, for He is worthy! Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be! I can't wait to see what God has for us here at BBC next.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- October 6** 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting
- October 9** Paul & Trudy Meissner Memorial Service
- October 11** Columbus Day
- October 16** Men's Breakfast; Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting
- October 23** Fellowship at Summers Farm
- October 25** Deacons' Meeting
- October 31** Halloween



*"...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest"*  
(John 4:35)!

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

We are currently studying the book of *Jonah* during Wednesday night Bible study. The prophet Jonah, as you may recall, was called by God to preach repentance to the city of Nineveh, a wicked and violent enemy of Israel. Jonah refused and tried to run away from God's will when he was caught in a storm at sea, thrown overboard, and swallowed by a large fish. "Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah" (*Jonah 1:17*). In the course of reading the study notes in my Bible, I learned something new about the story of Jonah that made me laugh. The origin of the word "Nineveh" means "fish", and the people of Nineveh worshiped fish-related gods and goddesses. Just as we today would easily associate "The Big Apple" with New York City, the people of Jonah's day would have understood the linkage between Nineveh and fish. So God, in dealing with his prophet's refusal to minister to Nineveh, sent a large fish to carry Jonah back to "Fish Town". Not only that, Jonah probably smelled like fish after spending three days and nights in the fish's belly. "So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land" (*Jonah 2:10*). Ultimately, God used his fishy-smelling prophet to call the fish-worshiping people of "Fish Town" to repentance.

When the Lord deals with false gods in the Bible, He makes it very clear to all involved that He is the one and only true God in the universe, and that the idols worshiped by sinful men, be it in Nineveh, Canaan, or Egypt have no life or power at all. The one true God, the Creator of heaven and earth, does not share the stage with any competitors. "I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images" (*Isaiah 42:8*).

We see the idea that God has no competition again in *I Kings 18*, when Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Again, context is important: Baal was a storm god responsible for bringing rain and lightning. As Israel was in the midst of a drought, the showdown between the God of Elijah and the false beliefs of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel would be a definitive test as to which deity was real. After the 500 prophets of Baal failed all day to summon their god, Elijah's immediate and powerful answer from the Lord in the form of fire from heaven in *I Kings 18:38* was all the people of Israel needed to reject the false worship of Baal and acknowledge the God of Israel as the one true God. That the long drought Israel suffered ended immediately after the Mount Carmel showdown was further proof that the Lord God was responsible for everything.

God's demonstration of complete divine authority over all creation was no more obvious than in the Book of *Exodus*, when He sent 10 plagues against Egypt until Pharaoh allowed the children of Israel to go free. God systematically assaulted the Egyptian pantheon responsible for upholding the Egyptian belief system and way of life. For example, with the second plague of frogs in *Exodus 8*, the Egyptians considered the frog a sacred animal and symbol of fertility and abundance that could not be killed. God turned what the Egyptians considered a sign of abundance into a major problem. The Egyptians' chief deity was Ra, the sun god.

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## Biblical Symbols #2 Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 symbols with the biblical people, groups, or concepts they represent? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. broken jar           | A. wisdom                  |
| 2. capstone             | B. guidance                |
| 3. covered head         | C. spiritual need          |
| 4. dry bones            | D. God's judgment          |
| 5. harvesting           | E. Christ's sacrifice      |
| 6. lamb                 | F. judgment day            |
| 7. lifted hands         | G. anger and sorrow        |
| 8. locusts              | H. Jerusalem's destruction |
| 9. pillar of fire       | I. rejection               |
| 10. rock                | J. Satan's subtlety        |
| 11. sackcloth and ashes | K. spiritual death         |
| 12. serpent             | L. God speaking            |
| 13. shaking off dust    | M. Holy Spirit             |
| 14. stars               | N. submission              |
| 15. torn garments       | O. repentance              |
| 16. thirst              | P. God's ministers         |
| 17. trumpets            | Q. innocence               |
| 18. washing hands       | R. pre-eminence            |
| 19. white hair          | S. prayer                  |
| 20. wind                | T. stability               |

## Biblical Symbols #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: broken jar, capstone, covered head, dry bones, harvesting, lamb, lifted hands, locusts, pillar of fire, rock, sackcloth and ashes, serpent, shaking off dust, stars, torn garments, thirst, trumpets, washing hands, white hair, wind

## October Birthdays

10 David Shive  
23 Kaycee Saylor  
25 Judy Wright  
26 Liz Heimlich



## Prayer Concerns

Eddie Fowler, Parkinson's disease  
Tim Conklin, recovering from heart attack  
Margie Stream, in rehabilitation  
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, Ralph Cooley,  
Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice  
Cancer patients: Kitty Cooley, Joe Williams, Pat Luhn



*"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

Imagine what the Egyptians must have thought in *Exodus 10* when the God of Moses plunged the land of Egypt into thick darkness for three days. Ra had failed to provide Egypt with light and warmth, and the Egyptians were unable to offer their daily worship rituals. It is really not surprising that after the complete victory the God of the Hebrews achieved over the Egyptians' gods, the Pharaoh had no choice but to let Moses and his people leave Egypt.

I am encouraged, the more that I read and understand about the Bible, that the God we serve is not just a little bit smarter or more powerful than others. The Lord Almighty is in permanent and complete command of the universe, and when we trust in His power and truth, we cannot go wrong as we walk through this world with its temptations and trials. *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ..." (II Corinthians 10:4-5).*

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:*

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

*Expected at the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting:*

- Pastor Danny Moore, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders will be nominated to serve as messengers to the 86<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Oct. 16 at BBC.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2021 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 7.
- Note: All outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



*"Carl - if you ever go on a mission trip, don't get an interpreter with a sense of humor!"*

## Biblical Symbols Scramble #2 Answers

1. **H** (*Jeremiah 19:10-11*); 2. **R** (*Psalms 118:22*); 3. **N** (*I Corinthians 11:3-10*); 4. **K** (*Ezekiel 37:1-2,11*); 5. **F** (*Joel 3:12-13*); 6. **E** (*Revelation 5:6*); 7. **S** (*I Timothy 2:8*); 8. **D** (*Exodus 10:12*); 9. **B** (*Exodus 13:21*); 10. **T** (*Psalms 40:2*); 11. **O** (*Jonah 3:5-6*); 12. **J** (*Genesis 3:1*); 13. **I** (*Matthew 10:14*); 14. **P** (*Revelation 1:20*); 15. **G** (*Genesis 37:29,34*); 16. **C** (*Psalms 63:1*); 17. **L** (*Revelation 8:6*); 18. **Q** (*Matthew 27:24*); 19. **A** (*Daniel 7:9*); 20. **M** (*Acts 2:2*).

## News You Can Use

*150<sup>th</sup> anniversary recap.* Beautiful fall weather set the stage for a great Sep. 24-26 weekend of worship and fellowship as BBC turned 150 years old. History Night opened with a reading of the 1871 Church Covenant, a slide show presentation of the church's founding and early history by Lee Michael, and a panel discussion. During Saturday's Open House, a large crowd of current and former members and families enjoyed the picnic and historical displays. A highlight of Sunday's service was the return of the BBC Choir for the call to worship. Guest speakers during the weekend were Dr. Ron Blankenship and Rev. Michael Mattar from the MBA, Tom Stolle representing the BCM/D, and former pastor Randy Gilliam and pastor's wife Lorraine DeFries. In addition to live speakers, interview videos shown on Friday and Sunday featured memories shared by Rebecca Umstead, Ralph Cooley, Barbara Swank, Kitty Cooley, Jan Burdette, Joe Yates, and Mary Yates.

*150<sup>th</sup> Committee.* We offer special thanks and appreciation to the members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee for their hard work and dedication over the last year to plan and deliver our successful three-day 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration: Tina



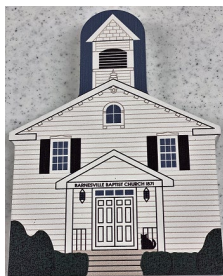
Appleton, Ann Bennett, Jan Burdette, Ralph Cooley, Lee Michael (Chairman), Pastor Danny Moore, and Mary Yates. We

also gratefully acknowledge the contributions of many others whose help and participation were so valuable, including Luke Fedders, Cindy Moore, Billy Moore, Kim Ghaner, and our friends at Dickerson Market.

*Fall youth event.* Everyone is invited to Summers Farm in Frederick for an evening of fellowship, a bonfire, food, and fireworks on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP in the church foyer on the sign-up sheet or by calling Lisa Fedders at 240-418-7733 by Saturday, Oct. 16.

*Meissner service.* A memorial service for Paul & Trudy Meissner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 11:00 am, preceded by a viewing at 10:00 am. All events, including a luncheon, will be held at BBC.

*Souvenirs for sale.* 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition Cat's Meow woodcuts of the BBC sanctuary are available for sale until supplies run out. The front is the same as previous versions, but the text on the back was written by BBC and discusses the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is a display table in the vestibule. Woodcuts cost \$12 each payable by cash or check to BBC. Please see David Bennett before or after the service.



Row 1: marquee sign, Church Choir singing; Row 2: Tom Stolle from the BCM/D, BBC with the refurbished BBC wooden sign, Dr. Ron Blankenship; Row 3: original minutes book, sanctuary Bible, and 1871 Church Covenant; Row 4: Bill Caudell, Noah Arthur, Jim Gong, Roy Leibrand, and Joe Yates; Lorraine DeFries remembering 1969-1994 members; Row 5: History Night Discussion Panel members; Row 6: Deacon David Bennett, oldest member Rebecca Umstead on video, 150<sup>th</sup> Cmt. Chairman Lee Michael; Row 7: Rev. Michael Mattar, Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore and Sandy & Randy Gilliam; Row 8: the Cooley/Fedders family, early 20<sup>th</sup> century sanctuary furniture