



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

Are you ready for the cold days that are coming our way very soon? I truly love the colder weather, when Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the other holidays that I enjoy are just around the corner. Now is the time to prepare our homes, cars, lawns, and gardens for the winter season. As the days get shorter, it seems like we have more time to spend with Jesus by reading His Word and devoting time to prayer.

As I think back on the last year, I am grateful that God has allowed us to resume in-person worship and that He has sent so many new people to join us online every week. Jesus has also allowed us to resume fellowships of all kinds once again. We need time together as a church family, and we need time with Jesus to be all that God wants us to be. I am reminded of *Ecclesiastes 3:1*: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". As we give thanks for the gifts we have received at Thanksgiving and exchange gifts at Christmas, it is a time to reflect on just how great of a gift God the Father gave us in His Son Jesus. *Romans 6:23* says "...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord..." and *II Corinthians 9:15* reads "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift"! It is a time to ask ourselves are we everything that Jesus wants us to be, are we grateful and thankful for His love and blessings, and are we allowing Jesus to work freely in our lives? Let each of us search our hearts and ask the tough question, "Am I truly sold out to Jesus completely"? Ask Jesus to show you whatever habit or attitude may be hindering you from knowing and experiencing more of Jesus' love.

Cindy and I would like to thank everyone for your cards, gifts, and calls during Pastor Appreciation month. We truly care for and love all of our church family. Keep your church calendar where you can see it; there are many opportunities to worship Jesus during the next few months. Hope to see you take part in God's work here at BBC.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny

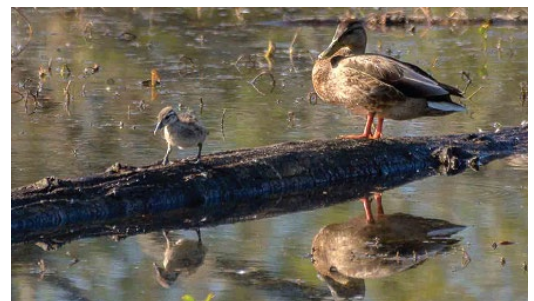


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Upcoming Events

- November 3** Business Meeting
- November 6** Bilyie Luhn Memorial Service
- November 11** Veterans Day
- November 20** Baptist Men's Breakfast; Fall Church Clean-Up Day
- November 22** Deacons' Meeting
- November 24** Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 25** Thanksgiving; Church Office Closed



*"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ"
(I Corinthians 11:1).*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Way back in the (late) 1900s when I was a Boy Scout, we would have “Advancement Nights”. By tying knots, demonstrating first aid skills, and showing off camping, hiking, and orienteering abilities, you could check off the boxes and earn ranks and merit badges. That system of advancement and achievement was great for teaching skills and acquiring knowledge, but it has little to do with what we at Barnesville Baptist Church will doing with our focus on discipleship.

Discipleship is about becoming more like Jesus, not “fixing” people so they are more diligent to earn Christian “points” or become more active church members. Active participation and church membership are good things, but they are not the goal of discipleship. Some of the best people in the Bible at scripture reading, worship attendance, tithing, fasting, and prayer were the Pharisees, a group for whom Jesus had little praise. As you read through the Bible, you will see that the Jewish people had hundreds of rules—merit badges if you’d like—about appropriate religious behavior, activities, etiquette, and traditions, none of which really made them better people on the inside when it came to knowing and loving God in a real and meaningful relationship, which is what God really wants from us. *“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1).*

As we give greater attention and emphasis to discipleship at BBC, know that this will not be just another “program” or educational training initiative. As part of the Great Commission mandate from Jesus to *“...teach them to obey all things...” (Matthew 28:20)*, we will share knowledge about the Bible, prayer, and spiritual gifts, but more importantly how to apply and use that knowledge so we are changed from the inside out. Again, discipleship is not something we can do by gritting our teeth and trying harder to do more Christian “stuff”. We will rely on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to grow, develop, and mature each one of us on an individual basis and schedule. Discipleship won’t be something we work on for a year and then move on to something else. It needs to become a part of everything we do as a church body because discipleship is a lifelong journey. *“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps...” (1 Peter 2:21).*

Hopefully having spent some time on what discipleship is not, an explanation of what discipleship is will now be more useful. Our goal for intentional discipleship is to follow Christ more genuinely and fully in our lives. As we come to personally know and experience more about Jesus, we will be transformed *(Romans 12:2)* as we grow to love Him in a deeper and fuller way. Over time, as we learn His truths and obey His commands, we will enjoy communicating with Him, doing what He wants, thinking and acting more like Him, prioritizing what He values, spending more time with Him, and then teaching and telling others about Him so His Kingdom is multiplied. *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me’ (Matthew 16:24).*

As we mature in our discipleship, watch how God uses us in greater and mightier ways in our ministry, worship, fellowship, and evangelism efforts. As we abide in Him, we will bear fruit for His glory *(John 15:4-5)* and be all that He wants us to be.

Discipleship Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 teachers and mentors in the Bible with those they disciples to walk closer with the Lord? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Aaron | A. Moses |
| 2. Ananias | B. Ethiopian eunuch |
| 3. Aquila & Priscilla | C. Timothy |
| 4. Barnabas | D. 12 Apostles |
| 5. Eleazar | E. Paul |
| 6. Eli | F. Samuel |
| 7. Elijah | G. Lois |
| 8. Elisha | H. Elisha |
| 9. Eunice | I. Mark |
| 10. Gamaliel | J. Cornelius |
| 11. his mother | K. Apollos |
| 12. Jesus | L. Ruth |
| 13. Jethro | M. Levites |
| 14. John the Baptist | N. Andrew |
| 15. Lois | O. Joshua |
| 16. Moses | P. Saul |
| 17. Naomi | Q. Silas |
| 18. Paul | R. King Lemuel |
| 19. Peter | S. Eleazar |
| 20. Philip | T. Gehazi |

Discipleship Word Search

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

Word Bank: baptism, Bible study, church membership, defend faith, deny self, endurance, evangelism, fasting, fellowship, imitating Christ, love God, mentoring, ministry, missions, prayer, maturity, spiritual gifts, stewardship, teaching, worship

November Birthdays

- 4 Laura Luhn Hiatt, Matt Burriss
- 5 Randy Gilliam
- 6 Sam Berry
- 12 Cris Driver
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Kitty Cooley
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream
- 29 Connie Connelly



Prayer Concerns

Eddie Fowler, Parkinson's disease
Margie Stream, in rehabilitation
Nick Cole
Stephanie Runkles
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.
Seniors: Arlene 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).

Discipleship Scramble Answers

1. **S** (Numbers 3:4); 2. **E** (Acts 9:10-17); 3. **K** (Acts 18:24-28); 4. **I** (Acts 15:39); 5. **M** (Numbers 3:32); 6. **F** (1 Samuel 3:1); 7. **H** (1 Kings 19:19); 8. **T** (II Kings 5:20); 9. **G** (II Timothy 1:5); 10. **P** (Acts 22:3); 11. **R** (Proverbs 31:1); 12. **D** (Matthew 10:2-4); 13. **A** (Exodus 18:17-21); 14. **N** (John 1:40); 15. **C** (II Timothy 1:5); 16. **O** (Exodus 24:13); 17. **L** (Ruth 1:16-17); 18. **Q** (Acts 15:40); 19. **J** (Acts 10); 20. **B** (Acts 8:26-40).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 150th Annual Business Meeting:

- Pastor Danny Moore, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders were approved to serve as messengers to the 86th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, held on Oct. 16 at BBC.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2021 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Nov. 7.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

- A motion to increase the 2021 Physical Plant BLI by \$7,700 will be offered by the Internal Administration Cmte.
- A motion to donate up to 30 metal chairs to a sister church will be offered by the Internal Administration Cmte.
- The Finance Cmte. will offer a motion to increase the 2021 Online Payments BLI by \$200.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I know they like 'Touched by an Angel,' but are you SURE this is the right thing to do?"

News You Can Use

Daylight savings ends. At 2:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 7, we revert to Eastern Standard Time. Fall back one hour and reset your clocks or you may show up to church early!

Thanksgiving Eve service. A special service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm to thank the Lord for all His many blessings and kindnesses even in this difficult and unusual year. This is a great way to start the holiday season by focusing on all that we do have.

MBA annual meeting report. Three BBC messengers, as members of the host church, attended the 86th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at BBC on Saturday, Oct. 16. Three churches—Portuguese, Kenyan, and Asian—received full membership affiliation and two congregations continued in watch care status for



future membership.



Nov. 28 concert. Captain Lawrence “LT” Tyler will be leading us in worship and singing Christmas songs during the Nov. 28 service to start the Advent season. LT was just in a Nashville recording studio for an upcoming gospel album.

Upcoming events. We are looking forward to resuming more and more of our regular and new activities that were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. Calendars for 2022 will be available in the church vestibule and will be emailed out. For the rest of 2021, the annual Christmas dinner will not be held this year, but we expect to have the parsonage open house and the children’s Birthday Party for Jesus.



Thirty people enjoyed the campfire, fireworks, hot dog roast, and fellowship at Summers Farm on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Christmas project. For this year’s Christmas project, we will be providing gifts to benefit local Christian ministries who support children and those in need. More information will be provided in the next few weeks. Gifts and donations will be due in early December.

Fall clean-up day. On Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Bill Appleton for more information on jobs and tools needed. Lunch will be provided for workers at noon.

Luhn service. A memorial service for Bilyie Luhn will be held at BBC on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon.

Face mask update. On Oct. 28, Montgomery County issued new guidance lifting the indoor mask requirement because we have dropped from “substantial” to “moderate” transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, on Sunday, Oct. 31, face masks will not be required at Barnesville Baptist Church. Those who wish to continue wearing masks may do so. If virus levels increase again, we may be required to wear masks in the future.

BBC will continue to follow the requirements issued by the county and state. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we have done our best to follow the rules, respect one another, and get through this season of challenge together with love and unity. Even though we have reached a major milestone, the pandemic is not over and we still need to be vigilant to keep everyone healthy. Please continue to exercise good judgment and follow common sense sanitation and safety practices. Not everyone may be comfortable hugging, shaking hands, or engaging in close contact, so it’s important to be mindful of others’ needs and concerns.

Souvenirs for sale. 150th 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 150th 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 a service.

