

# 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

The days ahead of us will bring excitement and anticipation of the Lord's plans for us in the year 2022. As God's children, I can't wait to see how we are going to be used by Him in mighty ways for His glory. We all need to remember that we are all in this together with God leading the way. Are we ready for whatever God has planned for us as His church in the new year ahead of us? Are we ready to do whatever it takes to bring God the glory? *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)*. The truth is that because God loves us, we can rely on His encouragement and guidance in every relationship, every circumstance, every problem, every sorrow, every joy and every new opportunity throughout the year 2022. Jesus' amazing grace not only provides for our relationship with God the Father, but is a constant source of hope and courage as we face life's challenges. His grace will provide strength to help us do and say the things that He has planned for us to do for His glory.

As we all move forward this new year in God's plan we will be opposed and attacked by Satan, but the strength of the Lord will carry us forward and give us the victory. Remember that *"we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10)*. There will be challenges in 2022 that may shake our faith in God. God's love and grace and strength will bring joy to us all. Remember that you are God's own special creation and He will never leave you or forsake you. Spend time with Jesus in prayer and scripture and you will be strengthened for every day's challenges. *"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3)*.

Cindy and I want to thank everyone for their Christmas cards and gifts; we are blessed to be part of the family of God here at BBC. Happy New Year to all.

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

**January 1** New Year's Day  
**January 5** Business Meeting  
**January 15** Baptist Men's Meeting; Deacons' Annual Prayer Session  
**January 17** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



*"The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand" (Deuteronomy 28:12).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

2021 was another year of COVID-related challenges, but BBC was blessed by God in so many ways. We have been able to worship together every Sunday since Feb. 28, we celebrated 150 years of God's faithfulness in September, and we were able to hold VBS, Easter, and Christmas services. It really didn't matter that we had to deal with delta and omicron when we had the Alpha & Omega leading and guiding us throughout the year. BBC was able to share the good news of Jesus in 2021 with our local community and around the world in ways we could have never imagined just a few years ago. God also supplied all our needs in a high-expense year as we took care of His property. Another highlight for 2021 was the baptisms of nine believers. And don't forget the 17-year cicadas made their above-ground appearance this spring! Here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: 2021 began with services online only

February: Sunday School by Zoom began Feb. 7; in-person services resumed Feb. 28 with two-service set-up

March: two baptisms, regular worship schedule resumed Mar. 21

April: Easter sunrise service held on BBC grounds, 150<sup>th</sup> polo shirts distributed

May: three baptisms at BBC, three baptisms in creek, planting of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary white oak tree, Padgetts in concert

June: discipleship podcast series began, church picnic held on grounds, SBC annual meeting held in Nashville, passing of Trudy Meissner and Hisle Beach

July: seniors' lunch held

August: VBS held using 2020 theme, 136 lunches prepared for homeless shelter, passing of Paul Meissner, pre-1871 hymns were sung in advance of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Sunday School wing and basement painted

September: one baptism, new carpet installed, three-day 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration held with History Night, Fellowship Picnic & Open House, and Worship Service

October: BBC hosted the 86<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association meeting online, 30 enjoyed fellowship at Summers Farm

November: Advent season opened with LT Tyler in concert, sanctuary air conditioner replaced

December: 40 children sponsored for Christmas gifts in Baltimore and Frederick, Christmas celebrated with BBC talents

## New Things Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 "new things" with their biblical context? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. all things        | A. Great is Thy faithfulness             |
| 2. birth             | B. No one puts a piece on an old one     |
| 3. commandment       | C. the wine is spilled                   |
| 4. covenant          | D. He who sat on the throne              |
| 5. creation          | E. in which righteousness dwells         |
| 6. doctrine          | F. according to the order of Melchizedek |
| 7. fruit of the vine | G. created according to God              |
| 8. garment           | H. which comes down out of heaven        |
| 9. heavens and earth | I. purge out the old                     |
| 10. Jerusalem        | J. which is shed for many                |
| 11. leaven           | K. which no one knows                    |
| 12. life             | L. Do not marvel                         |
| 13. man              | M. You are worthy                        |
| 14. mercies          | N. brought him to the Areopagus          |
| 15. name             | O. if anyone is in Christ                |
| 16. priesthood       | P. created according to God              |
| 17. song             | Q. love one another                      |
| 18. Spirit           | R. we also should walk in                |
| 19. tomb             | S. in My Father's kingdom                |
| 20. wineskins        | T. not in the oldness of the letter      |

## New Things Word Search

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

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Word Bank: all things, birth, commandment, covenant, creation, doctrine, fruit of the vine, garment, heavens and earth, Jerusalem, leaven, life, man, mercies, name, priesthood, song, Spirit, tomb, wineskins

## January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 6 Zain Malik
- 8 Hannah Leibrand
- 10 Lois Hogue
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 22 Leslie Foster



## Prayer Concerns

Eddie Fowler, Parkinson's disease  
Janet Magruder, recovering from fall  
Margie Stream, in rehabilitation  
Nick Cole  
Robert McDonald  
Stephanie Runkles  
the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.  
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Cortland "Pop" Moore, Dot  
Fowler, Gene Bennett, Ollie Baumbaugh, Linda Roberts,  
Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice  
Cancer patients: Kitty Cooley, 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).*

## New Things Scramble Answers

1. **D** (Revelation 21:5); 2. **L** (John 3:7); 3. **Q** (John 13:34); 4. **J** (Matthew 26:28); 5. **O** (II Corinthians 5:17); 6. **N** (Acts 17:19); 7. **S** (Matthew 26:29); 8. **B** (Luke 5:36); 9. **E** (II Peter 3:13); 10. **H** (Revelation 3:12); 11. **I** (I Corinthians 5:7); 12. **R** (Romans 6:4); 13. **P** (Ephesians 4:24); 14. **A** (Lamentations 3:23); 15. **K** (Revelation 2:17); 16. **F** (Hebrews 7:11); 17. **M** (Revelation 5:9); 18. **T** (Romans 7:6); 19. **G** (Matthew 27:60); 20. **C** (Matthew 9:17).

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Cmte.'s motion to approve its 2022 Budget proposal.

*Expected at the January Business Meeting:*

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2021 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2021 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.

## COTCD Cartoon

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



**Ms. Hornsnogger, would you bring me that book of "Sermons to Appease Those You Have Offended?"**

## News You Can Use

*January schedule.* With the omicron surge continuing into the new year, Baptist Men's Day plans for January have been postponed until a safer time. The resumption of both choir practices will also be delayed until February. The Deacons will hold their annual prayer session on Saturday, Jan. 15, when they will pray over each person, family, and ministry of Barnesville Baptist Church to ask for God's provision, direction, and blessing for the coming year. If you would like the Deacons to pray for a specific issue, please contact Pastor Danny.

*Birthday updates requested.* The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.

*Lottie Moon offering.* Gifts received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stand at \$870, which is 44% of our 2021 goal of \$2,000. Together, we and sister SBC congregations are able to send out more than 3,600 International Mission Board missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. Offerings will be collected through the month of January. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.

*Go paperless in 2022.* BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required.

*Christmas poinsettias.* Flowers were donated to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season by the following in memory of loved ones: Gary & Jan Burdette (Bill & Helen Burdette and Bob & Margery Lillard); Jack & Kitty Cooley (Jack & Nellie Cooley and Carson & Dorothy Ward); David & Ann Bennett (Carroll & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland); Luke & Lisa Fedders & family (Doug Cooley); Sandra Oden and Mary Ann Luhn (Tod & June Luhn); Nita Roff (Nancy Roff, Mollie Cloer, and Shirley Alexander); Sherri Morrison (Bill Morrison and Bill & Mary Mossburg). Tim & Donna Conklin gave in honor of: "Merry Christmas".



Row 1: siblings Barbara Swank and Ralph Cooley lighting the first Advent candle for Hope, Karen Hazzard and Ann Bennett singing a duet; Row 2: lighting candles on Christmas Eve; Row 3: Baptist Men Danny Moore, Larry Michael, Joe Yates, Roy Leibrand, and Ed Williams prepared Christmas gift bags for the BBC children, Dylan Allnutt, Aleena Malik and Zain Malik singing "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"; Row 4: LT Tyler singing on Nov. 28, Ann & David Bennett playing the bells; Row 5: Tina & Billy Appleton lighting the Joy candle on the Advent wreath, Harper Ahalt singing "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve, Jan & Gary Burdette lighting the Love candle on the Advent wreath; Row 6: Choir Director Nita Roff leading congregational singing, Megan Malik and Linda Roberts singing on Christmas Eve