



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

As we prepare to start a new month, and as we get closer to spring, we have been given another opportunity to be used by Jesus and to use our God-given talents to honor Jesus every day of our lives. I find myself sitting on my prayer swing even more now (coat and all) and I have found out that when I block out the world and focus on Jesus, I am at peace. Despite all the noise, chaos, and fear that surround us, it is His peace that comes over me and He gives me courage, strength, and joy. God is still God and always will be. He is our Creator and provider of life. As *Psalm 19:1-2* say, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge". God is so great that all of heaven declares His glory. When we stop to consider the rolling clouds and starry skies above us, we see proof of God's majesty and strength that preserve His creation and protect His children.

My question for all of us today is, what are we doing to proclaim God's glory in our lives day after day and night after night? As we move forward in God's plan for us here at BBC, I am asking you to join me to do all that we can to proclaim God's greatness in our lives and as a church family every day and every night. Jesus demonstrated God's power over sickness, addiction, anger, burdens, disappointments, and even over death. I am asking you to pray for me and my family and I will do the same for you. And if we really will call upon God's name for each other, there is no way that Satan can derail us in our worship and praise to God.

Please take note of all the activities we have planned and scheduled as a church family to grow closer to God and to each other. My prayer is that we all would do our best to support the work of the Lord here at BBC. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

- March 2** Business Meeting
- March 6** Winston & Bernadette Charles Concert
- March 12** Old Testament Bible Study
- March 13** Baptism Service
- March 17** St. Patrick's Day
- March 19** Baptist Men's Meeting
- March 21** Deacons' Meeting
- March 26** Duckpin Bowling



"And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed"
(Genesis 26:4).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

“The fear of the Lord” is one of those Old Testament terms that we as church folk understand from experience but doesn’t always translate well to others. According to the dictionary, “fear” is a negative reaction to potential danger, pain, or threat. But we are not to be frightened of the thought of God like a wild beast or raging fire. The biblical meaning of “fear” is closer to that of “awe”, meaning to inspire reverential wonder. *Psalm 33:8* does a good job of showing the full range of meaning: “Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him”. From “awe” we get both the words “awesome” and “awful”, both of which can be used to describe something so amazing and powerful, so breath-taking, that it deserves respect as well as caution. God who is loving and kind, is still full of awe. We are to love Him as a father, but not merely with a casual or easy affection.

Those who fear the Lord are associated with several qualities and characteristics emphasized in the Old Testament. The first quality of God-fearing people is wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. By knowing God rightly, we can perceive truth and apply it in our lives. “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction*” (*Proverbs 1:7*).

Second, those who fear the Lord have an attitude of worship and praise as we proclaim and celebrate God’s greatness and excellence. *Psalm 139:14* reads, “*I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well*”.

Third, we who fear the Lord are to willingly honor God with service and duty by obeying His will and His word, shaping our lives to please Him. “*You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name*” (*Deuteronomy 6:13*).

Fourth, we are to teach others to have deep respect for God, ensuring that all are told and shown how to do so as it says in *Deuteronomy 17:19*: “*...learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes*”.

Fifth, those who fear the Lord can expect His blessings and to be free from want as we are covered with His mercy and kindness: “*Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways*” (*Psalm 128:1*).

Sixth, those who fear the Lord can live and walk in confidence as we navigate the pitfalls and perils of this world as promised in *Proverbs 14:26*: “*In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge*”.

Seventh, those who fear the Lord will enjoy long life, not merely in duration, but full of meaning and purpose. “*The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death*” (*Proverbs 14:27*).

Finally, the fear of the Lord makes us clean and pure. We will reject evil and temptation as we seek the Lord. “*The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether*” (*Psalm 19:9*).

In contrast, those who do not fear the Lord are described by the Scriptures as foolish, violent, wicked, and miserable. I would rather be like the hymn writer, who considered “all the works Thy hand hath made”, and standing in “awesome wonder”, sang out “how great Thou art”!

Old Testament Places Scramble

Can you match each of these 20 Old Testament locations with their descriptions? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Aram | A. ruled by Ahab & Jezebel |
| 2. Assyria | B. northern region of Jews |
| 3. Babylon | C. land of Ruth and Naomi |
| 4. Canaan | D. birthplace of Abraham and his ancestors |
| 5. Chaldea | E. place of Daniel’s captivity |
| 6. Eden | F. Joseph was a prisoner and prime minister |
| 7. Edom | G. ruled by King Cyrus |
| 8. Egypt | H. land of cedar trees |
| 9. Ethiopia | I. land of Job |
| 10. Galilee | J. opposed Moses’ passage to Canaan |
| 11. Israel | K. land of Goliath |
| 12. Judah | L. where Jacob found his wives |
| 13. Lebanon | M. spies found grapes and giants |
| 14. Media | N. Persians ruled from here to India |
| 15. Moab | O. the northern 10 tribes |
| 16. Nod | P. watered by four rivers |
| 17. Persia | Q. paired with Persia |
| 18. Philistia | R. ruled by David and his descendants |
| 19. Samaria | S. east of Eden |
| 20. Uz | T. enemy nation that took Israel captive |

Old Testament Places Word Search

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

Word Bank: Aram, Assyria, Babylon, Canaan, Chaldea, Eden, Edom, Egypt, Ethiopia, Galilee, Israel, Judah, Lebanon, Media, Moab, Nod, Persia, Philistia, Samaria, Uz

March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 5 Stape Shields
- 8 Doug Heimlich, Alannah O'Leary-Yates
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 24 Janice Cole



Prayer Concerns

Members: the family of Nick Cole at his passing; Eddie Fowler, Parkinson's

Family and Friends: Gary Shirk; Stephanie Runkles, back pain; Joshua Shirk, nine-year-old recovering from drowning; the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Cortland "Pop" Moore, Dot Fowler, Gene Bennett, Janet Magruder, Linda Roberts, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Bill Appleton, leukemia; Kitty Cooley; Pat Luhn, Ellen Williams' cousin

Business Meeting Briefs

Business Report from February:

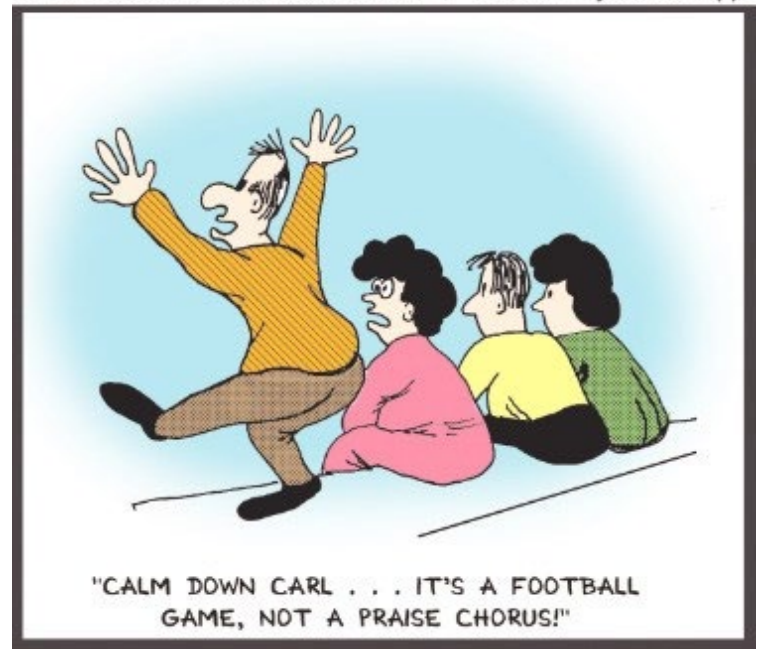
- On Feb. 19, the Pastor and Deacons unanimously voted to end the state of emergency declared on Jan. 5 per the March 2021 By-Law to Define Church Operations During Emergency Conditions.

Expected at the March Business Meeting:

- The Pastor & Deacons will offer motions to accept the membership applications of Scott & Cheyanne Gregory, pending baptism on Mar. 13.
- All pending motions and reports from the January and February business meetings will be presented at the Mar. 2022 business meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"CALM DOWN CARL . . . IT'S A FOOTBALL GAME, NOT A PRAISE CHORUS!"



*"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).

Old Testament Places Scramble Answers

1. L (*I Kings 16:29, 31*); 2. T (*Isaiah 9:1*); 3. E (*Ruth 1:4*); 4. M (*Genesis 11:28*); 5. D (*Daniel 1:1*); 6. P (*Genesis 39:1*); 7. J (*Ezra 1:1*); 8. F (*II Chronicles 2:8*); 9. N (*Job 1:1*); 10. B (*Numbers 20:18*); 11. O (*I Samuel 17:4*); 12. R (*Genesis 28:2*); 13. H (*Numbers 13:23, 33*); 14. Q (*Esther 8:9*); 15. C (*I Kings 12:20*); 16. S (*Genesis 2:10*); 17. G (*Esther 1:3*); 18. K (*II Samuel 2:4*); 19. A (*Genesis 4:16*); 20. I (*II Kings 17:5*).

News You Can Use

March schedule. We are excited to be returning to a more normal and active schedule of worship, fellowship, and ministry as we approach springtime and the Easter season.

The Worship Cmte. will meet in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, Feb. 27 to discuss plans for the choir.

On Sunday, Mar. 6, Winston & Bernadette Charles will be singing during the morning worship service. They are members of the National Christian Choir.

A baptism service will be held on Sunday, Mar. 13. If you have trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, following His example in believers' baptism is the best way to publicly share your new faith.

Family duckpin bowling will be held on Saturday, Mar. 26. at Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes from 3 to 5 pm. The per person cost is \$5, which includes two hours of bowling, pizza, and drinks. Please sign up in the church vestibule.

Mar. 12 Old Testament study. On Saturday, Mar. 12 (not Mar. 19), an Old Testament introduction class will be taught by Montgomery Baptist Association pastors Dr. Tim Bonner



and Rev. Gayle Clifton. Pastor Tim will give background and context about the Hebrew Scriptures while Pastor Gayle focuses on 20 key people in the Old Testament. Light breakfast items will be provided at 8:30 am; classes begin at 9:00 am and go until 12:30 pm, when lunch will be served.

Nick Cole, 1992-2022. We regret to announce the passing of BBC member Nick Cole on Feb. 14 at the age of 29. We pray that the Lord would comfort and bless his parents Matthew & Janice, sisters Jackie, Ashlinn, and Kaitlyn, and the rest of the Cole family as they mourn his loss in the weeks and months ahead. As service plans become available, we will share them with the church family.



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.

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.

Face mask update. On Feb. 21, Montgomery County issued new guidance lifting the indoor mask requirement. Therefore, face masks are no longer 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.



Row 1: Ann Bennett playing piano, Larry Michael sharing a story with the kids, Jan Burdette performing "The Love of God"; Row 2: Joe Yates opening the service, Gary Cooley singing "His Eye Is on the Sparrow", Pastor Danny Moore preaching; Row 3: Tim Conklin sharing a children's story, Nita Roff leading congregational hymn-singing, Lee Michael reading *Psalms 23* for Wed. Night Bible study; Row 4: David Bennett giving the morning announcements, Karen Hazzard singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus", Pastor Danny teaching Wed. Night Bible Study