



# 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

Spring has arrived! After a cold and dark winter, I welcome the warm weather, the return of the songbirds, and how nature is coming alive and green once again. All is new and freshness is in the air. Even more than the change of seasons, Easter Sunday shows us the reality of rebirth and renewal. As we recall Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, I know that we will renew our joy, strength, and hope because Jesus is not dead, but He is risen!

When we gather together on Easter morning to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we will sing of His glory, and the church family here at BBC will experience revival in our hearts. We will rejoice over the words of the angels that first Easter morning, "*Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen*" (Luke 24:5-6)! And then to make the season even more joyful, we will remember what the angels said in Acts 1:11: that Jesus is going to return! "*Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven*". Now that's something worth celebrating! We can hold on to those words of encouragement because of Jesus' love for us all that sees us through joys and sorrows, successes and failures, health and sickness, and even life and death.

Martin Luther is reported to have said, "Preach as if Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow". What a great attitude and perspective to have about the most important and encouraging truth there is! This awesome story should never get old. Jesus conquered sin, death, and hell and is a living Savior today. By being raised from the dead by God the Father, all that Jesus ever taught and promised about who He was and how to get to heaven was validated for all time. My prayer is that we will always remember and appreciate the great sacrifice and terrible price that Jesus willingly paid for our forgiveness from sin and victorious life ever after. Jesus is coming back for His children and we will see Him face to face! Now that's a great promise! Are you ready? Do you know Jesus personally? If you don't, just ask. There's no better time than Easter to accept God's free gift of salvation.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- April 9** Baptist Men's Meeting, Church Clean-Up Day
- April 13** Business Meeting
- April 15** Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
- April 17** Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00 am; Breakfast, 8:45 am; Easter Worship Service, 10:45 am
- April 23** Old Testament Bible Study
- April 25** Deacons' Meeting



*"...He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs..." (Acts 1:3).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Like “the fear of the Lord” discussed last month, the “wrath of God” is another Old Testament term worth unpacking. While some think God’s wrath is unreasonable retribution from a cosmic killjoy, it is actually His principled and unyielding opposition to sin, evil, and unrighteousness in individual people’s lives and in the fallen world system. In its ultimate fulfillment as promised in *Revelation*, God’s wrath will judge and banish unrepentant sinners from His presence and remove the power and presence of sin from the lives of His children forever. Here are a few key facts to know about God’s wrath:

God’s wrath is a reflection of His perfect character. God is perfect in His love, perfect in His holiness, and perfect in His justice. He cannot forget, dismiss, or minimize sin. “*Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing*” (*Habakkuk 1:13*). He must respond to evil with judgment to be true to His own nature.

God’s wrath is especially aroused by willful and defiant ungratefulness, rebelliousness, and unbelief. When God banished Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden for their sin and disobedience, that was an example of His wrath in action. The years that Israel spent wandering in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land were similarly judgment for the hardheartedness and unbelief of His chosen people. “*Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness*” (*Deuteronomy 9:7*).

God’s wrath is tempered by His mercy. God still loves us even when He punishes us. He would rather that He did not have to punish us because we would instead choose to respect and obey Him in love. “*...You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm*” (*Jonah 4:2*). For as many stories there are in the Old Testament where God judged the wicked, He was also quick to forgive and hold back punishment and suffering when His people repented and returned to Him.

God’s wrath will not be held back forever. While we live, we have the opportunity to respond to God’s offer of grace. But after death there is only judgment for those lost in sin (*Hebrews 9:27*). The world is also living in an age of grace before the final judgment. As it says in *Revelation 6:10*, there will come a time when God will finally end evil once and for all: “*...How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?*”

God would rather forgive us than inflict His wrath. Just like the father of the prodigal son in *Luke 15* was anxiously awaiting to forgive and restore his wayward child, God rejoices in reconciling with sinners. In *Micah 7:18*, God’s eagerness to show us kindness over punishment is evident: “*Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy*”.

God sent His Son to suffer His wrath in our place. This is the good news of Easter: Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Him. “*For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us...*” (*I Thessalonians 5:9-10*). When we accept Jesus’ offer of salvation, we are freed from God’s wrath.

## Easter Events #2 Scramble

Can you pair each of these 20 Easter events with their matching description? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Jesus rode on a                             | A. John               |
| 2. the disciples prepared the                  | B. cross              |
| 3. Jesus celebrated                            | C. Jesus’ death       |
| 4. Jesus instituted                            | D. wounds             |
| 5. the disciples forsook Jesus in              | E. Jesus’ crucifixion |
| 6. Peter denied he knew Jesus                  | F. Gethsemane         |
| 7. a rooster crowed at                         | G. two thieves        |
| 8. Jewish leaders demanded                     | H. Passover           |
| 9. Pilate washed his hands of                  | I. Mary Magdalene     |
| 10. Roman soldiers placed a crown of thorns on | J. Upper Room         |
| 11. Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry         | K. borrowed tomb      |
| 12. Jesus was crucified beside                 | L. remember him       |
| 13. second thief asked Jesus to                | M. Jesus’ head        |
| 14. Jesus entrusted Mary to                    | N. communion          |
| 15. Jesus was buried in a                      | O. stolen             |
| 16. sleeping soldiers claimed Jesus’ body was  | P. dawn               |
| 17. Jesus first appeared to                    | Q. donkey             |
| 18. Thomas doubted Jesus’                      | R. seashore           |
| 19. Thomas inspected Jesus’                    | S. three times        |
| 20. Jesus made breakfast on the                | T. resurrection       |

## Easter Events #2 Word Search

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

Word Bank: abandoned, body stolen, borrowed tomb, breakfast, communion, crown of thorns, crucifixion, crucify Him, denied thrice, disciples, donkey, doubting Thomas, Passover, remember me, rooster, Simon of Cyrene, sleeping soldiers, two thieves, Upper Room, wounds

## April Birthdays

- 2 Rebecca Umstead
- 4 Ralph Wright
- 13 Lacey Williams
- 15 Dot Fowler
- 23 Cortland "Pop" Moore
- 29 Zack Fedders



## Prayer Concerns

Members: the family of Nick Cole at his passing  
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, Eddie 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



*"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).

## Easter Events #2 Scramble Answers

1. **Q** (Matthew 21:7); 2. **J** (Mark 14:15); 3. **H** (Luke 22:13); 4. **N** (Matthew 26:26); 5. **F** (Matthew 26:26); 6. **S** (Luke 22:57); 7. **P** (Mark 14:72); 8. **E** (Luke 23:21); 9. **C** (Matthew 27:24); 10. **M** (John 19:2); 11. **B** (Matthew 27:32); 12. **G** (John 19:18); 13. **L** (Luke 23:42); 14. **A** (John 19:27); 15. **K** (Mark 15:46); 16. **O** (Matthew 28:13); 17. **I** (John 20:15); 18. **T** (John 20:24); 19. **D** (John 20:27); 20. **R** (John 21:12).

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in March:*

- The Church approved the membership applications of Scott & Cheyanne Gregory, pending baptism on Mar. 13 [actually Mar. 20].

*Expected at the April Business Meeting:*

- The April business meeting will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 13.
- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2021 finances.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"I will not put goldfish in the baptistry . . .  
I will not put goldfish in the baptistry . . ."**



## News You Can Use

**Easter services.** Everyone is invited to worship, either in person or online, as we remember the crucifixion and death of our Lord on Good Friday and celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Services include: Good Friday Service on Friday, Apr. 15 at 7:00 pm, Easter Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mountain on Sunday, Apr. 17 starting at 6:00 am, Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 am, Sunday School at 9:30 am, and Easter Sunday Service at 10:45 am. There will be bell and singing specials on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

**Old Testament study.** On Saturday, Apr. 23 (rescheduled from Mar. 12), 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.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.** Did you know that three out of four people in the United States and Canada are lost and do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? The most effective and efficient way to reach the lost in North America is with SBC missionaries who spread the Gospel by establishing new churches and serving the needs of their communities. The 2022 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will bless the North American Mission Board's 2,000+ missionaries not only with our prayers, but also our financial support. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help those missionaries make the greatest Kingdom impact. We have just begun collecting offerings toward our 2022 goal of \$2,000; envelopes are available in each pew. The SBC-wide goal is \$70 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.

**Church clean-up day.** On Saturday, Apr. 9 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.

**Easter lilies.** Easter lilies may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one to decorate the sanctuary. Prices are \$12 for 6", \$20 for 7", \$27 for 8", and \$35 for 10". Please contact Kitty Cooley (301-349-5119) to place an order.

**VBS 2022 dates set.** Believe it or not, BBC is already preparing for this year's Vacation Bible School, to be held Jul. 11-15. This year's theme is "Spark Studios". Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year.



**Comings and goings.** We are pleased to welcome Scott & Cheyanne Gregory to our church family. Scott & Cheyanne, who were married by Pastor Danny in October 2021, were baptized on Sunday, Mar. 20. They are expecting a baby boy later this year. We must also say goodbye



to Tim & Donna Conklin, who are returning to their home in New York after Tim's retirement. We have enjoyed worshipping and fellowshiping with them and wish them the Lord's blessings as they start a new chapter in their lives.



Row 1: Barnesville bowlers enjoyed duckpin bowling, pizza, and disco lights on Saturday, Mar. 26; Row 2: Ann Bennett with her Swiss Army knife for Children's Story; Pastor Danny baptizing Cheyanne & Scott Gregory on Sunday, Mar. 20; Winston & Bernadette Charles sang on Sunday, Mar. 6 accompanied by Ethan Vinodh and Elian Vinodh; Row 3: Mr. Luke with bell ringers Zain and Aleena Malik and Kaycee Saylor; Barbara Swank sang "He Touched Me" on Sunday, Feb. 27; Karen Hazzard with a dog leash prop for Children's Story; Elian Vinodh on the cello