



# 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

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Last year's VBS was awesome: we had a great turnout of children, youth, and adults. We also were blessed by three of the children coming to know Jesus and were baptized later in the year. I am praying that you will join us for BBC's summer outreach to our community. We have classes for all ages including a large adult class each night. God is working in mighty ways here at BBC. If you are not able to attend, please make time to pray now and each day for our VBS for God's blessings on His church. As the Apostle Paul wrote in *II Corinthians 1:11*: "Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many".

June was a busy and encouraging month here at BBC, especially on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On that Saturday, we started the day with the Baptist Men's monthly breakfast fellowship and Bible study, in the morning the children went fishing in the Neals' Pond, and in the afternoon the WMU held a baby shower for Cheyanne Gregory. Men and women, young and old, all celebrating God and enjoying Christian fellowship with one another is what it is all about. My prayer is that God will be honored in everything we have done and will do in His name.

I am so grateful to you the BBC family for all the many ways you are showing love for the Lord, His church, and the people around us: acts of service like cleaning the church building and volunteering in the Food Ministry and the community thrift shop. I also appreciate those who teach the Bible and share the Gospel through Sunday School, Children's Church, the children's story, and this monthly newsletter. I also thank those who offer up worship through music and song, supported by our audio-visual technology. And I especially value your prayers before the Lord God, that He may bless us as a family as we continue to seek out His will for our lives.

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day
- July 6** July Business Meeting
- July 10** VBS Set-Up
- July 11-15** Vacation Bible School, 6:30-8:30 pm
- July 19** Seniors' Luncheon
- July 23** Men's Breakfast
- July 25** Deacons' Meeting



*"And you shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Who or what do you lean on in life? As we navigate the trials and challenges of this world, there are people and things that we count for strength and confidence. Many rely on possessions and wealth, family and friends, or power and reputation to protect them. Many times, those factors can help people gain success and defend against hardships, but they can also quickly melt away, leaving us exposed and weak. When we rely on earthly guarantees, they become crutches, temporary sources of relief that are no substitute for the one and only true source of strength and guidance, Almighty God. As we see in the life of David, he quickly lost everything he had. The future king was able to endure because he never lost focus on God.

In *I Samuel 17*, David was doing very well in life, a young shepherd boy who had defeated Goliath the enemy giant with nothing but five smooth stones, a sling, and God on his side. David, known as a man after God's own heart (*I Samuel 13:14*), had already been anointed by Samuel the prophet as the next king of Israel (*I Samuel 16*). David had previously been selected by King Saul to be his personal musician (*I Samuel 17:23*) and armorbearer (*I Samuel 17:21*), giving David direct access to the royal court, an excellent position to gain experience and knowledge about how to rule. After his victory over Goliath, David was honored by Saul as a military leader and gained favor with the people (*I Samuel 18:5*). David was also due rewards from Saul for killing Goliath: "...the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel" (*I Samuel 17:25*). Yet God had a different path for David, one that took him away from what seemed to be an obvious and logical plan for training a future king. David was at the cusp of well-earned and deserved power, fame and position. He had done nothing wrong in the sight of God and he had done nothing to hurt Saul. Indeed, David was solving Saul's problems for him right and left. Nevertheless, David went from the most promising member of the future leaders of Israel club to an outcast. In fact, David's troubles started with his greatest triumph. As Israel celebrated David's victory over Goliath, the women of the land began to sing: "*Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands*" (*I Samuel 18:7*)! King Saul was filled with jealousy, anger, and suspicion, afraid that David would move against him and take away his throne. Saul's bad reaction toward David was worsened by the knowledge that God had rejected him as king (*I Samuel 15:26*) and because he was tormented by an evil spirit (*I Samuel 16:14*). Before long, Saul tried to kill David and then pursued him relentlessly throughout Israel, seeking to take his life. Everything that David had achieved was taken away overnight.

First, David lost his position in the king's court. As a military hero, David had achieved success, rank, riches, and lived among royalty. Yet Saul in a fit of rage tried to spear David to the wall, and he had to flee for his life (*I Samuel 19:8-10*). Second, David was cut off from the love and loyalty of his wife Michal. David was made Saul's son-in-law as part of his reward for killing Goliath. Yet Saul pursued David to his own house, so much that Michal had to deceive her father to prevent him from killing David in bed (*I Samuel 19:11-17*). David had to flee and escape overnight and was unable to return to his wife as Saul pursued him. Third, David was deprived of the support and guidance of his mentor Samuel, who had anointed him king. Saul again followed David to Ramah, where Samuel lived, so he had to go

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## Jewish Founding Fathers Scramble

Can you match these 20 founding fathers and mothers of the Jewish nation from the Old Testament with their descriptions? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Aaron     | A. God named him Israel              |
| 2. Abraham   | B. David's general                   |
| 3. Caleb     | C. saved Jews from famine            |
| 4. Daniel    | D. helped conquest of Jericho        |
| 5. David     | E. defeated Philistines              |
| 6. Deborah   | F. built Temple                      |
| 7. Ezra      | G. led Conquest of Canaan            |
| 8. Gideon    | H. judge, brought peace for 40 years |
| 9. Isaac     | I. first high priest                 |
| 10. Jacob    | J. one of Moses' 10 spies            |
| 11. Joab     | K. God promised him a nation         |
| 12. Joseph   | L. led Exodus from Egypt             |
| 13. Joshua   | M. restored worship in Jerusalem     |
| 14. midwives | N. defeated Goliath                  |
| 15. Moses    | O. first king                        |
| 16. Nehemiah | P. rebuilt walls of Jerusalem        |
| 17. Rahab    | Q. saved Hebrew babies from death    |
| 18. Samson   | R. resisted idolatry in Babylon      |
| 19. Saul     | S. son of promise                    |
| 20. Solomon  | T. judge, defeated Midianites        |

## Jewish Founding Fathers Word Search

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

Word Bank: Aaron, Abraham, Caleb, Daniel, David, Deborah, Ezra, Gideon, Isaac, Jacob, Joab, Joseph, Joshua, Midwives, Moses, Nehemiah, Rahab, Samson, Saul, Solomon

## July Birthdays

11 Megan McCall  
12 Maggie Leibrand  
14 Penny Barton  
23 Mary Yates, Aleena Malik  
26 Joe Yates  
28 Jackie Cole



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Mary Ann Luhn, recovering from knee surgery  
Family and Friends: the family of Mary Yates at the passing of her brother Gene Ward; the family of Ida Talley at her passing; Betty James in rehabilitation; Stephanie Runkles, back pain; 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 & Tina Appleton caring for Bill; Kitty Cooley  
Missions: NAMB and IMB missionaries; all the church planters in MD/DE; King of Glory Church in Pakistan; MBA-sponsored church plant Hope Fellowship Church in Ashburn, VA



*"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

on the run again (*I Samuel 19:18-22; 20:1*). Fourth, David was deprived of the loyalty and encouragement of his best friend Jonathan, the son of Saul. Even Jonathan's pleadings for David would not sway Saul from trying to destroy David, so he had to leave Israel and live as a fugitive (*I Samuel 20:1-4, 30-33, 41-42*). And fifth, David had to give up his pride and dignity. Not only was he hounded out of his native country, David ended up in the land of his enemy, before Achish the king of Gath. As recorded in *I Samuel 21:10-14*, David went to Goliath's town, where the people had not forgotten what David had done to their hometown hero. David had to act like a crazy man to keep them at bay; he "...pretended madness in their hands, scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva fall down on his beard..." (*I Samuel 21:13*).

Even though David's world fell apart, God had not abandoned him, and David did not lose his focus on the Lord. Although it took many years, David became king as God had promised. As it says in *Proverbs 3:5-6*, we are to trust in God and not our own wisdom. When we rely on Him and not our own crutches, He directs our path in life for our good and His glory.

## Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

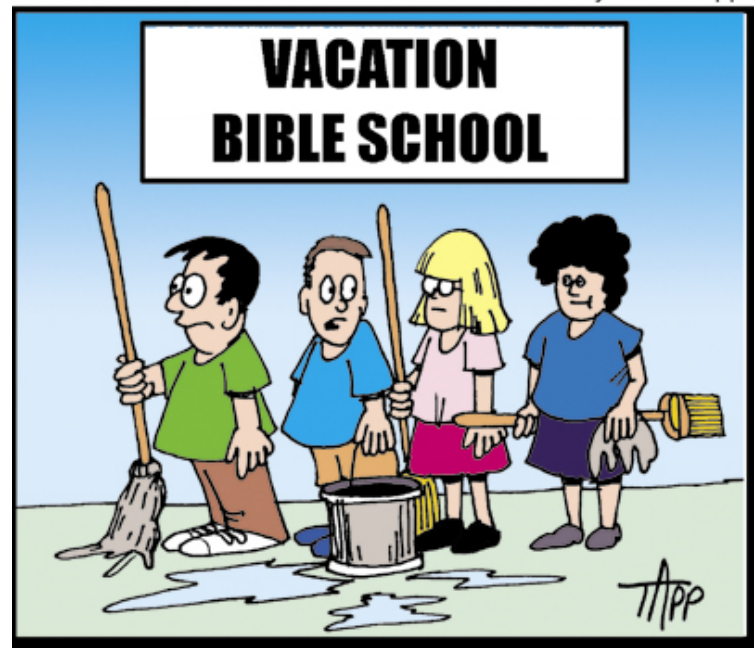
- No new business was presented at the June business meeting.

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

- A motion will be made to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2022-2024 term.
- The Pastor will appoint a Select Committee on Nominations to nominate Church officer and committee positions for the 2022-2024 term.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I liked our crafts time a lot better last year."

## Jewish Founding Fathers Scramble Answers

1. **I** (*Genesis 32:28*); 2. **K** (*I Chronicles 27:34*); 3. **J** (*Genesis 50:20*); 4. **R** (*Joshua 6:25*); 5. **N** (*Judges 16:30*); 6. **H** (*I Kings 8:19*); 7. **M** (*Deuteronomy 3:28*); 8. **T** (*Judges 5*); 9. **S** (*Exodus 28:1*); 10. **A** (*Numbers 13:30*); 11. **B** (*Genesis 17:5*); 12. **C** (*Exodus 5:1*); 13. **G** (*Ezra 7:10*); 14. **Q** (*I Samuel 17:51*); 15. **L** (*I Samuel 11:15*); 16. **P** (*Nehemiah 2:17*); 17. **D** (*Exodus 1:17*); 18. **E** (*Daniel 6:5*); 19. **O** (*Genesis 21:3*); 20. **F** (*Judges 8:28*).



## News You Can Use

**VBS 2022.** Vacation Bible School is just days away! The theme for this year's VBS is "Spark Studios", which will be held Jul. 11-15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classroom set-up will be held after church on Sunday, Jul 10. Register online for classes at [barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs). Invite your friends, family, and neighborhood kids to join us. Classes are available from from Pre-K to Adults. VBS is arguably our

church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to the King of Glory Church in Pakistan to buy school supplies for the children.

**Seniors' lunch.** Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal and time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 19. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore or Stephanie Runkles by Sunday, Jul. 17.

**Old Testament study.** Part 2 of the Old Testament Bible Study with Revs. Tim Bonner and Gayle Clifton will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Make plans to attend this interesting Bible study opportunity and invite a friend or family member. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Congratulations.** Best wishes and prayers for a happy life are sent to Megan Malik & Ian McCall, who were married on Jun. 25 in Damascus, MD. Mr. & Mrs. McCall's address is 2494 Mullinix Mill Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

**SBC news.** The 2022 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting was held in Anaheim, CA on Jun. 14-15 with more than 12,000 in attendance; the theme was "Jesus at The Center of it All". Pastor Bart Barber of Farmersville, TX was elected as the new SBC president after a run-off election. Among the most significant actions taken by the messengers were the creation of the Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force to implement sexual abuse reforms and an online database of convicted or confessed sexual abusers in SBC churches. Fifty-two International Missions Board missionaries were commissioned for overseas service during the meeting. The 2023 annual meeting will be held Jun. 13-14 in New Orleans, LA.



Row 1: Alanna Yates, Zain Malik and his big bass, and Aleena Malik at the Neals' Pond on Jun. 18, Choir Director Nita Roff leading congregational singing; Row 2: Jesse Yates and daughter Alanna with a nice-looking bass, Doris Kiser and the BBC ladies showering Cheyanne Gregory on Jun. 18; Row 3: Larry Michael and Zain Malik discussing "who got the biggest fish?", Baptist Men Larry Michael, Lee Michael, and Ed Williams showing off their sunfish catches; the Church Picnic enjoyed good weather and good fellowship on the grounds Jun. 1; Row 4: Gary Cooley playing the trombone, Megan Malik and Linda Roberts singing "Holy Spirit, Rain Down", Harper Ahalt singing "I Love You, Lord"; Row 5: Karen Hazzard, Linda Roberts, Gary Cooley, and David Bennett singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" for Memorial Day; accompanied by Jan Burdette and Ann Bennett.