



# 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

I would like to invite you to join us for Sunday School each week at 9:30 am; we have classes for all ages. This quarter's lessons have been focused on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers. God has begun a work that He will continue until He comes back or until the believer leaves this life and goes to Him. *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6).

The Apostle Paul reminds us that God is great and is able to use every situation to strengthen our faith and to teach us His way and will for our lives through the Holy Spirit. In *Ephesians 5:19-20*, Paul delivers instructions on how to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit: *"...[speak] to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"*. First, we are to speak to fellow Christians with a joyful attitude of worship like we find in the songs and hymns of thanksgiving. We are to be appreciative to be able to share conversations with fellow believers, uplifting each other in the name of love, Jesus. Second, we are to walk in the Spirit and offer up to the Lord songs of worship and praise drawn from the deep wells of gratitude in our heart, so that our lips are always full of kind words and righteous thoughts. Third, we are to have an attitude of thanksgiving that God has given us His Spirit to dwell in our lives. That same thankfulness should be regularly shown to and shared with unbelievers, our families, our church family, and especially the Lord. Fourth, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will be in submission to God's will in our lives, and towards fellow believers. Instead of selfishness or pride, we are to be grateful. Remember, just because we are saved and forgiven, it does not make us better, it makes us blessed. Because of Jesus' love for us, we are to approach every conversation "in the Spirit of the Lord" to bring honor to Him. Please keep praying, trusting, and believing in the mighty name of Jesus.

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## Upcoming Events

- August 3** August Business Meeting
- August 7** VBS Set-Up
- August 8** VBS Registration BBQ, 5:30 pm
- August 8-12** Vacation Bible School, 6:30-8:30 pm
- August 14** Nominating Cmte. Meeting
- August 20** Men's Breakfast; Old Testament Bible Study
- August 28** Choir Meeting
- August 29** Deacons' Meeting



*"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind" (James 1:6).*

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Every two years, BBC selects its officers and workers, both renewing the service of long-time servants and seeking out fresh faces to step up and use their talents for God’s Kingdom. We can look to the example of the early church as we seek out servant-leaders to direct the ministries and activities of our congregation. The selection of seven workers in *Acts 6:1-7* helps us understand the qualities needed in those called to serve.

First, church workers must have a good reputation (*Acts 6:3*). This means much more than being popular or well-liked. It is ultimately about character and maturity, men and women who can be trusted with the resources of the church to solve the needs of the church. In first-century Jerusalem, the need was for feeding widows. For some reason, the Jewish widows were being fed, but the Greek widows had been overlooked. Just like with our own BBC Food Ministry, the early church needed faithful volunteers to make sure that the daily work of the church was taken care of so the apostles could continue with their unique calling to preach and pray (*Acts 6:4*).

Second, church workers need to be Spirit-full and wise (*Acts 6:3*). It isn’t enough that someone has technical skill or ability to accomplish tasks and programs, but also thinks and acts like a Christian as they represent the church, and more importantly Christ. Imagine how much more outcry there would have been if those Greek widows had been treated roughly or rudely by those sent by the church to attend to their needs! Each one of us are ambassadors for the Lord (*II Corinthians 5:20*) as we interact with people, even more so when representing BBC through our ministries. Church workers need to be known for their kindness, grace, patience, and understanding as we encounter those who might be witnessing Christian behavior for the first time.

Third, church workers need to be practical problem solvers (*Acts 6:3*). When there’s a leak in the baptistry, bats roosting in the parsonage attic, or seniors who need a ride to the doctor’s office, we need people who can fix the problem or resolve the situation so needs are met and God is honored. The Greek widows were hungry, and no amount of prayer or Bible study about helping the poor was going to help them until food was purchased, meals were prepared, and distribution was planned. The apostles delegated responsibility to trusted workers, who got the job done on time and in order.

And fourth, church workers need to be unity-protectors. The difference in treatment between the Jewish and Greek widows, most likely unintentional, had the potential to cause major division and dissension within the church (*Acts 6:1*). It is noteworthy that the seven chosen men in *Acts 6:5* all had Greek names, meaning they probably also spoke Greek and were part of the Greek community they were sent to serve, which helps to explain why the “*whole multitude*” was “*pleased*” (*Acts 6:5*). For us at BBC, serving on a committee or holding a position isn’t just a job or a title. It is an act of Christian service and worship that has spiritual importance. Doing our jobs well, in the right way, and with the proper spiritual mindset protects the unity and health of our congregation.

The end result of the seven-man Food Ministry team’s work is evident in *Acts 6:7*: “*Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith*”. When we obey God through our service, the Gospel is preached, new believers are added to the flock, and God’s name is praised among all. What is God calling you to do with your time, talent, and treasure to honor Him?

## Biblical Similes Scramble

Can you match the two halves of these 20 biblical similes—figures of speech comparing two things using “like” or “as”, e.g. “*The kingdom of heaven is like leaven...*” (*Matthew 13:33*)? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. days of man            | A. roaring of a lion            |
| 2. doubter                | B. apples of gold               |
| 3. faith                  | C. scattered sheep              |
| 4. false boaster          | D. city broken down             |
| 5. fourth man in the fire | E. mustard seed                 |
| 6. Israel                 | F. merchant ships               |
| 7. kingdom of heaven      | G. refiner’s fire               |
| 8. king’s favor           | H. the Son of God               |
| 9. king’s wrath           | I. cloud of the latter rain     |
| 10. lazy man’s ways       | J. precious oil                 |
| 11. liar                  | K. club                         |
| 12. Lord of hosts         | L. passing shadow               |
| 13. My beloved            | M. certain king                 |
| 14. sun                   | N. bad tooth                    |
| 15. unfaithful man        | O. bridegroom                   |
| 16. unity                 | P. wave of the sea              |
| 17. unruly spirit         | Q. clouds and wind without rain |
| 18. virtuous wife         | R. gazelle                      |
| 19. way of the wicked     | S. darkness                     |
| 20. word fitly spoken     | T. hedge of thorns              |

## Biblical Similes Word Search

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

Word Bank: days of man, doubter, faith, false boaster, fit word, fourth man, Israel, kingdom of heaven, king’s favor, king’s wrath, lazy man’s ways, liar, Lord of hosts, My beloved, sun, unfaithful man, unity, unruly spirit, virtuous wife, wicked way

## August Birthdays

5 Suzanne Neal  
8 John Kiser, Donna Conklin  
11 Rick Thomas  
12 Doris Kiser  
16 Stephanie Runkles  
17 Pauline Fowler  
20 Bill Williams  
25 Jim Gong  
26 Lee Michael  
28 Ann Bennett  
30 Matthew Cole  
31 Bob Runkles



## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in July:*

- A motion to call for the Standing Committees to authorize Church officer and committee positions for the 2022-2024 term was approved.
- The Pastor appointed a Select Committee on Nominations to nominate Church officer and committee positions for the 2022-2024 term: David Bennett; Jan Burdette; Gary Cooley; Lee Michael, Chairman; Danny Moore; and Ellen Williams.

*Expected at the August Business Meeting:*

- The Church Clerk will report a joint motion providing the five Standing Committees' recommendations for Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2022-2024 term. The Select Committee on Nominations will use those authorizations as it seeks out Church members to serve.
- The Internal Administration Cmte. will offer a motion to increase the Official Vehicles BLI by \$3,400.

## Prayer Concerns

Members: Linda Roberts, COVID-19

Family and Friends: Larry Magruder, Janet Magruder's son, heart issues; 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: Elvira Howard, Karen Hazzard's sister; 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



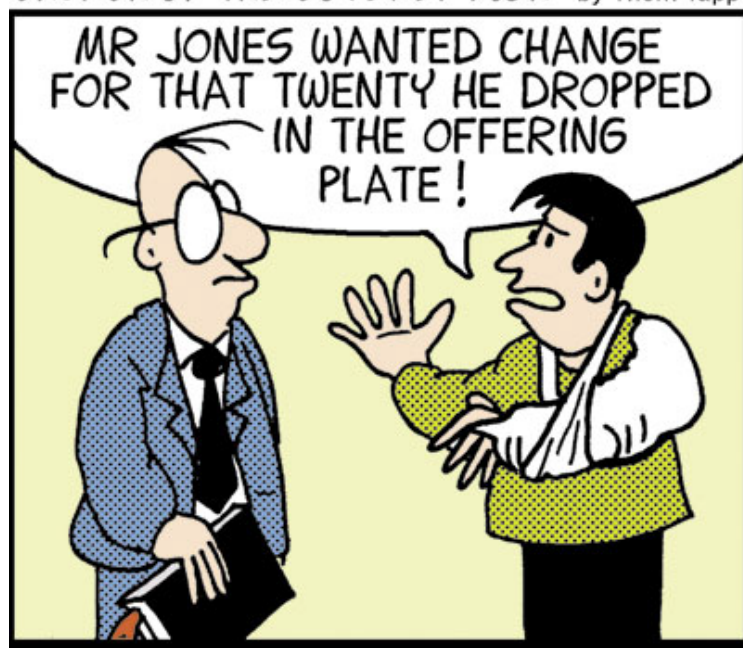
*"The LORD is righteous in all His ways,  
Gracious in all His works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,  
To all who call upon Him in truth.  
He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;  
He also will hear their cry and save them"  
(Psalm 145:17-19).*

## Biblical Similes Scramble Answers

1. **L** (Psalm 144:4); 2. **P** (James 1:6); 3. **E** (Luke 13:19); 4. **Q** (Proverbs 25:14); 5. **H** (Daniel 3:25); 6. **C** (Jeremiah 50:17); 7. **M** (Matthew 18:23); 8. **I** (Proverbs 16:15); 9. **A** (Proverbs 19:12); 10. **T** (Proverbs 15:19); 11. **K** (Proverbs 25:18); 12. **G** (Malachi 3:2); 13. **R** (Song of Solomon 2:9); 14. **O** (Psalm 19:5); 15. **N** (Proverbs 25:19); 16. **J** (Psalm 133:2); 17. **D** (Proverbs 25:28); 18. **F** (Proverbs 31:14); 19. **S** (Proverbs 4:19); 20. **B** (Proverbs 25:11).

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**Being an usher isn't as easy as it looks**

## News You Can Use

**VBS 2022 (again).** Vacation Bible School—rescheduled from July—is just days away! The theme for this year’s VBS is “Spark Studios”, which will be held Aug. 8-12 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classroom set-up will be held after church on Sunday, Aug. 7.



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 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.

**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. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.



**Charleses back in concert.** Winston & Bernadette Charles, whom we first met on Mar. 6, will be singing again during the morning worship service on Sunday, Aug. 21. They are members of the National Christian Choir.



**Seniors’ luncheon.** To celebrate our seniors, on Jul. 19 we delivered 27 hot ham meals from Dickerson Market.

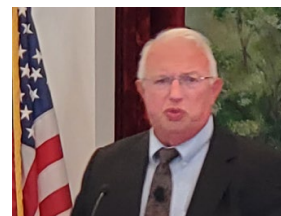
Thanks to all who helped package and deliver meals, including Lisa Fedders, Cindy Moore, Stephanie Runkles, Gary Burdette (pictured, left to right) and Pastor Danny Moore. Also, special thanks are due to Nita Roff who has been driving seniors to their medical appointments this past month.



**Choir meeting.** The BBC Choir will hold an organizational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 28 in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service; lunch will be provided. After several years of COVID disruptions, the Choir will be meeting to plan its fall activities and schedule, to include the Christmas cantata in December. Anyone who is interested in making a “joyful noise unto the Lord” is welcome to attend. Contact Choir Director Nita Roff with any questions.

**Nominating Cmte. to meet.** The first meeting of the Nominating Cmte. will be held on Sunday, Aug. 14 in the Church Office after the service. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as the committee selects church officers and leaders for the 2022-2024 term. The selected candidates will be announced by mid-September and will be voted on at the annual business meeting in October.

**Special speakers.** On Sunday, Jul. 10, our own Joe Yates (right) delivered a presentation on the Gideons International organization and their efforts to share Bibles with the world. A generous love offering to purchase additional Bibles for distribution was collected both online and in-person. On Sunday,



Jul. 24, Rev. Richard Lickvar (left) from Hope Fellowship Church in Ashburn, VA spoke about his church’s missionary efforts. BBC helps to sponsor Hope Fellowship Church through the Montgomery Baptist Association.

**Musical talent.** BBC was blessed by several musical presentations during the worship services in July. On Jul. 3, the quartet of Suzanne Neal, Ann



Bennett, Karen Hazzard, and David Bennett, conducted by Nita Roff, sang “America, the Beautiful” in honor of Independence Day. Barbara Swank gave a rendition of “Now I Belong To Jesus” on Jul. 17. “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” was Karen Hazzard’s song of choice on Jul. 24.

