



# 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

Schools are back in session and the first hints of changing leaves are among us. As we focus on the fall season ahead, I am so thankful for the willingness of BBC members both old and new to step up and volunteer to fill all of the committee positions and leadership offices for another two years of service here at BBC. To God be the glory, great things He has and will do here at His church.

Over the next four months, we have scheduled many opportunities on the church calendar to worship, fellowship, and serve the Lord together as family. Please commit to do your part to support the many different events that will allow us to share the Gospel with our family, friends, and community. The main reason we schedule church fellowships is so that the lost, hurting people all around us can come see and hear Jesus' love in and through us. Many times, activities on the grounds, in the Fellowship Hall, or in our own backyards are less intimidating introductions for unchurched people than Sunday services. When new people feel comfortable and relaxed, they are more open to see and accept Jesus' love in action as we show them hospitality and kindness.

Jesus made it very clear in *John 21:15-17* that we are to feed and take care of His sheep. Jesus asked Simon Peter, who denied Jesus before His crucifixion, three times if he loved Him. With each affirmative response, Jesus charged Peter to tend to his fellow believers. As the Apostle John explained in his first letter, if we love God, we are to show it by loving one another (*I John 3-4*). Peter was grieved at his public betrayal of Jesus in Jerusalem. Jesus restored fellowship with Peter, and charged him to prove and show his love for Jesus by giving love to the people that Jesus loved. There is no better way for us to prove to Jesus how much we love Him by showing compassion and friendship to the people Jesus sends our way. Thank you, BBC for your faithfulness to God! Our best days are ahead of us!

God Bless,

Pastor Danny

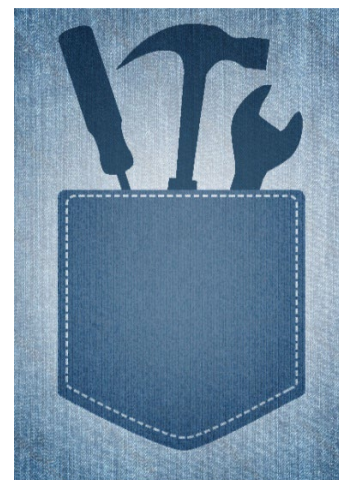


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## Upcoming Events

**September 7** September Business Meeting  
**September 11** Choir Planning Meeting  
**September 17** Baptist Men's Breakfast  
**September 18** Nominating Cmte. Meeting  
**September 26** Deacons' Meeting



*"When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you" (Psalm 128:2).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

For this year's Vacation Bible School Adult class, I taught from *Romans*. One of the privileges of teaching from the Bible is the opportunity to learn yourself as you study, prepare, and go over the lessons in advance of the classes. One of the golden nuggets of truth that was impressed upon me in my studies is that God's plan of salvation has been the same throughout history and throughout the scriptures. We often think that the Gospel is something that Jesus introduced for the first time as recorded in the first four books of the New Testament. While Jesus' good news preaching of salvation, eternal life, and the Kingdom shook up his audience and his enemies: "...the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (*Matthew 7:28-29*), we see the Gospel throughout God's Word. The principles and precedent of the Gospel were modeled in the Old Testament, the work and the fact of the Gospel were accomplished by Jesus as documented in the New Testament biographies of His life, and the histories and letters of the New Testament show how the Gospel was applied and expounded in the life of the early Church through the work of the Holy Spirit and the apostles.

In *Romans*, Paul discussed the life of Abraham at length, quoting from the Old Testament many times to demonstrate God's unchanging standard for salvation. Abraham came before circumcision, before the Law, before Moses. Abraham did not follow or even know of the many rules and requirements laid upon the Jewish people, and yet he was their spiritual forefather because of his faith and obedience to God. "And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness" (*Genesis 15:6*). Paul used the example of Abraham to prove how right-standing with God was not dependent on external religious compliance, but an internal relationship of faith in God that produced righteousness.

Paul also relies on the finished work of Christ as the foundation for his teachings in *Romans*. The core facts of who Jesus was and what He did form the basis of the Gospel message: that He was born of a virgin, fulfilled messianic prophecies, performed a ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing, lived a sinless life, suffered for sins not His own, died on a cross to achieve our justification before a Holy God, was resurrected bodily three days later to grant us salvation and victory in this life and the next, and commissioned His followers to evangelize the world until His return.

It was to His chosen apostles and followers that Jesus left the continuing work of the Gospel. While Jesus founded the seed of His Church, He only had about 120 followers at the time of His ascension. It was up to the early Christians and New Testament authors to carry on the Gospel work: to disciple thousands of new believers who never met Jesus, to plant and grow new congregations across the Roman world and beyond, to raise up the next generation of Christian leaders, teachers, and workers, and to spread the faith even to Gentiles. Paul was excited to write a letter and share the Gospel with the believers in the imperial capital of Rome, a group of Christians he had never met in a city he had never visited. And yet it didn't matter, because the Gospel that started in Israel was just as relevant to and needed by the Gentiles in the cities of Greece and Italy. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (*Romans 1:16*).

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## Member of the Month: Doris Kiser

- ★ Born: Aug. 12, 1961 in Annapolis, MD
- ★ How long a BBC member: since November 2019
- ★ Church office held: WMU President
- ★ How she first came to BBC: "Heard about it from our neighbor, Larry Michael".
- ★ Favorite Hymns: "In the Garden"
- ★ Favorite Bible verse: *Psalms 113*
- ★ Age at baptism: 12 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Grace Independent Baptist Church, Crownsville, MD
- ★ Most famous person she's met: comedian George Carlin
- ★ Personal claim to fame: "Survived being the elder sister to four brothers".
- ★ Most important historical event in her life: 9/11
- ★ Farthest place she's been from Barnesville: Hawaii
- ★ Story on first name: "It was my Mom's first name, and her mom's first name. So of course, my daughter's name is Andrea"!
- ★ Most important technologies in her lifetime: the Internet
- ★ Childhood hero: "My best friend's mom. She raised three very young daughters alone after her husband died at 32 of cancer".
- ★ Hobbies: calligraphy, auto mechanics, playing guitar, reading, learning Spanish



## September Birthdays

- 3 Megan Fedders
- 7 Scott Gregory
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Nita Roff, Ellen Williams
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Margie Stream, COVID; Kitty Cooley, in the hospital

Family and Friends: 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, Ollie Baumbaugh, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Elvira Howard, Karen Hazzard's sister; Bill Appleton

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

Paul took the Roman church through a grand tour of all the core issues of eternal truths: our desperate and lost condition as sinners under God's holy judgment, the glorious and amazing offer of salvation through faith in Christ that cleanses us from sin and sets us on a path of life and victory for eternity with God, and how we are to walk with Christ and with other believers. It is the latter topics that are the advanced skills of the Gospel: how to devote our lives for Christ's service and how to act like Christians in the body of believers and among the unbelieving world. *Romans* has been called the "constitution of Christianity" for its comprehensive overview of so many key Gospel issues that believers need to know and follow. I am looking forward to 2023's VBS for another chance to deep-dive into the Word!

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:*

- A joint motion providing the five Standing Committees' recommendations for Church officer and committee position vacancies for the 2022-2024 term was adopted.
- The Church approved an Internal Administration Cmte. motion to increase the Official Vehicles BLI by \$3,400.

*Expected at the September Business Meeting:*

- The Pastor and Deacons will offer a motion to accept the membership application of Colin Berry Ahalt, by statement.
- The Pastor and Deacons will offer a motion to accept the membership application of Harper Ahalt, by baptism.
- The Internal Administration Committee will offer a bylaw regarding distribution of church assets in the event of dissolution.
- A motion to appoint messengers for the BCM/D annual convention, being held Nov. 6-7 in Ocean City, MD, will be offered.

## COTCD Cartoon

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



"I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our tithers back from summer vacation..."

## News You Can Use

**VBS read-out.** Vacation Bible School 2022 was a good time of teaching the Gospel and fellowship with new and old friends. A total of 61 kids, adults, and workers were registered for our weeklong “Spark Studios” event on Aug. 8-12. Fun was had by all as students enjoyed times of worship, Bible study, crafts, recreation, and snacks. Of note, the missions offering collected \$2,000, which has been sent to our sister congregation in Pakistan, King of Glory Church, to buy school supplies for their children. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this year’s VBS a blessing to so many children and their families.



*Parents and families look on as the children prepare for their class presentations on Friday night*

**Special event weekend.** Part 2 of the Old Testament Bible Study with Revs. Tim Bonner and Gayle Clifton was held



on Saturday, Aug. 20. The lessons, which covered key people, events, themes, and places in the first 39 books of the Bible, have been converted into podcast format, which are available on Spotify, PodBean, and Google. The next day, Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, returning guest singers Winston & Bernadette

Charles performed during the morning worship service while Pastor Danny was preaching for a revival service at Crossroads Community Bible Church in Laytonsville, MD.



*Rev. Tim Bonner, Pastor Danny Moore, and Rev. Gayle Clifton at the Old Testament Bible Study*

**Choir meeting.** The BBC Choir will hold an organizational meeting on Sunday, Sep. 11 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. report.** The Nominating Cmte. is close to finishing its work of identifying volunteers to serve on the five standing committees for the 2022-2024 term. A final meeting will be held on Sunday, Sep. 18 in the Church Office after the service. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as the committee finalizes its recommendations for church officers and leaders. The selected candidates will be announced by Sep. 21 and will be voted on at the annual business meeting in October.

**New additions.** On Sunday, Aug. 28, BBC witnessed the

baby dedication of Colton Michael Gregory as his parents Scott & Cheyanne, extended family, and his church



family pledged to be good examples of Christian love for this young child. Also that morning, Colin Berry Ahalt and daughter Harper Ahalt came forward to officially join BBC as members. Colin is coming by statement and Harper was baptized at BBC in May 2021. Having been part of our church family for several years already, we look forward to voting in Colin and Harper as BBC members at the September business meeting.



*Pastor Danny with mother-daughter pair of Colin and Harper*