



# 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 approach the holiday season, the one thing that I notice is that people want to interact with each other, especially after two years of COVID lockdowns. Given how much we have been separated from loved ones in recent times, I sense that people everywhere are being drawn back together for fellowship. I believe that we should use this opportunity to share genuine Christ-like love with everyone as we gather to celebrate with one another.

So, what does Christ-like love actually look like? *I Corinthians 13:4-8* gives us a clear picture of what Christian love in action really means: *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"*. The description of Christ-like love found in this passage from the Apostle Paul has nothing to do with our personal feelings. In fact, as we truly show concern and compassion to others, our motives will shift from prioritizing our interests and satisfying our selfish desires to showing real love and concern for others.

In our Sunday School lessons, we have been learning that true love is faithful to believe the best about others, to walk with them, and to point out Jesus to them along the way. I would like to quote a statement that was in our lessons to remind us all how to show genuine Christ-like love to others: "How can we live in love? The truth is we cannot at least not on our own. To possess the love of God, we must first be possessed by the love of God." Love is the key for us to be fully used by God and to please Him. Praise His holy name! Together we can make a difference in the world today in the name of Jesus.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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## Upcoming Events

- October 7** 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Meeting
- October 10** Columbus Day
- October 15** Beast Feast & Chili Cook-Off
- October 16** Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting
- October 24** Deacons' Meeting
- October 31** Halloween



*"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness..."*  
*(II Corinthians 9:10).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the amazing things about the Bible is how God repeats His promises and blessings back to His people in times of trouble. One of the places where the Lord recalls a number of His mighty deeds is found in *Isaiah 41:8-11*, as the Jewish people prepared to face judgment and conquest. In *v. 8*, God said, “*But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham My friend.*” It was no accident that the Lord shared those exact words, for they echo how He identified first himself to Moses as “*...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...*” in *Exodus 3:15*. Just as God was there for Israel’s forefathers, He was there for them in their generation. The idea that Israel was God’s special nation was also very familiar in Isaiah’s day, harkening back to *Deuteronomy 7:6*’s “*...the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself...*”. Even in judgment, God loved Israel and would never forsake them. The phrase “*Abraham My friend*” is especially powerful and meaningful, because it shows how God’s amazing kindness and mercy to those He loves benefits many people across space and time. It makes verses like *John 15:15* ring with even more meaning, where Jesus told His disciples, “*No longer do I call you servants...but I have called you friends*”.

*Isaiah 41:9* continues the theme of God’s faithfulness to the Jewish people, saying: “*...‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away...’*. The Lord predicted Israel’s disobedience and rebelliousness centuries before, promising in *Leviticus 26:44* that, “*...when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away...*”, for His covenant with them was forever. *Isaiah 41:10*’s “*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed...*” looks very much like God’s first promise to Joshua after Moses’ death: “*...do not be afraid, nor be dismayed...*” (*Joshua 1:9*). *Isaiah 41:10* also features God’s promise to “*...uphold you with My righteous right hand...*”. God’s right hand was a well-known symbol for His power, might, and protection, going back to how the Lord delivered Israel from Egyptian slavery: “*Your right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces*” (*Exodus 15:6*).

*Isaiah 41:11* was another reminder for Judah that in God’s perfect way and time, even their enemies would fall before Him: “*Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish*”. The mighty nations around them, the Babylonians and the Persians, would soon conquer Jerusalem and take the Jewish people into exile, but their power would not last forever. In a changing and uncertain world, Isaiah prophesied that the Jewish people would be saved and preserved by their God just as He had miraculously removed the power of Pharaoh from their lives in *Exodus 14:30*: “*So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore*”.

As Christians, we can count on the blessings and protection of the Lord when we rely on Jesus to walk with us through the storms of life. One of those blessings is to read and reflect upon the promises He made to generations past as we prepare for our future.

## Member of the Month: John Kiser

- ★ Born: Aug. 8, 1957 in Washington, DC
- ★ How long a BBC member: since November 2019
- ★ Church office held: Groundsman
- ★ How he first came to BBC: He conducted “a random church search”.
- ★ Favorite Pew: “The one behind Larry Michael so I can bother him”.
- ★ Favorite Bible Verses: *I Samuel 8:18* or *Matthew 28:18*, depending on his mood.
- ★ Age at baptism: 32 years old
- ★ Childhood church: Glen Burnie Presbyterian Church, Glen Burnie, MD
- ★ Personal claim to fame: being an entrepreneur
- ★ Most important historical event in his life: “having kids”.
- ★ Farthest place he’s been from Barnesville: Germany
- ★ Story on first name: “It was my Dad’s name too”.
- ★ Most important technologies invented in his lifetime: web-based business operations systems
- ★ Childhood hero: Roy Rogers
- ★ Hobbies: computers, carpentry, mechanics



## October Birthdays

23 Kaycee Saylor  
25 Judy Wright  
26 Liz Heimlich



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Margie Stream, in rehabilitation  
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: Bill Appleton, 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).*



*Pastor Danny Moore preached on the armor of God from Ephesians 6 during the month of September*

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:*

- The motion to accept the membership application of Colin Berry Ahalt by statement was approved.
- The motion to accept the membership application of Harper Ahalt by baptism was approved.
- The Church adopted a bylaw from the Internal Administration Committee regarding distribution of church assets in the event of dissolution.
- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael were appointed as messengers to the 2022 BCM/D annual convention, being held Nov. 6-7 in Ocean City, MD.

*Expected at the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Meeting in October:*

- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders will be nominated to serve as messengers to the 87<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Sunday, Oct. 16 at BBC.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2023 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Sunday, Nov. 6.
- The Select Committee on Nominations will report on its recommendations for 2022-2024 church officers, and the Church will then vote on those nominations.
- Note: All outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.



*Pastor Danny and Deacons Luke Fedders, David Bennett, Joe Yates, and Lee Michael praying over Billy Appleton during the Sep. 11 service, thanking the Lord for Billy's successful treatment for cancer.*

## News You Can Use

**Beast feast.** The church family—men and women and children of all ages—is invited to the Baptist Men’s sixth annual beast feast on Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm. This year, we will include a chili cook-off as part of the festivities: bring your best pot of homemade chili for our panel of judges to award prizes and for all to enjoy. The dinner menu will include fried fish, venison burgers, and wild game stew.

**State missions offering.** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2022 BCM/D state missions offering in September. As of press time, BBC collected \$658.54, which will be used to bless sister churches in Maryland and Delaware as they seek to accomplish the Great Commission in their local communities.

**Choir back in action.** The BBC Choir held its first weekly practice since COVID after the Sunday morning service on



Gary Cooley sang “Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth” on Sep. 4.

Sep. 25 at 12:15 pm, a change from the long-standing Tuesday evening schedule. The Choir will start out its return to the order of service schedule by singing the call to worship and specials during worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month and will be presenting the Christmas cantata “Mary, Did You Know?” in December. Anyone who is interested in making a “joyful noise unto the Lord” is welcome to

participate. Contact Choir Director Nita Roff with any questions.

**Save the dates.** Plans for worship and fellowship for the rest of the year are coming together. The “I Still Believe” movie night set for Oct. 1 will be rescheduled. A fall festival will be held on the church grounds on Saturday, Nov. 5, to include a hayride and bonfire. The fall church clean-up day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19. A Thanksgiving Eve service will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The Christmas dinner (fried chicken and ham) will be held at St. Mary’s Pavilion on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5:00 pm. The Christmas cantata will be performed during the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 18 followed by the parsonage open house. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held on Dec. 24 at 6:00 pm. Worship will be held as usual on Christmas morning, Sunday, Dec. 25, but there will be no Sunday School. These events are all great opportunities to invite friends, family members, and neighbors. Additional details and sign-up information will be announced in the weeks ahead.

**MBA annual meeting.** The 87<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting will be hosted by Barnesville Baptist Church in the sanctuary at 5:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 16 as well as livestreamed from the BBC Facebook page. During the business session, the 2023 budget and officers will be voted on, and two watch care churches will be presented for full membership. The new BCM/D Executive Director, Michael Crawford, will be the keynote speaker. A dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fall sermon series.** Pastor Danny is beginning a new series of six sermons starting Sunday, Oct. 2 about types of Christ—Old Testament people who reflected a part of the character and ministry of Christ in their lives. The godly men we will be looking at include Adam; Abel, Enoch, and Noah; Abraham and Isaac; Joseph; Moses and Joshua; and David.

**Podcasting to resume.** The deacons are looking forward to resuming recording and publishing our discipleship podcasts this fall. Upcoming topics include: Missions, Outreach, Unity of the Church, Hymns, Family Fellowship, Leadership, God’s Word, Tithing, Church Building, and Church Membership. Previous podcasts can be found on the Sermons page of the BBC website.

## COTCD Cartoon

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When Pastors Dream