



# 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

Merry Christmas! Yes, it's that time of the year again that we pause to reflect on how our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ came to save us all from our sins. That is one of the reasons I believe that God placed on my heart to share from the pulpit the "Types of Christ" series in November to give us all a newfound desire to go deeper into God's Word. This year has gone by so fast. It has been a good year of fellowship and spiritual growth in our church family. But we cannot rely on what we have done in the past to honor God; we all must strive to be all that God wants us to be now, today.

My prayer is that this Christmas season we will ask God to allow us to be more like His Son Jesus in everything we do and say. We all need to be types of Christs. This Christmas season, look around at how God has blessed you. Take time to reflect on the amazing love that you know firsthand from Jesus and you will be blessed for it. *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"* (John 13:34-35). Love comes in many ways. You can share your love with a smile, a prayer, or by being compassionate and listening to others as they share their needs and fears. Do whatever it takes to be like Christ in every way.

This year, after two years off due to COVID, we are having our Christmas cantata and our Christmas dinner. Cindy and I are planning to have our parsonage open house. We will have plenty of food and desserts and laughter. Make sure you look at this month's calendar for the all the dates and times. I look forward to see you all celebrating Jesus and each other this Christmas season. God bless you all.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- December 7** Business Meeting
- December 11** Christmas Dinner, 5:00 pm
- December 17** Baptist Men's Meeting
- December 18** Christmas Cantata; Parsonage Open House
- December 24** Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 pm
- December 25** Christmas



*"... Jesus Christ our Lord...was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God..."*  
(Romans 1:3-4).



# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Jesus' royal descent from King David is the first fact Matthew shared about Christ in his gospel: "...Jesus Christ, the son of David..." (*Matthew 1:1*). "Son of David", which called to mind for Matthew's Jewish audience not only the right to rule, but mercy and healing, was used 10 times in *Matthew*, more than all the other Gospels combined. Matthew was also making that point that while David was a shepherd who became a king, Jesus was a King who became a Shepherd. As a shepherd-king, David was brought up from humble beginnings to lead Israel; as a king-shepherd, the King of Kings was brought down (*Philippians 2:7*) to tend the lost sheep of the house of Israel (*Matthew 15:24*). As Matthew introduced our Lord in his version of the Christmas story, he used several titles and names to make the link between David and Christ clear: As "King of the Jews", Christ was the Ruler, as "Jesus", Christ was the Redeemer, and as "Emmanuel", Christ was the Resider.

In *Matthew 2:2*, the magi asked about Jesus, "...Where is He who has been born King of the Jews"? As David's descendant, born in David's city of Bethlehem, Matthew made it clear that Jesus was the rightful Ruler of Israel, the shepherd who would guide and lead His sheep, just like King David. The Lord said of David in *II Samuel 7:8*, "...I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel...". Jesus affirmed His role as Ruler of His flock in *John 10:27*, saying, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me...".

Matthew explained the meaning of the name "Jesus" in *Matthew 1:21*, defining it as "...He will save His people from their sins". As Israel's Shepherd, Jesus was also their Redeemer, who would protect and save His sheep from danger and death. As David told King Saul, he rescued his sheep by fighting off wild animals who would otherwise devour them: "...Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth..." (*I Samuel 17:34-35*). Similarly, Jesus understood His role as Redeemer meant putting His own life on the line to save His sheep: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (*John 10:11*). And so the Shepherd became the Lamb of sacrifice on the cross.

The second name Matthew applied to Christ was "Emmanuel", which, according to *Matthew 1:23* (quoting *Isaiah 7:14*), means "God with us". Instead of a distant God in heaven or an inaccessible king in his palace, Jesus, like a shepherd, would reside with His sheep. Being a shepherd was no office job; it required "abiding in the fields" (*Luke 2:8*) day and night with His flock, having

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## Christmas Characters Scramble

Can you match these 20 biblical characters with their action in the Christmas accounts in *Matthew* and *Luke*? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. angel             | A. magnified the Lord    |
| 2. babe              | B. marveled              |
| 3. barren            | C. made haste            |
| 4. prophetess        | D. appeared in a dream   |
| 5. doubter           | E. leaped for joy        |
| 6. emperor           | F. conceived a son       |
| 7. expecting parents | G. endured               |
| 8. family            | H. decreed a census      |
| 9. God               | I. came to pass          |
| 10. husband          | J. hunted his rival      |
| 11. king             | K. was muted             |
| 12. magi             | L. sacrificed a bird     |
| 13. mother           | M. was rewarded          |
| 14. parents          | N. was swaddled          |
| 15. people           | O. ignored the Messiah   |
| 16. prophecies       | P. traveled to Bethlehem |
| 17. scribes          | Q. bore gifts            |
| 18. shepherds        | R. glory shone           |
| 19. patient man      | S. fled to Egypt         |
| 20. preborn          | T. worshiped             |

## Christmas Characters Word Search

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

Word Bank: angel, babe, barren, prophetess, doubter, emperor, expecting parents, family, God, husband, king, magi, mother, parents, people, prophecies, scribes, shepherds, patient man, preborn

## December Birthdays

- 2 Tina Appleton, Elnora Caudell
- 5 Robin Berry
- 6 Justin Yates
- 7 Harper Ahalt
- 17 Roy Leibrand, Mary Ann Luhn, Cindy Moore
- 24 Ashlinn Cole
- 28 Ralph Cooley
- 29 Ollie Baumbaugh
- 31 Larry Michael



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Gary Cooley and Ralph Cooley, recovering from the flu; Linda Roberts, at Homewood rehabilitation center

Family and Friends: Bob & Stephanie Runkles, flu; the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Betty James, Cortland "Pop" Moore, Dot Fowler, Eddie Fowler, Gene Bennett, Jack Cooley, Janet Magruder, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Bill Appleton, recovering from successful leukemia treatment; 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)

## Christmas Characters Scramble Answers

- 1. **D** (Matthew 1:20); 2. **N** (Luke 2:7); 3. **F** (Luke 1:24); 4. **T** (Luke 2:38); 5. **K** (Luke 1:20); 6. **H** (Luke 2:1); 7. **P** (Luke 2:3); 8. **S** (Matthew 2:14); 9. **R** (Luke 2:9); 10. **G** (Matthew 1:25); 11. **J** (Matthew 2:16); 12. **Q** (Luke 2:11); 13. **A** (Luke 1:46); 14. **L** (Luke 2:24); 15. **B** (Luke 2:18); 16. **I** (Luke 2:5); 17. **O** (Matthew 2:4); 18. **C** (Luke 2:16); 19. **M** (Luke 2:29, 38); 20. **E** (Luke 1:41).

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in November:*

- No new motions were offered during the Nov. 2022 business meeting.

*Expected at the December Business Meeting:*

- The Finance Cmte. will offer a motion to approve its recommended 2023 Church budget of \$217,422, up \$4,560 from the 2022 adjusted budget of \$212,862.
- The Pastor and Deacons will present the membership application of Aleena Malik, who was baptized on Nov. 6, for approval by the Church.

## COTCD Cartoon



## The Pew Perspective, continued

firsthand experience of their daily habits just as the sheep became familiar with their Shepherd's voice. David was well-known to be with his sheep. Whether it was Samuel, Saul, or his father Jesse looking for him, David could be found with his flocks: "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep; ...your son David, who is with the sheep" (1 Samuel 16:11; 19). Jesus explained His deep and personal connection to His own as a shepherd in John 10:14: "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."

Both David and Jesus were good shepherds and kings, ruling over, redeeming, and residing with their flocks. Matthew, in introducing the Lord as the Son of David, the King of the Jews, Jesus, and Emmanuel early on in his gospel, made it very clear who Christ was. As we celebrate Christmas this year, let us remember that Jesus is our king and shepherd too.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023 from the *Lantern* staff.



## News You Can Use

**Celebrating Christmas.** We are excited to have a full schedule of worship and fellowship activities for Christmas 2022 after several years of COVID restrictions.



On Sunday, Dec. 11, gifts for Montevue seniors and Care Net families are due. The Christmas Dinner will be held at St. Mary's Pavilion at 5:00 pm. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. On Sunday, Dec. 18, the "Mary, Did You Know?" Christmas Cantata will be performed, followed by the Parsonage Open House. On Saturday, Dec. 24, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 6:00 pm. On Sunday, Dec.

25, there will be a Christmas Day worship service at 10:45 am with singing of Christmas Carols and a devotion. There will be no Sunday School that morning. There will also be no Wednesday Night Bible Study on Dec. 21 and 28.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal set at \$2,000.**

Dec. 4-11 is the week of prayer for the 2022 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

Together, we and the International Mission Board are able to send out more than 3,600 missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. The national goal is \$185 million;



*Gary & Jan Burdette lighting the "Peace" candle on the Advent wreath*

BBC's is \$2,000. Last year, IMB missionaries engaged 93 new people groups, planted almost 23,000 churches and baptized over 107,000 people. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.

**Sharing with others.** Thanks to everyone who signed up to donate Christmas gifts to Frederick seniors and children.



*Ann Bennett playing the bell tree Nov. 27*

All 53 seniors from Montevue Assisted Living and 19 from Care Net of Frederick have been assigned! BBC also partnered with SBC church Bruce Outreach Center in Westernport, Allegany Co., MD to provide 22 families in need with a gift for their children this Christmas.

**BCM/D annual meeting report.** BBC messengers Danny & Cindy Moore and Lee Michael attended the 186<sup>th</sup> Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware annual



*The Fedders & Cooley family at the Nov. 10 Fall Festival*

meeting on Nov. 6-7 at the Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort and Conference Center in Ocean City, MD. Pastor Glenn Swanson of Bayside Baptist Church was re-elected BCM/D president and a \$7.16 million annual bud-

get was adopted. One of the key decisions approved by the 270 messengers was to increase by 11% the amount of Cooperative Program receipts retained for BCM/D priorities, from 52 to 63 percent. The additional funds will support church planting, support the 11 associations, disaster relief, and other emphases. Messengers also approved a constitutional change requiring churches to take steps to protect children and vulnerable adults as a requirement for BCM/D affiliation. Cindy Moore and other pastors' wives were recognized during a special appreciation dinner. Pastor Danny Moore was selected to serve on the General Mission Board.



*LT Tyler led us in worship through song on Nov. 6*

**Christmas poinsettias for sale.** If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Kitty Cooley at 301-349-5119. Sizes and prices are 6" for \$13, 7" for \$20, and 8" for \$32.

**Baptism celebrated.** Aleena Malik was baptized by Pastor Danny Moore on Sunday, Nov. 6 during the worship service. Her membership application will be voted on at the December 2022 business meeting. Please pray for this new believer as she grows up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).



**100 candles.** Congratulations and birthday wishes are sent to Margie Stream, who has joined the century club! She was born on Nov. 27, 1922 in Nacogdoches, TX. The *Frederick News-Post* featured Miss Margie in its Nov. 27 issue. BBC now boasts two centenarians: Margie joins Rebecca Umstead, who turned 100 last April.