



# 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

Happy New Year! Yes, it is 2023 and I am thrilled to say that we made it all the way through the year 2022 with the Lord's guidance and protection. We have witnessed and experienced many miracles of healings, salvations, baptisms, and spiritual growth. We have also endured sicknesses, hurts, and fears of all kinds. But the one thing that I am one hundred percent certain of is that Jesus has never and will never fail us in any way. So, I can repeat with confidence the words of *I Timothy 1:17*: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen".

Barnesville Baptist Church, each one of us has so much to be thankful to God for as we look back on the last 12 months and stand on the threshold of a new year. I am sure that 2023 is going to be harder, and we will be challenged to stay positive and to remember that Jesus is in full control when we encounter periods of adversity and disappointment. But together with Jesus leading the way, we can remember that we have already been given the victory over every evil scheme and trick that Satan has set for us. We all must believe in the Name above all names, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Starting on Sunday, Jan. 1, I am going to be sharing from the pulpit a miniseries on *Philippians 2:1-11* about having the same mind as Christ. So, plan on joining us in person or online as we go deeper into God's Holy Word and bring out the truths the Lord has for you and for me.

Cindy and I would like to thank everyone for your cards, messages, and gifts during the Christmas season. We are blessed to be here at BBC with you our church family.



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year's Day
- January 4** Business Meeting
- January 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 21** Baptist Men's Meeting; Deacons' Annual Prayer Session
- January 22** Baptist Men's Day Service



*"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The year 2022 was, to borrow from Winston Churchill’s World War II-era words, the end of the beginning, if not the beginning of the end, for the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions we’ve faced since 2020. We enjoyed expanded freedom and opportunity to fellowship and worship together in 2022, yet as we found out several times throughout the last 12 months, we are still not completely out of the woods when it comes to health and safety concerns. But as I look back on 2022, God’s faithfulness, lovingkindness, and provision for us as a body of believers was very apparent. To remind us all of how the Lord went with us and ahead of us in 2022, here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: COVID omicron surge was ongoing, most worship services were online

February: passing of Nick Cole, deacons held annual prayer session, in-person worship resumed and the face mask requirement was lifted

March: two baptized, Winston & Bernadette Charles were in concert, duckpin bowling enjoyed

April: Old Testament Bible Study Part 1 led by Tim Bonner and Gayle Clifton, first Easter Sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain celebrated since the pandemic began

May: breakfast bags for 200 men prepared for Rockville homeless shelter

June: Billy Appleton began leukemia treatments, fellowships included a church picnic, baby shower, and fishing trip for kids

July: seniors appreciated with meals, COVID pushed Vacation Bible School to August

August: VBS shared Gospel with many children and families, Old Testament Bible Study Part 2 taught by Tim Bonner and Gayle Clifton

September: Billy Appleton given clean bill of health from leukemia, choir resumed regular practices for first time since pandemic

October: feast featured chili cook-off, BBC hosted the 87<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Baptist Association meeting

November: one baptized, fall festival held, LT Tyler in concert

December: gifts for Frederick seniors and infants collected, first Christmas dinner since pandemic enjoyed

## Hymn Lyrics Scramble

Can you match these 20 famous hymns with a phrase from their lyrics? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      | A. laid for your faith in His excellent Word! |
| 2. All Creatures Of our God and King | B. streams of mercy, never ceasing            |
| 3. All Hail The Power of Jesus Name  | C. saved a wretch like me                     |
| 4. Amazing Grace                     | D. I hear the rolling thunder                 |
| 5. At the Cross                      | E. hail Him as thy matchless King             |
| 6. Be Thou My Vision                 | F. heir of salvation, purchase of God         |
| 7. Blessed Assurance                 | G. opened the life-gate                       |
| 8. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | H. bring forth the royal diadem               |
| 9. Crown Him With Many Crowns        | I. bulwark never failing                      |
| 10. Great Is Thy Faithfulness        | J. sorrows like sea billows roll              |
| 11. Holy, Holy, Holy                 | K. sin had left a crimson stain               |
| 12. How Firm A Foundation            | L. the burden of my heart rolled away         |
| 13. How Great Thou Art               | M. God in three persons                       |
| 14. It is Well                       | N. what needless pain we bear                 |
| 15. Jesus Paid it All                | O. now to His temple draw near                |
| 16. Praise To the Lord The Almighty  | P. naught be all else to me                   |
| 17. To God Be The Glory              | Q. pour contempt on all my pride              |
| 18. Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus        | R. things of earth will grow strangely dim    |
| 19. What a Friend We Have in Jesus   | S. no shadow of turning with Thee             |
| 20. When I Survey The Wondrous Cross | T. lift up your voice and with us sing        |

## Hymn Lyrics Word Search

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

Word Bank: assurance, blessing, creatures, cross, crown, eyes, faithfulness, fortress, foundation, friend, glory, grace, great, holy, Jesus, power, praise, vision, well, wondrous

## January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 6 Zain Malik
- 8 Hannah Leibrand,  
Dan Yates
- 10 Lois Hogue
- 11 Jesse Yates
- 22 Leslie Foster



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Joe Yates, pneumonia; Linda Roberts, at Homewood rehabilitation center

Family and Friends: Suzanne Neal; Bob & Stephanie Runkles; all those with winter illnesses; 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 Baum-  
baugh, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead, Susan Rice  
Cancer patients: Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Denny Luhn, stage 4 cancer; 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

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:*

- The Church accepted the Finance Cmte.'s motion to approve its 2023 Budget proposal of \$217,422, up \$4,560 from the 2022 adjusted budget of \$212,862.
- The membership application of Aleena Malik, who was baptized on Nov. 6, was approved by the Church.

*Expected at the January Business Meeting:*

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2022 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2022 finances and report at the March Business Meeting.
- The Pastor will nominate the following messengers to the 2023 Southern Baptist Convention: Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, Lee Michael, and Larry Michael.

## COTCD Cartoon

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



"You were preaching in your sleep again dear, you just finished point three, and were about to start into your poem."



*"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).

## Hymn Lyrics Scramble Answers

- 1. I; 2. T; 3. H; 4. C; 5. L; 6. P; 7. F; 8. B; 9. E; 10. S; 11. M; 12. A; 13. D; 14. J; 15. K; 16. O; 17. G; 18. R; 19. N; 20. Q.

## News You Can Use

*January schedule.* As we start 2023, we look forward to continuing to resume and expand activities as much as possible while still considering health issues and concerns given this winter's early and strong cold season. Baptist Men's Day on Sunday, Jan. 22 will feature guest speaker

Bruce Conley, the director of missions for the Blue



*Gary & Jan Burdette leading Christmas-themed games at the Dec. 11 Christmas Dinner at St. Mary's Pavilion*

Ridge Baptist Association, and a performance by the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir. There will not be a churchwide breakfast this year. The Adult Choir will not resume choir practices until after January. After the monthly Baptist Men's meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Deacons will hold their annual prayer session on Saturday, Jan. 21, when they will pray over each person, family, and ministry of Barnesville Baptist Church to ask for God's provision, direction, and blessing for the coming year. If you would like the Deacons to pray for a specific issue, please contact Pastor Danny.

*Birthdays updates requested.* The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.



*Baptist Men preparing Christmas gift bags for BBC children*

*Lottie Moon offering.* Our 2022 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$2,000. Together, we and sister SBC congregations are able to send out more than 3,600 International Mission Board missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. Offerings will be collected through January. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.



*Luke & Lisa Fedders delivering Christmas gifts from BBC to seniors at Montevue Assisted Living in Frederick*

*Thank you to choir.* The BBC Choir was prepared to sing its first Christmas cantata since the pandemic, "Mary, Did You Know?". Due to multiple illnesses among its singers and the church at large, the Choir was unable to perform at the Dec. 18 service. However, knowledgeable sources have reported to the *Lantern* that the Choir sounded very good in its final practice, which was directed by Nita Roff, with piano accompaniment by Jan Burdette, audio-visual support by Luke Fedders, and narration by Lee Michael. Future performances by the BBC Choir will be eagerly awaited.



*Karen Hazzard singing "Hallelujah Christmas" on Dec. 24*

*Go paperless in 2023.* BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color) format to those would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required.



*Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore lighting the Christ candle on Dec. 24*

*Christmas poinsettias.* Flowers were donated to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season by the following in memory of loved ones: Bill & Tina Appleton (William Sr. & Leilla Appleton); Dan & Shirley Yates (Lark & Ann Yates, Earl & Virginia Shreve); David & Ann Bennett (Carroll & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland); Gary & Jan Burdette (Bill & Helen Burdette and Bob & Margery Lillard); Jack & Kitty



*Emi McCall, Harper Ahalt, and Aleena Malik singing "Joy to the World"*

Cooley (Jack & Nellie Cooley and Carson & Dorothy Ward); Janet Magruder (Dick Magruder); Joe & Mary Yates (Lark & Ann Yates, Hazel Ward, Bruce Benson); Luke & Lisa Fedders & family (Doug Cooley and John Michael Fedders); Nita Roff (Nancy Roff, Mollie Cloer, and Shirley Alexander); Sherry Morrison (Bill Morrison and Bill & Mary Mossburg).



*Nita & Tom Roff lighting the Peace candle on the Advent wreath*