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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 February, I have been asking myself, what have I been able to accomplish in the name of Jesus Christ in January? My thoughts immediately go to my personal relationship with Him. Have I grown closer to Christ? What can I do personally to shine the light of Jesus better, to be a more effective witness to the lost and hurting people all around me?

Church, as we evaluate ourselves, the most important question that we can ask is, "have I been faithful to God and His will in my life"? In *II Corinthians 13:5*, the Apostle Paul charged the Corinthian church to assess their spiritual condition: "*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you...*"? As we move forward in the year 2023 as a church family, my prayer is that we all will grow closer to God and have a better understanding of His precious Word, the Bible. But it all starts with you and I being willing to devote ourselves to God's will, to do as Jesus said in *Luke 9:23*, "*Then He said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me'*".

BBC, are we willing to set aside our own selfish thoughts and desires and focus 100 percent on Jesus' will for our lives and for His church? If you and I can commit to daily Bible study and prayer and seeking out the will of God each day, there will even be greater blessings and rejoicing in the days to come. It all starts by you and I each examining our own hearts, thoughts, and motives, and allowing Jesus full access to and lordship over our hearts and minds.

February is the month we celebrate love and showing our appreciation for our loved ones. How much more does our Savior Jesus deserves our love and willingness to pick up our crosses daily and follow Him?



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- February 1** Business Meeting
- February 14** Valentine's Day; Love Our Seniors Lunch
- February 18** Baptist Men's Meeting; Duckpin Bowling
- February 20** Presidents' Day; Deacons' Meeting



*"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God"
(I John 3:1)!*

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Jesus' favorite title for Himself was "the Son of Man", which He used over 80 times in the Gospels. While there are many examples in the Old Testament of "son of man" being used to describe an ordinary human, Jesus was calling upon the reference to *Daniel 7:13* where "the Son of Man" was a divine title. Probably the most dramatic use of "the Son of Man" by Jesus occurred in *Matthew 26:63-65* (also recorded in *Mark* and *Luke*), when the Jewish Chief Priest Caiaphas demanded to know who Jesus considered Himself to be in *v. 63*: "...Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God"! Jesus answered Caiaphas by saying, "...you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven" (*v. 64*). Most explanations of Jesus' response focus on the first half of the description, about Jesus sitting on God's throne, which certainly is a powerful statement about Jesus' divine nature. But it turns out that the second half of the answer, about coming on the clouds of heaven, was not merely poetic language, but was just as powerful a statement about Jesus' deity.

Daniel 7:13 describes the "Son of Man" as "coming with the clouds of heaven"! Multiple verses in the Old Testament described the Lord God as the only One who rides the clouds: "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds (*Deuteronomy 33:26*); "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name Yah, and rejoice before Him" (*Psalms 68:4*); "Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud..." (*Isaiah 19:1*); *Psalms 68:33, Psalm 104:3*. The language of God as a Cloud Rider was originally taken from a title for the Canaanite storm god Baal (of Mount Carmel fame). Biblical writers had no problem taking an honorific for deity from their pagan neighbors and applying it to the one true God; the people of Israel would have immediately understood the divine reference. So the Son of Man of *Daniel 7:13* was not just a mortal human, an elevated angel, or some other heavenly character. The Son of Man was a Cloud Rider who was co-equal with God. For Jesus to take on the "Son of Man" title as His preferred title while teaching, preaching, and healing here on this world, He was proclaiming Himself to be the Lord God each and every time He called Himself that.

Caiaphas, as the top Jewish religious leader, knew exactly what Jesus was saying and what He was referencing when He called Himself "the Son of Man": that He was the Messiah, equal with God, God Himself. Caiaphas' reaction in *Matthew 26:65* was immediate and explosive: "Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, 'He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!'" After dragging through an unsuccessful trial up to that point, Caiaphas had all he needed to condemn Jesus as a heretic using His own words.

There are many verses in the Gospels that show that Jesus claimed to be God. *John* is known for its "I AM" statements and describing Jesus as the Son of God. Yet Jesus' favorite description of Himself as "the Son of Man" is just as much a powerful declaration that He is God as any other title.

Hymn Lyrics Scramble #2

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. Christ Arose | A. Tells of His love in the Book |
| 2. Footprints of Jesus | He has given |
| 3. For the Beauty of the Earth | B. glory He sheds on our way! |
| 4. Hallelujah! What a Savior | C. He arose a victor from the dark domain |
| 5. Higher Ground | D. To prepare us a dwelling place there |
| 6. I Am Thine, O Lord | E. lift high His royal banner |
| 7. Jesus Loves Even Me | F. Christ laid aside His crown |
| 8. Jesus Loves Me, This I Know | G. He sought me, and He bought me with His redeeming blood |
| 9. Just As I Am | H. and oft escaped the tempter's snare |
| 10. My Jesus, I Love Thee | I. wearing the thorns on Thy brow |
| 11. Nearer, My God, to Thee | J. or along by Siloam's fountains |
| 12. O Worship the King | K. simply to the cross I cling |
| 13. Rock of Ages | L. to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot |
| 14. Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus | M. out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise |
| 15. Sweet By and By | N. To the cross where Thou hast died |
| 16. Sweet Hour of Prayer | O. heaven's gate to open wide |
| 17. The Solid Rock | P. our shield and defender |
| 18. Trust and Obey | Q. Satan's darts at me are hurled |
| 19. Victory in Jesus | R. love which from our birth |
| 20. What Wondrous Love Is This? | S. anchor holds within the veil |
| | T. "Man of Sorrows," What a Name |

Hymn Lyrics Word Search #2

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

Word Bank: beauty, Christ arose, even me, footprints, ground, I am Thine, I love Thee, just as I am, nearer, prayer, rock of ages, savior, solid rock, stand up, sweet, this I know, trust and obey, victory, wondrous, worship

February Birthdays

3 Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts
7 Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko
10 Carole Kearse
12 Luke Fedders
20 Janet Magruder



Prayer Concerns

Members: Ann Bennett
Family and Friends: Bob 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 January:

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

Expected at the February Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the February 2023 Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



*"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 #2 Answers

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

News You Can Use

Valentine's lunch. The Love Our Seniors Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14—Valentine's Day--in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Anyone 55 years old or higher is welcome to enjoy this time of fellowship and appreciation for the most senior of our church family. RSVPs for the roast beef meal are due to Cindy Moore or Stephanie by Sunday, Feb. 5.



BBC seniors enjoying a Valentine's fellowship in 2020

Family event. All are welcome to go duckpin bowling on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes (304 Center Street, Mt. Airy, MD 21771) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Come out for a fun afternoon of bowling, food and fellowship! Please sign up in the church vestibule. Contact Lisa Fedders with any questions.



BBC youth and families duckpin bowling in 2020

New Bible study. Having finished looking at the Old Testament book of *Malachi*, we are beginning a new study in the New Testament epistle of *I John* for Wednesday Night Bible Study. Please join us at 7:00 pm mid-week in person or online.

Congratulations! Lois & Jim Hogue and family are grateful to God to announce the birth of Cora Joy, born on Jan. 24, 2023. David & Ann Bennett are the joyful grandparents!

Prayer session. Pastor Danny Moore and Deacons David Bennett, Joe Yates, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders met on Saturday, Jan. 21 for their annual prayer session. For over two hours, they prayed over each person, family, and ministry of Barnesville Baptist Church to ask for God's provision, direction, and blessing for the coming year. You too can pray for your church family throughout the year: use the weekly worship bulletin insert and the prayer concerns list on page 3 of this monthly newsletter to guide your requests and petitions before the Lord.

Baptist Men's Day. Rev. Bruce Conley, director of missions for the Blue Ridge Baptist Association, was our guest speaker for Baptist Men's Day, which BBC celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 22. Rev. Conley delivered a message about leaving a legacy behind. The Men of Barnesville (MOB) Choir was in concert, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" during the morning worship service. Front-row singers were Gary Cooley, David Bennett, and Pastor Danny Moore. Back-row singers were Larry Michael, Billy Appleton, Ed Williams, and Lee Michael.



Birthday 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.

Lottie Moon offering. Our 2022 collection for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as of publishing time stands at \$2,370, surpassing our \$2,000 goal. Thank you for your prayerful generosity! 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.

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.