

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 prepare for Easter, my prayer for the BBC family is that we will reflect on how Jesus is blessing all of us and see how Jesus is reviving us to be closer to Him and to each other. The main theme of the sermons that God has placed on my heart to preach until Easter Sunday is to gain a better understanding of who Jesus is and to celebrate all that Jesus has and is still doing in our lives today. *"...I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day"* (II Timothy 1:12). That way, we will have a stronger and deeper knowledge of who our Savior is when we rejoice in His resurrection victory.

The Holy Spirit is revealing God's Word to us with all of its glory, strength, and wisdom. His Word is being poured into our hearts. *"I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word"* (Psalm 119:16). The Holy Spirit is filling us with His joy and hope; we are truly in revival. My prayer is that we all will respond to the Lord's calling to grow closer to Him, and to go deeper into the Word of God and read His truths for ourselves. I have been encouraged to remind all of us just how precious it is to be able to approach Jesus, the Son of God, with our prayers and to worship Him fully with pure thoughts, actions, and desires. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me"* (Psalm 51:10).

BBC, we have so much to be thankful for, let's all share our stories of forgiveness and salvation with the lost and hurting people all around us. It's your victory story, so please share it and live it to the fullest. We can celebrate Jesus this Easter season with revived hearts filled with the strength and joy of the Lord for all that Jesus is doing in our lives and in His church here at BBC. We are stronger together!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

March 1 Business Meeting
March 18 Baptist Men's Meeting; Duckpin Bowling
March 25 Youth Cookie Decorating Contest
March 27 Deacons' Meeting



"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land"
(Song of Solomon 2:11-12).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The account of Pentecost in *Acts 2* is a familiar story, telling how the apostles received the Holy Spirit and began preaching the Gospel, converting thousands in Jerusalem and birthing the Church. While *Acts 2* laid the groundwork for a new beginning of Christian evangelism, it is also a story with roots going back deep into the Old Testament. It turns out that God had old business to attend to when the Church was born.

What happened to the apostles in the Upper Room was not merely a divine light show to get their attention. The apostles were ushered before God’s throne to be commissioned as God’s servants, just like the Old Testament prophets. *Acts 2:2-3* indicated what was happening with language about violent wind and fire: “...there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind...”; “there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them”. Wind is often associated with the Spirit of God and fire is commonly linked to the presence of God and His servants. *Isaiah 66:5* uses both wind and fire imagery to describe the Lord’s presence: “...the Lord will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire”. The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind (*Job 38:1*) and Ezekiel was commissioned as a prophet amid a whirlwind and raging fire: “The word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest...and the hand of the Lord was upon him there...A whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself...” (*Ezekiel 1:3-4*). In both Testaments, the Lord’s servants are linked with fire, such as in *Psalms 104:4*: “Who makes His...ministers a flame of fire” and in *Matthew 3:11*: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”.

Now that God had set His Spirit upon Jesus’ apostles, it was on to Old (Testament) Business: using Pentecost as a means of reversing the dispersing at the Tower of Babel. *Acts 2:3* and *Acts 2:6* speak of “divided” tongues and a “confused” multitude, which just so happens to be the same wording used in the Old Testament to describe how God scattered rebellious mankind from Babel across the world by changing their languages and driving them to their own lands. *Genesis 11:7* explained how God disrupted men’s communication: “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” *Deuteronomy 32:8* added to the *Genesis* account of Babel as follows: “...the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples...”.

In *Genesis 11*, mankind united to disobey God’s commands, so the Lord punished them by sending them away, not too unlike how He had banished Adam & Eve from Eden. Yet God had in mind a day when all of His peoples would come together to worship and honor Him. God foretold to Isaiah of the *Acts 2* Pentecost gathering in *Isaiah 66:18-20*, when “I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory” at “...My holy mountain Jerusalem”. And indeed, the nationalities of the *Acts 2* Pentecost crowd—“...from every nation under heaven...” (*Acts 2:5*)--correspond to the *Genesis 10* nations that God scattered in *Genesis 11*. In *Acts 2:9-11*,

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Biblical Mountains Scramble

Can you match these 20 mounts or mountains with what happened there in the Scriptures? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Ararat | A. burial place of Joshua |
| 2. Carmel | B. Balaam blessed Israel |
| 3. Ebal | C. Jesus wept over Jerusalem |
| 4. Ephraim | D. city of David |
| 5. Ephron | E. mountain of blessings of obeying the Law |
| 6. Gerizim | F. Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac |
| 7. Gilboa | G. Laban overtook Jacob |
| 8. Gilead | H. Moses looked into the Promised Land |
| 9. Heres | I. Moses encountered the burning bush |
| 10. Hermon | J. Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal |
| 11. Hor | K. death place of Moses |
| 12. Horeb | L. a source of dew |
| 13. Moriah | M. mountain of curses for disobeying the Law |
| 14. Nebo | N. death place of Aaron |
| 15. Olivet | O. landing place of Noah’s ark |
| 16. Peor | P. northern boundary of Judah |
| 17. Pisgah | Q. dwelling place of the Amorites |
| 18. Seir | R. death place of King Saul |
| 19. Sinai | S. Edomite homeland |
| 20. Zion | T. God came down to meet Israel |

Biblical Mountains Word Search

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

Word Bank: Ararat, Carmel, Ebal, Ephraim, Ephron, Gerizim, Gilboa, Gilead, Heres, Hermon, Hor, Horeb, Moriah, Nebo, Olivet, Peor, Pisgah, Seir, Sinai, Zion

March Birthdays

- 2 Joe Connelly
- 3 Kirk Williams
- 8 Doug Heimlich, Alannah O'Leary-Yates
- 9 Arlene Luhn
- 10 Ed Williams
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 24 Janice Cole



Prayer Concerns

Members: Doug & Roberta Allnut and family
Family and Friends: Marcia Miller, friend of Mary Ann Luhn, recovering from dog bite; Theresa, daughter of Eddie & Pauline Fowler; Tom Stolle and the BCM/D
the Luhn family at the passing of Denny Luhn; 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; 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).

Biblical Mountains Scramble Answers

1. **O** (Genesis 8:4); 2. **J** (I Kings 19:20-40); 3. **M** (Deuteronomy 27:13); 4. **A** (Judges 2:9); 5. **P** (Joshua 15:9); 6. **E** (Deuteronomy 27:12); 7. **R** (I Samuel 31:18); 8. **G** (Genesis 31:22); 9. **Q** (Judges 1:35); 10. **L** (Psalm 133:3); 11. **N** (Numb. 20:28); 12. **I** (Exodus 3:1); 13. **F** (Genesis 22:2); 14. **K** (Deuteronomy 32:50); 15. **C** (Luke 19:37); 16. **B** (Numbers 23:28); 17. **H** (Deuteronomy 3:27); 18. **S** (Genesis 36:8); 19. **T** (Exodus 19:18); 20. **D** (I Kings 8:1).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:

- No new business was presented at the February business meeting.

Expected at the March Business Meeting:

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2022 finances.

COTCD Cartoon



The Pew Perspective, continued

Dr. Luke listed the first-century A.D. equivalents of the ancient nations descended from Noah's three sons. It was no accident that Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, devoted his missionary efforts to preaching the Gospel to those Gentile nations. Paul understood that he was called to go out and share the good news of Jesus "...until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in..." (Romans 11:25). Paul was especially anxious to reach Spain (Romans 15:24,28) because it was the westernmost of the Genesis 10 nations, called Tarshish in Genesis 10:4 and Isaiah 66:19. And so too we are part of God's vision to reach the whole earth with the Gospel of salvation. The same Isaiah 66 passage that foresaw Pentecost also describes "...a new heaven and a new earth..." (v. 22), the same words found in Revelation 21:1 that speak of our ultimate future, surrounded by the saved of all nations and tongues.

News You Can Use

Valentine's lunch. Two dozen seniors were honored by BBC during a Feb. 14 luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The Valentine's Day meal of roast beef from Dickerson Market was enjoyed by all, including those who received meals by carry-out. Thanks to Cindy Moore, Stephanie Runkles, and Nita Roff for arranging and setting up the meal and the decorations.



Front: Eddie & Pauline Fowler, Arlene Luhn, Dave McCall, Ed Williams, Larry Michael, Sam Berry; Back: Cindy Moore, Stephanie Runkles, Nita Roff

Calendars. 2023 event calendars for the church and the Baptist Men have been sent out to the BBC email list and passed out in hard copy. If you are in need of a calendar, please contact Church Clerk 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.

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



On Feb. 19, Luke Fedders taught a children's story about giving your heavy troubles and burdens to Jesus, with assistance from Larry Michael, Aleena and Zain Malik, and Kaycee Saylor

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.

Duckpin bowling. Twenty-one bowlers enjoyed a time of fun, fellowship, and pizza on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the newly renovated Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes. Some interesting victory dances were observed when spares and strikes were made. Thanks to Youth Ministry Coordinator Lisa Fedders for arranging the event.



The Barnesville Baptist bowlers included: George Hazzard, Luke Fedders, Wyatt Hazzard, Karen Hazzard, Megan & Jack McAleer, Lisa Fedders, Megan McCall, Aleena and Zain Malik, Butch Hill, Ellen & Ed Williams, Kaycee Saylor, Alannah Yates, Billy & Tina Appleton, Jesse Yates, Lee Michael, Cindy & Danny Moore

Youth event. A cookie decorating contest will be held on Saturday, Mar. 25 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Ice cream sundaes will also be enjoyed during the event. All cookies and decorations will be supplied. See Lisa Fedders with any questions.

Special music. February featured several exhibitions of talent during the worship service. Choir Director Nita Roff played "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" on her melodica piano on Feb. 12. Ian & Megan McCall blessed the congregation with a duet of "Be Thou My Vision" on Feb. 19.



Bible study. Wednesday Night Bible Study is focusing on the New Testament epistle of *I John*. Please join us at 7:00 pm mid-week in person or online.

Prayer requests. The worship bulletin is updated weekly with prayer requests for BBC members, family and friends, and other needs. Please contact Pastor Danny or the Church Office by Wednesday at 6:00 pm to have your request included in the following Sunday's bulletin.