



# 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

Summer is here! It's time to go outside and enjoy the awesome creation that God has given us. As we take advantage of the warm weather and extra sunlight to participate in activities and go on vacation, my prayer is that we as a church body will be excited about serving the Lord Jesus together. We need to stand on this encouragement from *Galatians 6:9-10*: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers". From our Jun. 4 church picnic to the fast-approaching Vacation Bible School in July, there are many opportunities to share the love of Christ with our friends, family, and neighbors.

Every passing day brings unexpected and unusual challenges and evil is growing stronger in this world at every turn. But as believers in Jesus, we are to stand strong on His promises, His power, and His love. Our spirits are renewed daily when we dive deeper into His Word and stand on the truths of the Bible. *Psalm 103:1-5* says: "Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's". If we trust God's direction for our lives, even if the path forward is difficult, we will be all that God wants us to be and our faith and obedience will bring glory to His Name. We have many chances in the weeks and months ahead to join together as a church family to celebrate Jesus, rejoice in His blessings, and trust in His mercies. Won't you join with your family at Barnesville Baptist, either in person or online, and make the most of your summer?

God Bless,

Pastor Danny

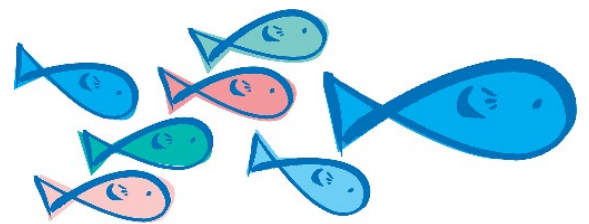


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## Upcoming Events

**June 4** Church Picnic  
**June 7** Business Meeting  
**June 14** Flag Day  
**June 17** Baptist Men's Meeting; Fishing at Neals' Pond  
**June 18** Father's Day  
**June 19** Juneteenth  
**June 26** Deacons' Meeting



*"The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him" (Proverbs 20:7).*

## The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

The baptism and temptation of Jesus were important historical events that preceded His ministry. They also have interesting spiritual parallels in the exodus of Israel from Egypt. In both cases, (1) God's son was (2) brought forth through water to (3) begin ministry but was first taken into the wilderness for (4) testing. However, where one failed, the Other succeeded.

First, both Israel and Jesus were called the son of God, the Father's representative in this world to do His will. In the Old Testament, God told Moses to explain to Pharaoh that, "Israel is My son, My firstborn" (Exodus 4:23). Similarly, in the Gospels, God said of Jesus during His baptism, "This is My...Son" (Matthew 3:17).

Second, both Israel and Jesus were called by God through water. Deliberate use of the Greek root *schizo* (to split) in the New Testament account of Jesus' baptism links it to the Old Testament story of the Exodus. Just as "the waters were divided" (Exodus 14:21) to bring Israel out of Egypt and into God's purpose, the heavens were "parted" or "torn open" (Mark 1:10) upon Jesus' baptism as the inauguration for His ministry. The following verse in *Mark*, where the Father in heaven called Jesus "My beloved Son" (Mark 1:11; Matthew 3:17), links another Old Testament idea to Jesus. "Beloved" in *Mark 1:11* is the same term (Jedidiah) used of Solomon in *II Samuel 12:24-25*. Just as Solomon was the human son and heir of King David, the Lord was stating that Jesus, His Son, was also King. *Jude 5* helps to bring all those *Exodus* and *Mark* themes together by explaining that the Lord Jesus Himself "... saved the people out of the land of Egypt".

Third, both Israel and Jesus were called into the Lord's service, where they were to endure suffering, defeat evil, and build a kingdom. Israel endured 40 years of wilderness wandering, while Jesus experienced 40 days of temptation. Israel conquered the Promised Land by battling pagan nations but allowed some enemies to escape; Jesus taught, preached, and healed and died as a perfect sacrifice for sin once for all. Israel set up a God-worshiping kingdom that fell into sin, split apart, and was eventually carried away, never to return to its former glory. Jesus set up an everlasting kingdom where one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Fourth, both Israel and Jesus were sent into the wilderness for testing, for the purpose, as Moses explained to Israel in *Deuteronomy 8:2*: "...to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not". Both were given the same three tests, which Israel failed when tried by God and Jesus overcame when tempted by Satan. The first was the test of hunger, for which Israel complained against the Lord and Moses many times. Satan's first temptation of a hungry Christ was that He should "command that these stones become bread" (Matthew 4:3). Yet Jesus countered with the warning over Israel's rebellious hunger that "man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3). Jesus told His disciples in *John 4:34* that, "My food is to do

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## Biblical Fathers Scramble

Can you match these 20 biblical fathers with their child? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Alphaeus   | A. Aaron       |
| 2. Amram      | B. John        |
| 3. Beor       | C. Eber        |
| 4. Eleazar    | D. Bartimaeus  |
| 5. Elkanah    | E. Milcah      |
| 6. Ham        | F. Jesse       |
| 7. Hamor      | G. Saul        |
| 8. Haran      | H. Joshua      |
| 9. James      | I. Simon Peter |
| 10. Jonah     | J. Shechem     |
| 11. Kish      | K. Balaam      |
| 12. Nahor     | L. Rufus       |
| 13. Nun       | M. James       |
| 14. Obed      | N. Moses       |
| 15. Shem      | O. Canaan      |
| 16. Simon     | P. Judas       |
| 17. Terah     | Q. Laban       |
| 18. Timaeus   | R. Samuel      |
| 19. Zacharias | S. Abraham     |
| 20. Zebedee   | T. James       |

## Biblical Fathers Word Search

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

Word Bank: Alphaeus, Amram, Beor, Eleazar, Elkanah, Ham, Hamor, Haran, James, Jonah, Kish, Nahor, Nun, Obed, Shem, Simon, Terah, Timaeus, Zacharias, Zebedee

## Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:

- The Church approved the dismissal of Paul & Leslie Foster from church membership upon their request, as they have joined a church in West Virginia.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no new motions ready for action at the June business meeting.

## June Birthdays

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- 8 Lisa Fedders
- 9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
- 10 Noah Arthur, Gary Burdette
- 11 Jan Burdette
- 23 Bill Appleton
- 27 Danny Moore, Sandra Oden
- 29 Elsie Leibrand



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Mary Yates; Susan Rice, kidney failure  
Family and Friends: the family of Gene Bennett at his passing, the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D., the staff and students of Monocacy Elementary School  
Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Betty James, Cortland "Pop" Moore, Dot Fowler, Eddie Fowler, Janet Magruder, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead  
Cancer patients: Jack Cooley, bone cancer; Pat Luhn, breast cancer; 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 Fathers Scramble Answers

1. **M** (Luke 6:15); 2. **N** (Exodus 6:20); 3. **K** (II Peter 2:15);
4. **A** (Numbers 16:37); 5. **R** (I Samuel 1:19-20); 6. **O** (Genesis 9:22); 7. **J** (Joshua 24:32); 8. **E** (Genesis 11:29);
9. **P** (Luke 6:16); 10. **I** (John 21:15); 11. **G** (I Samuel 14:51); 12. **Q** (Genesis 29:5); 13. **H** (Numbers 32:28); 14. **F** (Ruth 4:17); 15. **C** (Genesis 10:21); 16. **L** (Mark 15:21);
17. **S** (Joshua 24:2); 18. **D** (Mark 10:46); 19. **B** (Luke 3:2); 20. **T** (Matthew 4:21).

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



## The Pew Perspective, continued

the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work".

The second trial was the test of trust, which Israel failed at Massah (Exodus 17:1-7) when they lacked faith in God and Moses to provide for their thirst. Satan challenged Jesus to throw Himself off the Temple (Matthew 4:6) to make God prove His faithfulness toward His Son. However, Jesus hearkened back to Israel's disbelief in God, responding that "You shall not test the Lord your God as you test Him in Massah" (Deuteronomy 6:16). Jesus later preached, "...My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me" (John 5:30).

The third temptation was a test of loyalty. The Ten Commandments weren't even carved before the children of Israel began worshiping a golden calf. Despite warnings from Moses and Joshua, Israel under its judges and kings so easily forsook the Lord for the false gods of their enemies. Satan wanted Christ to forsake His Father and serve him as king of this world in exchange for power: "fall down and worship me" (Matthew 4:9). Yet Jesus rejected the devil's advance with Moses' words: "You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him...You shall not go after other gods" (Deuteronomy 6:13-14). Indeed, when Christ came to His greatest trial of whether to trust and obey the Lord, He triumphed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42).



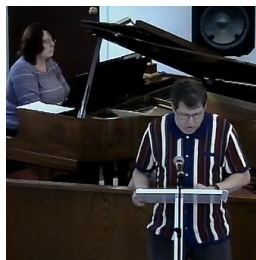
## News You Can Use

**VBS 2023.** Vacation Bible School will be held Jul. 10-14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This year's theme is "Twists & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game". The VBS Scripture is *Psalm 25:4*. Classroom set-up will be held after church on Sunday, Jul 9. Register online



for classes at [barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs](http://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs). Invite your friends, family, and neighborhood kids to join us. Classes are available from from Pre-K to Adults. VBS is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to the King of Glory Church in Pakistan to buy school supplies for the children. Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year.

**Thank you.** Your donations through BBC allowed us provide 220+ lunches for the men at the Rockville homeless shelter in May. Special appreciation goes to Luke & Lisa Fedders for organizing this outreach opportunity.



*Gary Cooley, accompanied by his wife Susan, sang "In Flanders Field" on May 28 for Memorial Day*

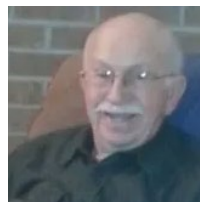
**June fishing.** On Saturday, Jun. 18 at 11:00 am, the children will enjoy a fishing trip at the Neals' pond at 21511 Peach Tree Road. Everyone should bring their own fishing rod and bait. Contact Tina Appleton with any questions.

**SBC annual meeting.** Over 11,000 Southern Baptist messengers are expected to gather in New Orleans, LA on Jun. 11-14 for the 2023 annual meeting, where they will vote on resolutions, for convention leaders, address challenges before the SBC, and set the course of the convention for the next 12 months. Even though BBC is not sending messengers this year, there is much to pray about. You can follow along with news from the convention through the Baptist Press ([baptistpress.com](http://baptistpress.com)).



*Ian & Megan McCall sang "In Christ Alone" on Apr. 30*

**Gene Bennett, 1929-2023.** Gene Bennett passed away at home in Poolesville on May 10 at the age of 93.



Gene, along with his wife Patty, who passed away in 2018, were good friends and attenders of Barnesville Baptist Church. Pray that Gene's sons and family will know the peace and love of the Lord in the days and weeks ahead. A [full obituary](#) about

Gene's interesting and full life is available on the Hilton website.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study.** Having completed both *I John* and *II John*, Pastor Danny will begin a new teaching series on the New Testament epistles of *III John* and then *Jude* on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Now is a great time to join this Bible study, either in-person or online.



*Megan McCall and Aleena Malik sang a Mother's Day duet of "Amazing Grace" on May 14*

**Prayer requests.** The worship bulletin is updated weekly with prayer requests for BBC members, family, and friends. Please contact Pastor Danny or the Church Office by Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to have your request included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Prayer requests can also be emailed to the BBC email list for more timely needs.

**Church picnic.** Gather with us for our annual church picnic on the grounds on Sunday, Jun. 4 after the worship service. BBC is providing fried chicken, drinks, and sides. Please bring a dessert to share.



*Head Usher Ed Williams and ushers Bill Appleton and Zain Malik taking up the offering on Apr. 23.*

**Choir update.** The Choir will be on hiatus until the third week of August. If you would like to participate in the worship by singing, playing an instrument, or another talent, please contact Choir Director Nita Roff to sign up. Thanks to all who have been contributing to the Sunday service with their solos, duets, and other special music.