



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

July is the time of the year that we really get into the heart of summer. Family vacations are in full swing and pool parties are going on all around us. It's hotter, and the backyard BBQs are going strong. It is also the month that we celebrate our freedom as citizens of the USA. July 4th is the day that we set aside to remember our blessings as a free nation. Times are different today, but one thing remains the same. Freedom is not free and we should do our best to thank those who served in our military in the past and those who are serving now, as well as the first responders who protect us and help us every day of our lives.

Here at Barnesville Baptist, we are looking forward to our summertime celebration of Jesus through our week of Vacation Bible School. VBS is one of our most effective ways of reaching our community for Jesus. We will also take up a mission offering during VBS week to help our sister church in Pakistan purchase school supplies for their children.

July is also when we invite all of our seniors to come and enjoy a delicious hot lunch here at BBC to remind them just how much we appreciate them and their faithfulness to God and to the family here at BBC.

So, as you can see, we have many opportunities to worship and serve Jesus and each other during the month of July. Please continue to pray and show support for our country and its leaders and for God's blessings on our first responders, our military, our seniors, and for a successful VBS week. As *Isaiah 63:7* says, "I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses". To God be the glory, great things He has done.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

- July 4** Independence Day
- July 5** July Business Meeting
- July 9** VBS Set-Up
- July 10-14** Vacation Bible School, 6:30-8:30 pm
- July 18** Seniors' Luncheon
- July 22** Men's Breakfast



"Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free" (Psalm 118:5).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the more challenging passages of the New Testament is found in *I Peter 3:18-22*. The Apostle Peter covers a lot of ground in a few sentences: Jesus' death, Noah's Ark and the Flood, imprisoned spirits, baptism, and resurrection. Peter's first-century audience would have easily understood his references, and once we do, we will also receive a powerful blessing of encouragement.

The challenge of interpreting the meaning of the "spirits in prison" of *I Peter 3:18-22* is helped by understanding that they are the same group of evil spirits described as "angels who sinned" in *II Peter 2:4-5* and as "angels who did not keep their proper domain" in *Jude 6-7*, all referring back to the "sons of God" in *Genesis 6:1-4*. Taking all the verses from *Genesis*, Peter's epistles, and *Jude* together, the Bible explains that for the offense of cohabitating with human women in the days of Noah, rebellious and wicked angels were permanently imprisoned by God in the realm of the dead to await the final judgment. Millennia later, Christ, between His death and resurrection, visited those bound demons (*I Peter 3:19*) to let them know that His death was not a sign of defeat, but His impending victory. Just like the eight on Noah's Ark who were delivered through the Flood endured suffering but emerged unharmed and saved, Christ's temporary suffering and death on the cross was a permanent means of salvation and victory (*I Peter 3:20*).

The connection to baptism requires knowing the extrabiblical text of *I Enoch*, a well-known piece of Jewish literature that Peter and Jude referenced in their epistles for their original first-century audience. In the story of *I Enoch*, the antediluvian patriarch Enoch was asked by the bound demons of *Genesis 6* to request that God forgive and release them from their underworld prison. God's answer was a resounding "no", so Enoch descended to the imprisoned spirits and informed them of their permanent punishment. Just like the Apostle Paul considered Adam a type of Christ in *Romans 5*, the Apostle Peter used Enoch as a type of Christ in *I Peter 3*: Christ, like Enoch, also descended to the realm of the dead, in Christ's case to inform the long-imprisoned spirits that His death and resurrection ensured their eternal destruction.

Peter's point to us regarding baptism is that just like Enoch and Christ, we too witness to the bound demons and the spiritual forces of evil in this world when we participate in believer's baptism. In *I Peter 3:21*, Peter likens baptism to a pledge of loyalty toward God. Every time a Christian follows Jesus in baptism, we share in His death (*Romans 6:3-4*), which gives us an opportunity to witness to the powers of darkness that here's one more soul that they'll never get, here's one more loss and defeat on the scoreboard. In other words, baptism is a means to participate in spiritual warfare and proclaim our eternal

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Miracles of Jesus Scramble

Jesus performed many miracles as recorded in the Gospels. Can you recombine the halves of these 20 sets of miracles? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Bartimaeus | A. cursed with barrenness |
| 2. Bethesda | B. filled his nets |
| 3. coin | C. gave sight to |
| 4. deaf and dumb | D. fed 5000 with |
| 5. demons | E. restored on Sabbath |
| 6. fig tree | F. made him walk |
| 7. fish and loaves | G. walked on this |
| 8. Jairus | H. healed boy with this |
| 9. Lazarus | I. calmed with a word |
| 10. leprosy | J. found in fish's mouth |
| 11. locked door | K. healed invalid here |
| 12. Nain | L. raised this man's daughter |
| 13. paralytic | M. raised widow's son here |
| 14. Peter | N. cast out |
| 15. royal official | O. healed |
| 16. sea | P. passed through |
| 17. unclean spirit | Q. changed water into |
| 18. water | R. healed this man's son |
| 19. wine | S. resurrected |
| 20. withered hand | T. cured |

Miracles of Jesus Word Search

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

Word Bank: Bartimaeus, Bethesda, coin, deaf and dumb, demons, fig tree, fish and loaves, Jairus, Lazarus, leprosy, locked door, Nain, paralytic, Peter, royal official, sea, unclean spirit, water, wine, withered hand

July Birthdays

11 Megan McCall
12 Maggie Leibrand
14 Penny Barton
23 Mary Yates, Aleena Malik
26 Joe Yates
28 Jackie Cole



Prayer Concerns

Members: Mary Yates; Cortland "Pop" Moore, in rehabilitation

Family and Friends: Rev. Michael Mattar, recovering from heart surgery; Angela Wagner, cousin of Tina Appleton, ALS and dementia; Billy Appleton's sister Andrea Appleton, health; the men & women of the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.; the staff and students of Monocacy Elementary School

Seniors: Arlene Luhn, Betty James, Dot Fowler, Eddie Fowler, Janet Magruder, Margie Stream, Ollie Baumbaugh, Ralph Cooley, Rebecca Umstead

Cancer patients: Billy Appleton; Jack Cooley, bone cancer; Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Kitty Cooley

Missions: NAMB and IMB missionaries; 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).

The Pew Perspective, continued

loyalty to and believing faith in Christ. *I Peter 3:22* tells us that Christ did not stay in the grave, but is now at the right hand of the Father. The spiritual authorities and powers of this age (*Ephesians 6:12*) are now subject to Him and will be ultimately judged by Him. Just as we shared in Christ's death through baptism in *Romans 6*, we will rule with Him and judge fallen angels in His name (*I Corinthians 6:3*).

Peter's encouragement to us in times of suffering and trial is to rejoice, knowing that we will be blessed (*I Peter 3:14*) and can look forward, with expectant hope, to our ultimate deliverance and salvation in Christ (*I Peter 1:6-9*).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in June:

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

Expected at the July Business Meeting:

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

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Oh come on Eli... you're not in church now... let your hair down and relax!"

Miracles of Jesus Scramble Answers

1. C (*Luke 18:35-43*); 2. K (*John 5:1-15*); 3. J (*Matthew 17:24-27*); 4. O (*Mark 7:31-37*); 5. N (*Matthew 17:14-19*); 6. A (*Mark 11:12-14,20-21*); 7. D (*John 6:1-15*); 8. L (*Mark 5:21-43*); 9. S (*John 11:1-45*); 10. T (*Luke 17:11-19*); 11. P (*John 20:19-20*); 12. M (*Luke 7:11-17*); 13. F (*Matthew 9:1-8*); 14. B (*Luke 5:1-11*); 15. R (*John 4:46-54*); 16. I (*Matthew 8:23-27*); 17. H (*Mark 9:14-29*); 18. G (*Mark 6:45-52*); 19. Q (*John 2:1-11*); 20. E (*Mark 3:1-5*).

News You Can Use

VBS 2023. Vacation Bible School is just days away! The theme for this year's VBS is "Twists and Turns", which will be held Jul. 10-14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Classroom set-up will be held after church on Sunday, Jul 9. Lunch will be offered to those who are setting up for VBS.



Register online for classes at **barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs**.

Invite your friends, family, and neighborhood kids to join us. Classes are available 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.

Seniors' lunch. Those aged 55 and over are invited to a noontime meal of roast beef and a fun time of fellowship on Tuesday, Jul. 18. Please RSVP to Cindy Moore or Stephanie Runkles by Sunday, Jul. 16.



Wyatt Hazzard had his debut performance at BBC with his grandmother Karen Hazzard on Sunday, Jun. 25. The pair sang "Seek Ye First" to an appreciative audience.

SBC news. The 2023 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting was held in New Orleans, LA on Jun. 13-14 with almost 19,000 in attendance; the theme was "Serving the Lord, Serving Others".



The duet of Gary Cooley and Suzanne Neal sang "Jesus Messiah" on Sunday, Jun. 18.

SBC President Bart Barber of Farmersville, TX was re-elected after a run-off election. Seventy-nine International Missions Board missionaries were commissioned for overseas service. The messengers affirmed decisions by the SBC Executive Committee that three churches were not in friendly cooperation. The Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force (ARITF) was renewed for an additional year. An SBC constitutional amendment to define qualifications for the pastorate received 2/3^{rds} approval, but must also receive another vote of support at the 2024 SBC annual meeting to be held Jun. 13-14 in Indianapolis, IN.

Museum trip. BBC is hosting a field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC on Saturday, Aug. 12. Round-trip transportation from BBC will be available, departing at 8:45 am. Purchase your tickets ahead of time online at **museumofthebible.org**. An early dinner will be held at Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge in Rockville following the museum visit. RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Jul. 30.



Wednesday Night Bible Study. Pastor Danny is beginning a new teaching series on the New Testament epistle of *I Peter* on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Now is a great time to join this Bible study, either in-person or online.

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 out to the BBC email list for more timely needs.



Thanks to Suzanne Neal for allowing us to fish at her pond on Saturday, Jun. 17. BBC anglers who caught sunfish and bass included: Larry Michael, the father-daughter pairs of Ian McCall and Emilia McCall and Jesse Yates and Alannah Yates, and Billy Appleton. Special thanks to the dads and grandads who untangled lines and solved other fishing mishaps.

Community outreach. On Jun. 6, BBC provided a lunch to the teachers and staff at nearby Monocacy Elementary School to show them our appreciation for all their hard work this past school year. Thanks to those who contributed sides to the fried chicken meal, as well as to the BBC Sunday School children for decorating the "thank you" sign. In August, BBC will collect back-to-school supplies to benefit Monocacy Elementary.



Suzanne Neal and Bill Caudell dropping off the lunch at the school.