



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 close out the 2023 summer season, I've taken some time to look back and reflect on the blessings that God has poured out on us as a church family here at BBC. We started out in June with our annual church picnic. The weather was awesome and we had a great time of fellowship as a family. Just two days after our picnic, we delivered a hot lunch (Dickerson Market fried chicken plus sides and desserts from our church family) to the entire staff at Monocacy Elementary School to show them our appreciation for their hard work. It is great to see how BBC is being faithful to God's Word when He says we are to reach out in His love to our community. *"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:14).*

In July, we found ourselves once again reaching out to our community in the name of Jesus with our weeklong Vacation Bible School. God blessed us once again with great weather and you, His church, volunteered your talents to serve God in many different ways. The gospel went out and was taught to many children and adults. VBS was a huge success because of God's blessings and your willingness to serve Him. We also took time to show our appreciation to our seniors with a luncheon. Thank you to all who helped serve our seniors a hot lunch with some great desserts.

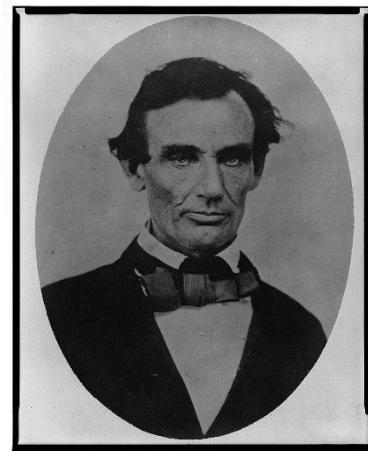
We closed out our summer season in August with two baptisms. We also took a field trip to the Museum of the Bible, followed by a good lunch as we shared a meal together. Overall, I believed we did all that we could do to celebrate Jesus and each other this summer. Remember, we all need each other to be all that God wants us to be.

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Upcoming Events

- September 6** Business Meeting
- September 16** Baptist Men's Breakfast
- September 25** Deacons' Meeting



*"A house divided against itself cannot stand"
(Mark 3:25).*

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

What do the Garden of Eden, Egyptian pyramids, and the Tower of Babel have in common? To an ancient Israelite, the answer would have been obvious: they're all mountains. In ancient times, mountains weren't for hiking on weekends, they were remote places, difficult or impossible to reach, where humans weren't supposed to be. In other words, they were the homes of the gods. We are familiar with Eden as a well-watered garden from its description in *Genesis 2:10*, but *Ezekiel* gives us a bit more detail about the altitude of mankind's first home: "*You were in Eden, the garden of God...You were on the holy mountain of God*" (*Ezekiel 28:13-14*). Eden was a special place in the newly-made creation that God had prepared for Adam, a beautiful place well supplied with food (*Genesis 2:9*). In Eden, God and Adam spent time with one another (*Genesis 3:8*), Adam served God and God involved Adam in His work (*Genesis 2:15,19*) and God blessed Adam with his wife, Eve (*Genesis 2:22*). Eden was a perfect mountaintop garden for God and His human creation to live with one another. It was only Adam and Eve's sinful rebellion that drove them out of God's mountain paradise.

Even after the Flood, the ancient Egyptians and Babylonians retained the distant memory of mountains as divine residences on earth. The smooth-sided pyramids of Egypt and the step pyramids (ziggurats) of Babylon were manmade mountains for their gods to reside atop. While many people today might think of the Tower of Babel as some sort of early skyscraper, the Babylonians didn't need to reach beyond the atmosphere to touch the heavens; a ziggurat with a temple on top would have been all they needed to access the spiritual realm.

As for the Lord, having banished Adam and Eve from Eden (*Genesis 3:24*), God still chose mountains as important places to interact and intersect with mankind. God's mountaintop residence shifted to Sinai (Horeb) and then to Jerusalem (Zion). It was at Sinai that God first spoke to Moses (*Exodus 3*), entered into a covenant with His chosen people (*Exodus 19*), and gave the Law to them through Moses (*Exodus 20*), setting the stage for a new relationship with mankind. "*Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up*" (*Exodus 19:20*). By the time of King David and his royal descendants, Jerusalem, or Mount Zion, was the mountain of God, the site of worship and sacrifice at the Temple. *Isaiah 2:3* reads, "*Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem*".

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Sayings from the Bible Scramble #2

Many common sayings we use today are actually from the Bible. Can you match all 20 sayings with their missing word? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. a ____ can't change his spots | A. wicked |
| 2. a house ____ against itself cannot stand | B. end |
| 3. am I my brother's ____? | C. balance |
| 4. at my wits' | D. fruit |
| 5. by the sweat of your | E. earth |
| 6. eat, drink, and be | F. honey |
| 7. feet of | G. divided |
| 8. fire and | H. sun |
| 9. forbidden | I. mouth |
| 10. in the ____ of an eye | J. leopard |
| 11. keep on the straight and | K. goat |
| 12. land of milk and | L. keeper |
| 13. let there be | M. twinkle |
| 14. no rest for the | N. brimstone |
| 15. nothing new under the | O. house |
| 16. put words in one's | P. clay |
| 17. put your ____ in order | Q. light |
| 18. scape ____ | R. narrow |
| 19. to the ends of the | S. brow |
| 20. weighed in the | T. merry |

Sayings from the Bible Word Search #2

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

Word Bank: balance, brimstone, brow, clay, divided, earth, end, fruit, goat, honey, house, keeper, leopard, light, merry, mouth, narrow, sun, twinkle, wicked

September Birthdays

- 3 Megan Fedders McAleer
- 7 Scott Gregory
- 9 Janna Williams
- 11 Shirley Yates
- 13 Michael Oden
- 14 Nita Roff, Ellen Williams
- 18 Nancy Taylor
- 24 Marlowe Mentzer



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in August:

- The Church approved the membership application of Zain Malik, who was baptized on Jul. 30.

Expected at the September Business Meeting:

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

Prayer Concerns

Members: Joe & Mary Yates, health

Family and Friends: Rev. Michael Mattar, recovering from heart surgery; Angela Wagner, cousin of Tina Appleton, ALS and dementia; 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: 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

The idea of God's mountain is found again in *Hebrews 12:22-23*, where Mount Zion is linked to the future new Jerusalem, where God and all his company of angels, saints, and His bride the Church will reside together. "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven". The new Jerusalem is described in *Revelation 22:1-2* using descriptions from *Genesis* that make it obvious the new heavenly city was a replacement Eden, well-watered (...a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb...) and the tree of life last seen in *Genesis*, back in place.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Sayings from the Bible Scramble Answers #2

1. **J** (*Isaiah 57:21*); 2. **G** (*Psalms 107:27*); 3. **L** (*Daniel 5:27*); 4. **B** (*Genesis 2:16-17*); 5. **S** (*Zechariah 9:10*); 6. **T** (*Exodus 3:8*); 7. **P** (*Luke 11:17*); 8. **N** (*Ecclesiastes 1:9*); 9. **D** (*II Samuel 14:3*); 10. **M** (*Jeremiah 13:23*); 11. **R** (*Leviticus 16:10*); 12. **F** (*Genesis 4:9*); 13. **Q** (*I Corinthians 15:52*); 14. **A** (*Revelation 21:8*); 15. **H** (*II Kings 20:1*); 16. **I** (*Daniel 2:31-33*); 17. **O** (*Genesis 1:3*); 18. **K** (*Matthew 7:14*); 19. **E** (*Genesis 3:19*); 20. **C** (*Ecclesiastes 8:15*).

News You Can Use

Museum trip. On Saturday, Aug. 12, a group from BBC visited the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. From ancient artifacts from the Holy Land, to displays of early biblical manuscripts, to a walk-through, multi-sensory experience of the major events described in the



L-R: Lee Michael, Brandi Woodward, Nita Roff, Cindy Moore, Jan Burdette, Barbara Swank, Ralph Cooley, and Pastor Danny Moore

Hebrew Bible, the museum told the story of the Scriptures in many unique ways. Everyone who attended agreed that

another visit in early 2024 would be needed to see and experience all that the museum had to offer.



Special music. BBC enjoyed two singing talents for worship this past month: James Farlow (left), who



both sang and played his guitar on Aug. 13, and our very own Gary Cooley (right), who sang on Aug. 20. Both are members of the National Christian Choir. While Gary is a frequent soloist for BBC, his extended set gave us the opportunity to hear a number of different songs. Thanks to Choir Director Nita Roff, who arranged the performances.

Lightning strike. On Aug. 7, a powerful thunderstorm came through Barnesville and lightning hit one of the large



oak trees in the church's front yard. A large scar and far-flung pieces of bark show where the tree was hit by the bolt of electricity, which also damaged many of the electronics inside the

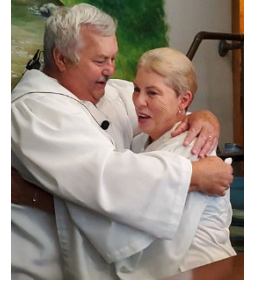


church. Insurance will replace the affected items, but most importantly, neither the building nor any person was harmed. A beautiful double rainbow was seen over the church after the storm, reminding us of God's provision and protection in spite of adversity.

Baptisms. BBC celebrated two baptisms in recent weeks:



After placing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior for salvation, Zain Malik (left) was baptized on Jul. 30 and Donna Belcher (right) was baptized on Aug. 20.



We look forward to walking with both Zain and Donna as they begin their Christian journeys and grow closer to Jesus.

Graduate. Pastor Danny Moore has a new framed credential on the wall in his office. He earned a Certificate in Biblical Studies and Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in June. Pastor Danny completed a seven-course online curriculum to strengthen his ministry training. BBC congratulates Pastor Danny on his academic achievement.



Missions offering. Back in July, BBC collected a VBS offering of \$2,025 for school supplies to be sent to King of Glory Church in Pakistan. Pastor Liaquat Danial has reported that over 400 children will benefit from the offering, not only receiving supplies necessary to attend school, but also to receive a Christian witness of God's love from Pastor Danial and his congregation. Thanks to all who contributed to the offering and supported our summertime Vacation Bible School.

Wednesday Night Bible Study. Pastor Danny is in the middle of a 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.