



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 approach the fall and holiday seasons, I know that our calendars will fill up very quickly with events and activities. That is OK, because fellowships and gatherings with family and friends enrich our lives. Even more important for our souls are opportunities to grow closer to God and to each other as fellow Christians, which are special times of blessing. BBC has scheduled three special times of fellowships and learning in the coming weeks, besides our corporate worship on Sundays and Wednesday Bible studies. I encourage you to look at your Sunday bulletins, *Lantern*, and emails so you can mark all those dates down.

The one event that I personally as your pastor would highly encourage you to attend is our BBC 101 seminar on Saturday, Oct. 28. That time of learning is intended for all new believers in Jesus, church members, and worship attenders--everyone. It does not matter how long or short of a time that you have been coming to Barnesville Baptist, we all can benefit from being reminded why we do what we do here at BBC. You will leave the BBC 101 seminar enlightened, encouraged, and equipped to be a follower of Christ. The deacons of BBC and I will be presenting many tools and methods on how you can be better prepared to read and apply the truths found in the Bible, how you can serve the Lord with your spiritual gifts, and how you can get involved in the work of the Lord right here at BBC, in your local community, and in God's Kingdom. We will also discuss what it means to be a Baptist and explain what our connections at the national (SBC), state (BCM/D), and association (MBA) levels are and why they matter.

Please mark down BBC 101 on October 28th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and come and learn how to be involved and connected to the work of the Lord here at BBC.

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Upcoming Events

October 4 152nd Annual Business Meeting
October 14 Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Contest
October 15 MBA Annual Meeting
October 28 BBC 101 Seminar
October 30 Deacons' Meeting



"Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

God Bless,



Pastor Danny

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

Who is the Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament? Is the Angel just one of God's heavenly servants or something--Someone--more? I won't keep you waiting for the answer: those in the Old Testament knew that the Angel of the Lord was equal to God and the writers of the New Testament identified the capital-A Angel with the second Person of the Godhead, Jesus Christ. Just as with last month's column about the Old Testament roots of *John 1*'s description of Jesus as the Word, knowing more about the linkages between the two testaments strengthens our understanding of Jesus' role and identity as the co-equal and co-eternal Son of God.

The harrowing story in *Genesis 22* of God's command for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac is the earliest sign in the Scriptures that the Angel of the Lord was indeed the Lord God. In *Genesis 22:1-2*, it is clear in the text that it was God who spoke to Abraham: "*Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham...*". Yet in verses 11-12, it was the Angel of the Lord that told Abraham to stop and who noted that, "*...for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me*", with "Me" referring to the Angel, and yet also the same God in *Genesis 22:1* who originally instructed Abraham to offer sacrifice.

Another deliberate mid-stream name-switch happened with Moses at the burning bush in *Exodus 3:1-4*. In reverse order to *Genesis 22*, it was the Angel of the Lord that called out to Moses: "*And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush...*", and then changed His name to "Lord": "*So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush*". The deliberate blurring of the Angel of the Lord and the Lord in the same story is another indication that the Old Testament equated the two names with the same being.

Jacob (Israel), whose wrestling match with God in *Genesis 32* resulted in Jacob having a limp, had more up close and personal interactions with the Lord than almost anyone in biblical times. It is interesting how Israel, at the end of his life, chose to describe God. During his blessing of his sons, Israel specifically identified God and the Angel as the same being. In *Genesis 48:15*, it reads, "*...God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, may He bless the lads...*". Grammar is important here: if Israel intended to distinguish between God and the Angel, he would have said, "may They bless the lads". Israel's use of the singular He to refer to both God and the Angel demonstrates that Israel understood both names to refer to the same being.

In *Exodus 23:20*, God spoke to Moses about His divine guidance for the children of Israel after departing Egypt: "*Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.*" The detail about the Angel's role in the Exodus is repeated in *Judges 2:1-2*: "*Then the Angel of the LORD...said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore*

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Sayings From the Bible Scramble #3

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 1.

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| 1. an eye for an eye, a ____ for a ____ | A. labor |
| 2. as old as ____ | B. eye |
| 3. ____ to ____, dust to dust | C. earth |
| 4. bite the ____ | D. Samaritan |
| 5. fall by the ____ | E. dust |
| 6. fall from ____ | F. shine |
| 7. four ____ of the earth | G. death |
| 8. good ____ | H. Methuselah |
| 9. kiss of ____ | I. twinkling |
| 10. ____ of love | J. times |
| 11. like a ____ to the slaughter | K. grace |
| 12. man does not live on ____ alone | L. bread |
| 13. of ____ proportions | M. blind |
| 14. reap what you ____ | N. lamb |
| 15. rise and ____ | O. corners |
| 16. salt of the ____ | P. wayside |
| 17. see ____ to ____ | Q. sow |
| 18. sign of the ____ | R. ashes |
| 19. the ____ leading the ____ | S. biblical |
| 20. ____ of an eye | T. tooth |

Sayings From the Bible Word Search #3

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

Word Bank: ashes, biblical, blind, bread, corners, death, dust, earth, eye, grace, labor, lamb, Methuselah, Samaritan, shine, sow, times, tooth, twinkling, wayside

October Birthdays

23 Kaycee Saylor
25 Judy Wright
26 Liz Heimlich



Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in September:

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

Expected at the 152nd Annual Business Meeting in October:

- Pastor Danny Moore, Lee Michael, and Nita Roff will be nominated to serve as messengers to the 87th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, being held on Sunday, Oct. 5 at Trinity Baptist Church in Hyattsville, MD.
- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael will be nominated to serve as messengers to the BCM/D Annual Convention, being held Nov. 10-11 at Kettering Baptist Church in Upper Marlboro, MD.
- A resolution to begin the annual budget process for 2024 will be offered; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Sunday, Nov. 5.
- Note: All outstanding motions not acted on at the October Business Meeting must be re-introduced for any further consideration by the Church.

Prayer Concerns

Members: Mary Yates, health

Family and Friends: Bob Runkles, recovering from stroke; Angela Wagner, cousin of Tina Appleton, ALS and dementia; Andrea Appleton, Billy Appleton's sister; 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).*

Sayings From the Bible Scramble Answers #3

1. **T** (Exodus 21:23-25); 2. **H** (Genesis 5:25-27); 3. **R** (Genesis 3:19); 4. **E** (Psalm 72:9); 5. **P** (Mark 4:4); 6. **K** (Galatians 5:4); 7. **O** (Isaiah 11:12); 8. **D** (Luke 10:30-37); 9. **G** (Matthew 26:48-50); 10. **A** (I Thessalonians 1:3); 11. **N** (Isaiah 53:7); 12. **L** (Deuteronomy 8:3); 13. **S** (Exodus 7:14-11:10); 14. **Q** (Galatians 6:7); 15. **F** (Isaiah 60:1); 16. **C** (Matthew 5:13); 17. **B** (Isaiah 52:8); 18. **J** (Matthew 16:3); 19. **M** (Matthew 15:13-14); 20. **I** (I Corinthians 15:52).

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



After Clarence's choir debut, his other Spiritual gifts were quickly discovered.

News You Can Use

BBC 101. New members, believers, and attenders are invited to attend the BBC 101 seminar on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 8:30 am to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. This class, led by Pastor Danny Moore and Deacons David



Harper Ahalt sang and Zain Malik signed "Let's Just Praise the Lord" on Sep. 10

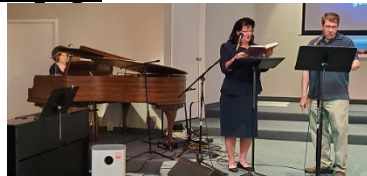
Bennett, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders, is an opportunity to learn more about your role as a Christ-follower, your role in God's Kingdom, and your role at Barnesville Baptist Church. In preparation for the class,

please complete the online **Spiritual Gifts Survey** and bring your study Bible.

MBA meetings. BBC members have been taking prominent roles in the Montgomery Baptist Association (MBA) of late. At the Sep. 17-20 MBA Revival held at Olney Baptist Church, Pastor Danny Moore preached on Monday night and that night's singing of hymns was led by BBC's Nita Roff and Gary Cooley, with BBC pianist Jan Burdette providing accompaniment (watch the service online at the Olney



Baptist Church **YouTube page**. A row and a half of BBC members attended Monday to support their church family. Lee Michael, who was introduced at the revival as the new MBA moderator, will preside over the business portion of the 88th MBA annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 15 at Trinity Baptist Church in Hyattsville, MD.



Special talents. Winston & Bernadette Charles (bottom left) were in concert on Sunday, Sep. 17, with special guest Tamara Simpson on the steelpan (bottom center). On Sunday, Sep. 24, Karen Hazzard gave her testimony and shared about her research into Hell (bottom right). Captain Lawrence "LT" Tyler will sing during the worship service on Sunday, Oct. 29.



Fall fellowships. A church-wide chili cook-off and dessert contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your best pot of homemade chili and a dessert for our panel of judges—Dr. Ron



The BBC Choir has resumed practices and singing a Call to Worship on the first Sunday of the month

Blankenship of the Montgomery Baptist Association and Mike Nickerson—to award prizes and for all to enjoy. The dinner menu will also include fried fish, venison burgers, and wild game stew.

On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 1:00 pm in the parsonage backyard, we will enjoy a Fall Festival fellowship with a bonfire and roast hot dogs and s'mores plus enjoy soup, chili, and other treats.

Wednesday Night Bible Study. Pastor Danny Moore 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.

The Pew Perspective, continued

to your fathers...". It is fascinating that in the New Testament, *Jude 5* confidently assigns the role of divine protector of Israel during the Exodus to Jesus: "Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe". The Old Testament, obviously, never named Jesus as having a role in the Exodus. And yet Jude, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, linked the Angel in the Old Testament to Jesus in the New Testament. If the Old Testament Angel of the Exodus, known to be equal to God, was Jesus, then logically it follows that Jesus is equal to God, a key Christian doctrine to this day.

Gideon had a fascinating experience sharing with meal with the Lord/Angel of the Lord in *Judges 6*. The rapid-fire switching between the use of the names Lord and Angel of the Lord in the account seem to be the author's way of merging the two together, that somehow the two Persons interacting with Gideon were somehow also the same Person, and the same God, at the same time.