



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

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The leaves are changing colors, the temperature is cooling down, and Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner. As I reflect on this past year, I have so much to be thankful for. God has been so faithful and good to me and my family and the church family here at Barnesville Baptist. Jesus deserves all our praise. One of my favorite Bible verses is *Psalm 145:13*: "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations". The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. As we look ahead to the promise of the coming year, we know that through all of it, our God will walk with us to guide us in His ways.

BBC, as we move forward into the holiday season and flip the calendar over to 2024, let us remain faithful in all that we do for the Lord. It seems like every day there is more bad news and hatred in this evil world that we live in. But the Bible reminds us that we are victorious in every circumstance and situation because of Jesus. "Now this I know: The LORD gives victory to His anointed. He answers him from His heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of His right hand" (*Psalm 20:6*). Nothing that happens in this world will take God by surprise. So, we must shine the light that reflects the love and victory of Jesus in full confidence of His love and watchcare over us. We also must share the good news of Jesus with those who are hurting, lost, and scared about the future. We need to remind them all that Jesus holds our future in His hands as believers in Him, and the future is good!

Cindy and I would like to thank everyone for your cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month in October. We love and appreciate you all.

God Bless,

Pastor Danny



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Upcoming Events

November 1 Business Meeting
November 4 Fall Festival
November 11 Veterans Day
November 18 Baptist Men's Breakfast; Fall Church Clean-Up Day
November 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 23 Thanksgiving; Church Office Closed
November 27 Deacons' Meeting



"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces" (Matthew 7:6).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

One of the most interesting experiences during our BBC 101 seminar was hearing everyone share what their spiritual gifts were. Some people had known for a long time what their special giftings from the Holy Spirit were, and others had just recently taken an online survey to explore how God had gifted them as believers for good works in His Church. Each person around the table named different gifts or combinations of gifts: some had more visible gifts like leading and teaching while others had perhaps less obvious but just as important Holy Spirit-empowered abilities to help, encourage and minister on a one-on-one basis and behind the scenes. Even for those with similar giftings, their personalities and experiences made the way those gifts were used and expressed unique to each person.

It is fascinating how God has brought fellow believers together at Barnesville Baptist with such a wide range of spiritual gifts to complement and strengthen one another and the congregation as a whole to accomplish more than any one of us could achieve by ourselves. The Apostle Paul's words to the church in Corinth came alive with meaning for us at BBC as we talked about our spiritual gifts: *"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all" (I Corinthians 12:4-6)*. Our discussion on spiritual gifts was preceded by a talk on the Great Commission and the functions of a New Testament church, so the ways in which spiritual gifts were needed to engage effectively in a healthy and balanced mix of evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, and worship were very clear.

Another benefit of the BBC 101 seminar was hearing different people speak about their roles and responsibilities in the church. Each of us only sees just a portion of all that it takes for the full range of ministry and activity that occurs. We might assume that things are somehow just taken care of so our services, activities, and meetings can go on. However, there are many different members of the congregation who contribute their time, talents, and treasure in varying ways, before, during, and after events, all to honor the Lord and further His Kingdom's work. Some have formal positions and others are just willing volunteers who are happy to contribute and participate.

The BBC 101 seminar was designed for new attenders and believers, but I think that those of us who are long-time members would benefit from a time of sharing with and learning from one another. Each of us has a story to tell and a perspective about God's work at BBC that is unique and would bless everyone else to hear about all that God is doing in our congregation. I would encourage everyone to attend future sessions of the course.

Sayings From the Bible Scramble #4

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. a__ unto themselves | A. cross |
| 2. baptism of __ | B. money |
| 3. by the skin of your | C. fight |
| 4. __ to bear | D. faith |
| 5. __ the good __ | E. fire |
| 6. flesh and __ | F. season |
| 7. for everything there is a __ | G. rod |
| 8. give up the | H. stone |
| 9. golden __ | I. law |
| 10. he who lives by the __, dies by the __ | J. pearls |
| 11. many are __, but few are chosen | K. truth |
| 12. __ around your neck | L. ghost |
| 13. o ye, of little __ | M. pride |
| 14. __ comes before a fall | N. teeth |
| 15. spare the __, spoil the child | O. joined |
| 16. the love of __ is the root of all evil | P. millstone |
| 17. the __ will set you free | Q. called |
| 18. throw the first __ | R. blood |
| 19. to cast __ before swine | S. sword |
| 20. what God has __ together, let no one separate | T. calf |

Sayings From the Bible Word Search #4

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

Word Bank: blood, calf, called, cross, faith, fight, fire, ghost, joined, law, millstone, money, pearls, pride, rod, season, stone, sword, teeth, truth

November Birthdays

- 4 Laura Luhn Hiatt
- 5 Randy Gilliam
- 6 Sam Berry
- 12 Cris Driver
- 16 Sherry Morrison
- 22 Michelle Ennis
- 23 Dan Yates, Kitty Cooley
- 26 Joyce Dunn
- 27 Margie Stream



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. 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 #4

1. **I** (Romans 2:14); 2. **E** (Matthew 3:11); 3. **N** (Job 19:20); 4. **A** (Matthew 16:24); 5. **C** (I Timothy 6:12); 6. **R** (Ephesians 6:12); 7. **F** (Ecclesiastes 3:1); 8. **L** (Luke 23:46); 9. **T** (Exodus 32:2-4); 10. **S** (Matthew 26:52); 11. **Q** (Matthew 22:14); 12. **P** (Mark 9:42); 13. **D** (Luke 12:28); 14. **M** (Proverbs 16:18); 15. **G** (Proverbs 13:24); 16. **B** (I Timothy 6:10); 17. **K** (John 8:32); 18. **H** (John 8:7); 19. **J** (Matthew 7:6); 20. **O** (Matthew 19:6).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the 152nd Annual Business Meeting in October:

- Pastor Danny Moore, Lee Michael, and Nita Roff were approved to serve as messengers to the 88th Montgomery Baptist Association Annual Meeting, held on Sunday, Oct. 5 at Trinity Baptist Church in Hyattsville, MD.
- Pastor Danny Moore, Cindy Moore, and Lee Michael were approved 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 was adopted; the standing committees will report to the Treasurer by Sunday, Nov. 5.

Expected at the November Business Meeting:

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

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You can always tell when he's going to preach from the book of Romans!"

News You Can Use

BBC 101. A mix of in-person and online students attended the inaugural BBC 101 seminar on Saturday, Oct. 28. The class, led by Pastor Danny Moore and Deacons David Bennett, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders, covered topics like how to read the Bible and pray, spiritual gifts, the Great Commission, the functions of a New Testament church, opportunities for ministry and worship, stewardship, evangelism, what it means to be a Baptist, and church membership and communication. Future runnings of the class will be held to help new BBC members and attenders learn about their role in God's Kingdom and our local congregation.



Nita Roff, Claude & Donna Belcher, Deacons Lee Michael, David Bennett, and Luke Fedders, and Ann Bennett, with members of Grace Baptist Church of Davao City, Philippines on Zoom

Daylight savings ends. At 2:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 5, we revert to Eastern Standard Time. Fall back one hour and reset your clocks or you may show up to church early!

MBA annual meeting report. Three BBC messengers—Pastor Danny Moore, Lee Michael, and Nita Roff—attended the 88th Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting held at Trinity Baptist Church in Hyattsville, MD on Sunday, Oct. 15. Rev. Tom Stolle, the new BCM/D executive director, was the keynote speaker. BBC members had a key role during the meeting as Lee Michael led the business meeting as the new MBA moderator and Pastor Danny Moore gave the benediction. In addition to approving new officers and the 2024 association budget, one congregation received full membership affiliation and another continued in watch care status for future membership.

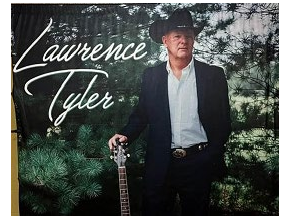


October fellowship. A good time of fellowship was had on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the church-wide chili cook-off and dessert contest. Prizes for the best dishes were judged by Dr. Ron Blankenship of the Montgomery Baptist Association and Mike Nickerson, who had the difficult task of tasting each and every chili and dessert that was brought. Thanks to those who brought in their culinary creations and to all who participated.



November fellowship. 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. Please sign up in the church vestibule no later than Sunday, Oct. 29.

Oct. 29 concert. Captain Lawrence "LT" Tyler will be leading us in worship through music and singing during the Oct. 29 service. We look forward to his and his wife Sheila's visit each year.



Wednesday Night Bible Study. Having finished the book of *I Peter*, Pastor Danny Moore will begin teaching in the New Testament epistle of *II Peter* on Wednesday nights at 7:00 starting on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Now is a great time to join this Bible study, either in-person or online.

Fall clean-up day. On Saturday, Nov. 18 at 9:00 am, join the Groundsmen, the Baptist Men, and the rest of your Church family to clean up the church building and grounds. Contact Head Groundsman Bill Appleton for more information on jobs and tools needed.

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.