



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

It is a new year--2024. As we look back on the year of 2023 that has just ended, we can reflect on so many victories for Jesus. We witnessed two believers' baptisms, we shared the Gospel with many children and their families during our great VBS this summer, and the deacons and I led a BBC 101 seminar for new believers, members, and attenders. The one thing that stands out the most for me in 2023 is that we got through all year without any serious illnesses among the church family or closures of our in-person worship and fellowship due to COVID. We experienced healings (praise the Lord for Billy's Appleton's healing from cancer) and so many answered prayers, people seeking salvation by calling on Jesus, and the list of praises goes on. Now that is a great year for any church family to be grateful. The Lord has met all our needs here at BBC, spiritually, physically, and financially. To God be the glory.

I know that all of those were accomplished because you, the church family at BBC, have been faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus. *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it'" (Malachi 3:10).* Take time this New Year's Day and show your appreciation to our Lord Jesus for all that He has done and is doing in your life and in His church here at BBC.

Cindy and I would like to thank everyone for all of your cards and gifts this Christmas season; we are truly grateful.



God Bless,

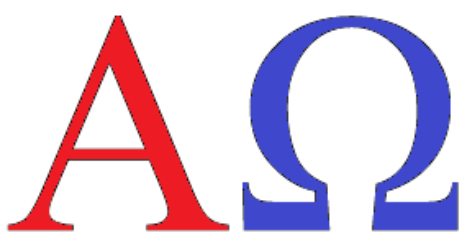
Pastor Danny

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Upcoming Events

- January 1** New Year's Day
- January 3** Business Meeting
- January 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 21** Baptist Men's Meeting; Deacons' Annual Prayer Session
- January 28** Baptist Men's Day Breakfast and Service



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'" (Revelation 1:8).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

After three years of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, 2023 was an opportunity to expand our Kingdom ministry into new areas. This past year, we started reaching out with the love of Jesus Christ to new faces in our own church family, previously unmet neighbors at Monocacy Elementary School, seniors at nearby Spring Arbor, and congregations overseas who join us online. These are our Jerusalem, our Judea and Samaria, and our ends of the earth (*Acts 1:8*) to reach with the Gospel as we deepen and broaden our walk with and our service to the Lord. He has and will bless us as we are faithful to His call. To remind us all of how God went with us and ahead of us in 2023, here are some of the more interesting and important Church news headlines from the past 12 months:

January: pastor and deacons held annual prayer meeting, MOB sang at Baptist Men's Day service

February: strikes and spares made at duckpin lanes, Valentine's luncheon served to seniors, Joe Yates retired as active deacon

March: children enjoyed cookie decorating event

April: first post-COVID monthly worship service with Spring Arbor seniors held, parsonage roof replaced

May: breakfast bags for 200 men prepared for Rockville homeless shelter

June: appreciation lunch hosted for Monocacy Elementary teachers, kids caught fish at the Neal's Pond, Pastor Danny earned a seminary certificate

July: Gospel shared at Vacation Bible School, one baptism

August: field trip taken to Museum of the Bible, lightning struck oak tree and electronics in church, one baptism

September: BBC led a night of preaching and singing during MBA fall revival

October: Pastor and deacons led BBC 101 seminar, chili cook-off enjoyed, Lee Michael elected as MBA moderator

November: fellowship held at fall festival, Pastor Danny Moore elected to BCM/D General Mission Board

December: gifts for Frederick seniors and infants collected, first Christmas cantata since pandemic performed, passing of BBC member Arlene Luhn

Greek Terms in the Bible Scramble

Can you match these 20 transliterated Greek words in the Bible with their English definitions? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. agony | A. witness |
| 2. Alpha | B. rock |
| 3. anathema | C. gospel preacher |
| 4. angel | D. anointed one |
| 5. apostle | E. overseer |
| 6. bishop | F. letter |
| 7. blasphemy | G. messenger |
| 8. Christ | H. unclean spirit |
| 9. deacon | I. interpreter |
| 10. demon | J. place of assembly |
| 11. epistle | K. last |
| 12. evangelist | L. authorized envoy |
| 13. hypocrite | M. suffering |
| 14. martyr | N. accursed |
| 15. Omega | O. servant |
| 16. parable | P. convert |
| 17. Peter | Q. slander |
| 18. prophet | R. first |
| 19. proselyte | S. pretender |
| 20. synagogue | T. comparison |

Greek Terms in the Bible Word Search

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S L N G K N X R E H T M G L V M
Y E A L D N O A E Y R H N A R Z
N V P S R A C M L T Y I M B T Y
A A R T P O P E E P E E S D K R
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Word Bank: agony, Alpha, anathema, angel, apostle, bishop, blasphemy, Christ, deacon, demon, epistle, evangelist, hypocrite, martyr, Omega, parable, Peter, prophet, proselyte, synagogue



January Birthdays

- 1 Jack Cooley
- 6 Zain Malik
- 8 Hannah Leibrand,
Dan Yates
- 10 Lois Hogue
- 11 Jesse Yates

Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: 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: Betty James; Cortland "Pop" Moore; Dot Fowler; Eddie & Pauline Fowler; Janet Magruder; Joe & Mary Yates; Linda Roberts; Margie Stream; Ollie Baumbaugh; Ralph Cooley; Rebecca Umstead; Susan Rice
Cancer patients: Billy Appleton, 18 months of remission; Jack Cooley, bone cancer; Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Kitty Cooley

Missions: Montgomery Baptist Association leaders Dr. Ron Blankenship and Rev. Michael Mattar; BCM/D Executive Director Tom Stolle and staff; NAMB and IMB missionaries; church planters in MD/DE; Grace Baptist Church in Davao City, Philippines; 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).*

Greek Terms in the Bible Scramble Answers

1. **M** (Luke 22:44); 2. **R** (Revelation 22:13); 3. **N** (I Corinthians 16:22); 4. **G** (Luke 2:13); 5. **L** (Luke 6:13); 6. **E** (I Timothy 3:1); 7. **Q** (Matthew 12:31); 8. **D** (John 1:41); 9. **O** (Philippians 1:1); 10. **H** (Mark 1:34); 11. **F** (I Thessalonians 5:27); 12. **C** (II Timothy 4:5); 13. **S** (Galatians 2:13); 14. **A** (Acts 22:20); 15. **K** (Revelation 1:8); 16. **T** (Matthew 13:34); 17. **B** (Matthew 16:18); 18. **I** (Matthew 21:26); 19. **P** (Matthew 23:15); 20. **J** (Acts 9:20).

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in December:

- The Church accepted the Finance Cmte.'s motion to approve its 2024 Budget proposal of \$209,952, down \$7,470 from the 2023 adjusted budget of \$217,422.
- The Church approved the membership application of Donna Belcher, who was baptized on Aug. 20.

Expected at the January Business Meeting:

- The Treasurer will submit his Annual Report on the 2023 fiscal year.
- The Pastor will appoint the Deacons to serve as the Select Committee on Auditing, which will review the 2023 finances and report at the March 2024 Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I think you're sitting in his place."



Pastor Danny thanked our Choir Director Nita Roff, Church Musician Jan Burdette, and Church Custodian Tina Appleton for their work throughout the year.

News You Can Use

Baptist Men's Day. Sunday, Jan. 28 will feature a church-wide breakfast prepared by the men at 8:30 am and a performance by the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir during the morning service.

Deacons' prayer meeting. After the monthly Baptist Men's meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Deacons will hold their annual prayer session, when they will pray over each person, family, and ministry of Barnesville Baptist Church to ask for God's provision, direction, and blessing for the coming year. If you would like the Deacons to pray for a specific issue, please contact Pastor Danny.

Birthday updates requested. The *Lantern* enjoys sharing members' and friends' birthdays with the Church family. Please help us keep our records current by contacting the Church office with any names and dates we may lack, especially if you started attending within the last year.



BBC donated 91 gifts to Spring Arbor seniors as well as Care Net mothers and babies for Christmas

Lottie Moon offering. Our 2023 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$2,000. To date, we have collected \$1,425 from individual offerings in addition to the \$1,000 church contribution. Together, we and sister SBC congregations are able to send out more than 3,600 International Mission Board missionaries to share the Gospel all over the world. Offerings will be collected

through January. Please pray about a sacrificial gift for foreign missions.

Christmas celebration. The BBC Choir performed its first post-COVID Christmas cantata on Dec. 18: "Mary, Did You Know"? The choir was led by Choir Director Nita Roff, with Jan Burdette on the piano. Choir members were:



Suzanne Neal, Megan McCall, Karen Hazzard, Gary Cooley, Ed Williams, David Bennett, Ann Bennett, and Linda Roberts. Luke Fedders provided audio-visual support and Lee Michael narrated. The Choir will not resume choir practices until Jan. 28.

Go paperless in 2024. BBC offers the *Lantern* in electronic (and in color)

format to those who would prefer such an option instead of a copy sent by mail. If you would like to receive a monthly email with a link to the *Lantern*, please send an email to our masthead address. Those who wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the *Lantern* will continue to receive one; no further action is required.



The Baptist Men gave gift bags to the BBC children for Christmas.

Christmas poinsettias. Flowers were donated to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season by the following in memory of loved ones: David & Ann Bennett (Carroll & Laura Bennett and Jean Noland); Gary & Jan Burdette (Bill & Helen Burdette and Bob & Margery Lillard); Jack & Kitty Cooley (Jack & Nellie Cooley and Carson & Dorothy Ward); Janet Magruder (Dick Magruder); Joe & Mary Yates (Lark & Ann Yates, Hazel Ward, and Bruce Benson); Luke & Lisa Fedders & family (Doug Cooley and John Michael Fedders); and Sherri Morrison (Bill Morrison and Bill & Mary Mossburg).

Candles. Advent wreath candles were lit throughout December to prepare us for Christmas. On Dec. 3, Ralph Cooley and Gary Cooley lit the candle for "Hope"; on Dec. 10, Joe & Mary Yates lit the "Peace" candle; on Dec. 17, Ian & Megan McCall and their family lit the candle for "Joy"; on Dec. 24, Tom & Nita Roff lit the "Love" candle; and during the Christmas Eve candlelight service, Pastor Danny & Cindy Moore lit the Christ candle, from which the congregation received its flames while singing "Silent Night".

