



# 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 I reflect on the past 9.5 years as your pastor, I find myself overwhelmed with joy, thanksgiving, and peace. God has opened His heart and has blessed and guided us as a church family here at BBC in so many ways that I would have never dreamed of. Cindy and I have been blessed to minister here at BBC because our lives have been touched with true love. We have been shown support and faith from you, our church family at BBC. I am stronger and better equipped as a pastor, and I am a better husband and father because of the love and faithfulness that you have shown to God and to Cindy and me. For all of that, we will always be grateful!

We have held hands together as loved ones have gone to be with the Lord. We have held hands as we have had some awesome fellowships of all kinds. We stood together as one family even through COVID. We have laughed and cried and stood amazed at God's handiwork together for over nine years. And I am so grateful that God called me here to grow with you and to have an opportunity to face good and sad times head on as a family.

Barnesville Baptist Church, we have witnessed so many lost people come to know Jesus and we have witnessed countless baptisms even in two different creeks (thank you, Roy & Maggie)! My granddaughter was baptized here at BBC. So, please let us not be sad, let's be grateful that God has placed us here for such a time as this.

BBC, you will always have a special place in Cindy's heart and in my heart. To God be the glory, great things He has done. Remember, we need each other to be all that God wants us to be!



God Bless,

Pastor Danny

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## Upcoming Events

- February 4** Deacons' Meeting
- February 7** Business Meeting
- February 13** Love Our Seniors Lunch
- February 14** Valentine's Day
- February 17** Baptist Men's Meeting
- February 19** Presidents' Day



*"Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you" (II Corinthians 13:11).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

When the Lord called Moses from the burning bush to a new chapter in his life of service and ministry, Moses was not excited about the prospect. For forty years Moses had tended the flock of Jethro in Midian, having fled from Egypt and given up his former life as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. But God was not through with Moses. Five times Moses gave the Lord reasons why He had selected the wrong person for the task of bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt. And five times, the Lord answered Moses.

Moses' first objection was that he was not important enough: "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh..." (Exodus 3:11)? Moses felt unqualified, no longer of royal status to be worthy of challenging the most powerful king in the world. But God said, "I will certainly be with you" (Exodus 3:12), promising Moses all the power and authority he would need.

Again, Moses protested, "what shall I say to them" (Exodus 3:13)? Moses felt he wasn't smart enough, not a well-trained theologian to teach Israel about God or lead the nation. But the Lord told Moses, "...Thus you shall say to the children of Israel..." (Exodus 3:14), giving Moses the first of many instructions and guidance.

A third time, Moses challenged God's plan of leading Israel, asking "...But suppose they will not believe me..." (Exodus 4:1). Moses wasn't brave enough to face God's challenge, but the Lord supplied Moses everything he needed. From turning Moses' rod into a serpent to granting him the ability to perform miraculous signs (Exodus 4:2-9), God empowered Moses to be His representative.

Moses' fourth excuse was that he was "not eloquent", slow of speech and tongue (Exodus 4:10). But God reminded Moses that He created his mouth and would give Moses the words to say before both Israel and Egypt (Exodus 4:11-12).

With all previous excuses exhausted, Moses finally admitted he just didn't want to obey the Lord: "...please send by the hand of whomever else You may send" (Exodus 4:13). It was at that point that the Lord got angry with Moses, and allowed his brother Aaron to serve as his mouthpiece (Exodus 4:14-17).

More often than not, God does not call the prepared, He prepares the called. From the Lord selecting the fearful Gideon and calling him a "mighty man of valor" (Judges 6:12), to Jesus tapping the turbulent apostle Simon Peter as His "rock" (Matthew 16:18), God has a habit of calling us, His children, from where we are and maturing us into the faithful servants He knows we can be. Through trials and tears, challenges and opportunities, God stretches and strengthens us to complete His perfect will. As a good Vinedresser, the Lord who loves us prunes us to bear Him even more fruit (John 15:1-10). Here in our new chapter of service to the Lord at Barnesville Baptist Church, each of us is being called to service and sacrifice. Our season of transition between our past blessing and the blessing the Lord has in store for us is a time to seek Him closer, pray more fervently, trust Him more faithfully, and obey Him more urgently. If the Lord lays on your heart a burden to participate, to share, or to serve, then now is the time to put up your hand, set aside any excuses, and follow the Lord's will for the next chapter of your life and our church.

## Jesus' Miracles Scramble

Can you match these 20 people/items and the miracle Jesus did for/through them? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Bartimaeus     | A. calmed with a word         |
| 2. Blind man      | B. healed on Sabbath          |
| 3. Catch of fish  | C. driven out of man          |
| 4. Centurion      | D. cast into swine            |
| 5. Demons         | E. severed ear restored       |
| 6. Evil spirit    | F. raised from dead           |
| 7. Fig tree       | G. found in fish's mouth      |
| 8. Gentile woman  | H. son raised from dead       |
| 9. Invalid        | I. paralyzed servant healed   |
| 10. Jairus        | J. served for breakfast       |
| 11. Lazarus       | K. healed on way to Jerusalem |
| 12. Malchus       | L. withered                   |
| 13. Official      | M. daughter restored to life  |
| 14. Peter         | N. son healed at Capernaum    |
| 15. Storm         | O. healed at Bethesda pool    |
| 16. Temple tax    | P. healed at Bethsaida        |
| 17. Ten lepers    | Q. turned into wine           |
| 18. Water         | R. mother-in-law healed       |
| 19. Widow of Nain | S. restored to sight          |
| 20. Withered hand | T. daughter exorcised         |

## Jesus' Miracles Word Search

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

Word Bank: Bartimaeus, blind man, catch of fish, centurion, demons, evil spirit, fig tree, Gentile woman, invalid, Jairus, Lazarus, Malchus, official, Peter, storm, temple tax, ten lepers, water, widow of Nain, withered hand

## February Birthdays

**3** Gary Cooley, Linda Roberts  
**7** Susan Mentzer, Michelle Vasko  
**10** Carole Kearse  
**12** Luke Fedders  
**20** Janet Magruder



## Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: Sharon Keeney, sister of Donna Belcher, stroke; Bob Runkles, health; 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; Shirley Yates; 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

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in January:*

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

*Expected at the February Business Meeting:*

- The Nominating Cmte. will recommend the following members to serve for the remainder of the 2022-2024 term: Ellen Williams as Children's Sunday School Teacher and Children's Church Coordinator on the Education Cmte., vice Cindy Moore, resigned; and Donna Belcher as Fellowship Coordinator on the Outreach Cmte., vice Cindy Moore, resigned.
- In light of the Pastor's resignation effective Jan. 31, 2024, a Pastor Search Committee will be formed. The Deacons, acting as a Nominating Cmte., will recommend the following members to serve: Deacons: Lee Michael; Education: Ellen Williams; Finance: David Bennett; Outreach: Donna Belcher; Internal Administration: Larry Michael; Worship: Luke Fedders; and Congregation: Jan Burdette.
- A motion from the Internal Administration Cmte. to reduce the Pastor budget line item by \$15,000 and establish a Pastoral Transition budget line item of \$15,000 will be offered.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Martha, quick, bring me my book on eschatology..."

## Jesus' Miracles Scramble Answers

1. **S** (Luke 18:35-43); 2. **P** (Mark 8:22-26); 3. **J** (John 21:4-11); 4. **I** (Luke 7:1-10); 5. **D** (Mark 5:1-20); 6. **C** (Mark 1:21-27); 7. **L** (Matthew 21:18-22); 8. **T** (Matthew 15:21-28); 9. **O** (John 5:1-15); 10. **M** (Luke 8:40-42, 49-56); 11. **F** (John 11:1-45); 12. **E** (Luke 22:50-51); 13. **N** (John 4:43-54); 14. **R** (Mark 1:29-31); 15. **A** (Matthew 8:23-27); 16. **G** (Matthew 17:24-27); 17. **K** (Luke 17:11-19); 18. **Q** (John 2:1-11); 19. **H** (Luke 7:11-17); 20. **B** (Mark 3:1-6).



## News You Can Use

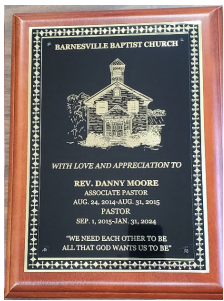
**Pastor steps down.** On Sunday, Jan. 14, Pastor Danny Moore announced his resignation effective Jan. 31, having accepted a call to First Baptist Church of Damascus. Pastor Danny first came to Barnesville as our associate pastor in Aug. 2014, advancing to the pastorate on Sep. 1, 2015 upon Pastor Randy Gilliam's retirement. Along with his wife, Cindy, Pastor Danny served the Lord and BBC faithfully for 9.5 years. In light of his



resignation, a Pastor Search Committee will be formed at the Feb. 4 business meeting. The committee will have seven members, one from each of the standing committees, the deacons, and the congregation. Please start praying for this time of transition. Danny & Cindy's new address as of Feb. 1 is: 8830 Damascus Rd., Damascus, MD 20872.

**Valentine's lunch.** The annual Love Our Seniors Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

Anyone 55+ years old is welcome to enjoy this time of fellowship and appreciation for the most senior of our church family. RSVPs for the ham meal are due to Nita Roff or Donna Belcher by Sunday, Feb. 4.



**February preaching schedule.** The following ministers will preach during the Sunday worship services this month: MBA Director of Missions Dr.

Ron Blankenship on Feb. 4, who will also lead us in serving communion; Dr. John Gauger from the BCM/D on Feb. 11 and 25, and Rev. Michael Thompson on Feb. 18. The BBC Deacons have scheduled speakers to fill the pulpit through Easter Sunday.

**Prayer session.** Pastor Danny Moore and Deacons David Bennett, Lee Michael, and Luke Fedders met on

Saturday, Jan. 20 for their annual prayer session. For over two hours, they prayed over each person, family, and ministry of Barnesville Baptist Church to ask for God's provision, direction, and blessing for the coming year. You too can pray for your church family throughout the year: use the weekly worship bulletin insert and the prayer concerns list on page 3 of this monthly newsletter to guide your requests and petitions before the Lord.



**Farewell service and luncheon.** BBC said goodbye to Pastor Danny & Cindy on Sunday, Jan. 28, with a special time of recognition and prayer



during the worship service, followed by a luncheon at St. Mary's Pavilion. A large audience of BBC members and friends were present for

Pastor Danny's final sermon as BBC's pastor, which was taken from *Ephesians 4:1-16*. Lee Michael presented a plaque to Danny & Cindy on behalf of the congregation, providing remarks based on *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*. David Bennett recounted Danny & Cindy's service at BBC, starting as a guest speaker, and then advancing to associate pastor, and finally, pastor. A time of prayer and laying-on of hands concluded the service. Those who



prayed over Danny & Cindy included former Pastor Randy & Sandy Gilliam, Roy Leibrand, Megan McCall, and David Bennett. At St. Mary's Pavilion, a traditional BBC meal of

Dickerson Market fried chicken plus a potluck assortment of side dishes and desserts was served. The Choir presented Danny with a framed picture signed by



the members. Thanks to Father Kevin O'Reilly for opening up the Pavilion to BBC, to Jan & Gary Burdette for taking the lead in arranging the festivities, and to Michelle Ennis and the Dickerson Market team for providing the meal, all on short notice.

**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.

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

**Baptist Men's Day.** The Baptist Men's Day, including the churchwide breakfast and MOB presentation, previously scheduled for Jan. 28, will now be held on Sunday, Mar. 10.