



# 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 Searchlight

As of June 15, the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) will review all the applications for pastor that have been received thus far. That does not mean that we will stop accepting applications nor will we necessarily select a candidate from those applications that have been received. It is a date where we move into the next phase of the search process. Even if we do find candidates of interest, there will be multiple rounds of additional interviews, seeking references, verifying credentials, and listening to sermons and Bible studies to review and consider. The PSC's goal at the end of the entire search process is to present one candidate, God's candidate, to the congregation for approval. First and foremost, we are waiting on the Lord's timing and praying for Him to lead us to the man of His choosing. *I Samuel 16:7* tells us "...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart".

In our Adult Sunday School class, we started a new study titled "Being an Authentic Church". Its message has an even deeper meaning and application for BBC as we are in the pastor search process. The first lesson is that an authentic church is built on Jesus Christ. That is what the church has been called to be and we need to continue to remind ourselves of that as we search for a pastor that shares that same desire. Please consider joining our Sunday School class.

At only five months in, we are still early in the search process. We are making good, steady progress, but we will take as long as needed to be confident that we have conducted a thorough and thoughtful search process so we can confidently recommend to the BBC membership the candidate that God has chosen for our next pastor.

The Deacons appreciate your continued prayer support for the pastor search process and for the continuing ministry of BBC.



God Bless,

David Bennett  
Chairman of Deacons

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## Upcoming Events

**June 2** Church Picnic  
**June 5** Business Meeting  
**June 14** Flag Day  
**June 15** Baptist Men's Meeting; Fishing at Neals' Pond  
**June 16** Father's Day  
**June 19** Juneteenth  
**June 22** Creek Baptism Service  
**June 24** Deacons' Meeting



*"And He said, 'Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed'" (Genesis 32:28).*

# The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

At BBC, our tradition has been to celebrate the Lord's Supper, or Communion, the first Sunday of each month. Jesus' final meal with his 12 apostles was the last time all of them fellowshiped together until after His resurrection. As part of our BBC celebration, the pastor most often recites *I Corinthians 11:23-26*, rather than one of the gospel accounts in *Matthew 26*, *Mark 14*, *Luke 22*, or *John 13*. What makes Paul's account of the event so interesting--and authoritative--is that he sources it not to any of the 12 apostles who were there with Jesus for the Last Supper, but rather to Christ Himself. *I Corinthians 11:23* reads, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you...". The Apostle Paul encountered the resurrected and ascended Christ on the road to Damascus (*Acts 9:5*), after which Paul received direct instruction from Christ about the gospel, to include a description of the Lord's Supper. "For I neither received [the gospel] from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (*Galatians 1:12*). Within Paul's account of the Lord's Supper are four key instructions for believers as they observe the ordinance: obey Christ's command, remember Christ's death, proclaim Christ's death until He comes, and examine one's life for unconfessed sin.

The first instruction about Communion is to practice it as an act of obedience to Christ. Recorded by all four Gospel writers as well as by Paul, Christ's command to regularly observe the practice was passed down from Him to His apostles, who passed it along to believers. Jesus gave instructions and explanations to the 12 as He went through the elements, describing what the bread meant and what the cup symbolized; we too today make it clear what we are doing and why we are doing it, just as we have been taught from Scripture.

The second instruction for the Lord's Supper is to use it as an opportunity to remember Christ's death--"do this in remembrance of Me" (*I Corinthians 11:24*). Especially for the 12 apostles, to recreate the last pre-crucifixion meal they shared with Jesus would be a power memory tool to recall that important event. Tasting and smelling the bread and the wine would help them remember that night. For future generations of Christians, chewing the bread and swallowing the juice gives us a very tangible means of participating in the ceremony that Jesus instituted for His disciples.

The third instruction for Communion is to use it as a public witness to the suffering and death of Christ for all to see each time we partake in it (*I Corinthians 11:26*). Just like baptism, communion is done in the open so that non-believers can understand what Christians believe and value. As we explain how the broken bread is like Jesus' pierced and bruised body that took on our sin, and how the grape juice symbolizes His blood that was poured out on the cross as a sacrifice, we are giving a gospel message. As Jesus said in *John 12:32*, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself". Our role as Christ's followers is to point others to Him, and regularly observing Communion is a Jesus-approved and recommended way of helping people know who Jesus is and what He did for them.

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# Biblical Name Meanings Scramble

Can you match these 20 names of people, locations, or titles from the Bible with their meanings? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Abraham      | A. son of encouragement  |
| 2. Babel        | B. teacher               |
| 3. Barnabas     | C. division              |
| 4. Cephas       | D. Dorcas                |
| 5. Elymas       | E. sorcerer              |
| 6. Gershom      | F. confusion             |
| 7. Golgotha     | G. God will hear         |
| 8. Ichabod      | H. God with us           |
| 9. Immanuel     | I. God contends          |
| 10. Ishmael     | J. appointed             |
| 11. Israel      | K. place of a skull      |
| 12. Jacob       | L. no glory              |
| 13. Melchizedek | M. supplanter            |
| 14. Messiah     | N. exile                 |
| 15. Noah        | O. rest                  |
| 16. Peleg       | P. king of righteousness |
| 17. Rabbi       | Q. father of many        |
| 18. Seth        | R. Sent                  |
| 19. Siloam      | S. Christ                |
| 20. Tabitha     | T. stone                 |

# Biblical Name Meanings Word Search

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L W R B L R N A B S Q A D P E K R
D T R R E Z H T B S J V O D Y Z T
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Word Bank: Abraham, Babel, Barnabas, Cephas, Elymas, Gershom, Golgotha, Ichabod, Immanuel, Ishmael, Israel, Jacob, Melchizedek, Messiah, Noah, Peleg, Rabbi, Seth, Siloam, Tabitha

## June Birthdays

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- 8 Lisa Fedders
- 9 David Bennett, Kaitlyn Cole
- 10 Noah Arthur, Gary Burdette
- 11 Jan Burdette
- 17 Donna Elgin
- 23 Bill Appleton
- 27 Danny Moore, Sandra Oden
- 29 Elsie Leibrand



## Prayer Concerns

Members: Karen Hazzard, broken wrist; Linda Roberts, in rehabilitation

Family and Friends: Morgan and Dade Pumphrey, Will Pumphrey's daughters; Marty Woods; the family of Margie Stream at her passing; 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 Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Barbara Swank; Cortland "Pop" Moore; Dot Fowler; Eddie & Pauline Fowler; Janet Magruder; Ollie Baumbaugh; Ralph Cooley; Shirley Yates; Susan Rice

Cancer patients: Nancy Wells, lung cancer; Jack Cooley, bone cancer; Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Kitty Cooley

Missions: MBA 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; 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).

## Biblical Name Meanings Scramble Answers

1. Q (Genesis 17:5); 2. F (Genesis 11:9); 3. A (Acts 4:36); 4. T (John 1:42); 5. E (Acts 13:8); 6. N (Exodus 2:22); 7. K (Mark 15:22); 8. L (1 Samuel 4:21); 9. H (Matthew 1:23); 10. G (Genesis 16:11); 11. I (Genesis 32:28); 12. M (Genesis 27:36); 13. P (Hebrews 7:2); 14. S (John 1:41); 15. O (Genesis 5:29); 16. C (Genesis 10:25); 17. B (John 1:38); 18. J (Genesis 4:25); 19. R (John 9:7); 20. D (Acts 9:36).

## Business Meeting Briefs

*Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in May:*

- No new motions were offered during the May 2024 business meeting.

*Expected at the June Business Meeting:*

- The Deacons will offer a motion to send a letter of membership transfer for Cindy Moore to First Baptist Church of Damascus.

## The Pew Perspective, continued

The fourth instruction for the Lord's Supper is to first examine one's life for unconfessed sin before participating. Paul's description of Communion came in the middle of a rebuke of the Corinthians for making the Lord's Supper a time of disorderly behavior, with factions among the members, drunkenness, and even the poor people receiving no food while the rich feasted. Paul reproved the Corinthians for their unchristian behavior: *"I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse"* (1 Corinthians 11:17). Paul called for them to examine themselves and correct their behavior before receiving divine judgment, as some Corinthians fell ill or even died for their disgraceful practices (1 Corinthians 11:30). It is interesting to note that during the first Lord's Supper, Judas Iscariot, who began implanting his plan to betray Jesus during the meal, soon died by his own hand not long after. The examples of what happened to Judas and to some of the Corinthians should impress upon us today the seriousness and importance of respecting one of Christ's ordinances for His Church and the necessity of treating it with holiness and reverence, to include preparing ourselves spiritually to participate with a good conscience before God.

## COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



## News You Can Use

*Margie Stream, 1922-2024.* We regret to announce the passing of our sister in Christ and BBC member Margie Stream on May 5 at age 101. Margie was at the time of her death our oldest member; she joined BBC in 1983. We extend sympathies to and prayers for Margie's daughter Darlene Umberger and the rest of the Stream family at this time. The funeral service, led by former pastor Danny Moore, and a fellowship meal were held at BBC on May 9.



*June preaching schedule.* The following ministers will preach during the Sunday worship services during the month of June: On Jun. 2, former BBC pastor Randy Gilliam will preach and serve communion; Dr. John Gauger will speak from the pulpit on Jun. 9; Rev. Mark Dooley, associate executive director of the BCM/D, will share a message from God's Word on Jun. 16; Pastor Randy Gilliam will return on Jun. 23; and Dr. Tim Bonner will preach on Jun. 30.



*Rev. Mark Adams  
preached on May 12*

*Creek baptism rescheduled.* Claude Belcher will be baptized in the creek at Roy Leibrand's home on Saturday, Jun. 22 at 10:00 am. Our former pastor Danny Moore will officiate. All BBC members are invited to attend the baptism in person. A video of the baptism will be recorded and played during the Sunday service at BBC on Jun. 23.

*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.* With several final gifts, BBC collected 101% of its 2024 goal of \$2,500 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Thanks to all who gave in support of equipping SBC missionaries to share the Gospel in North America.

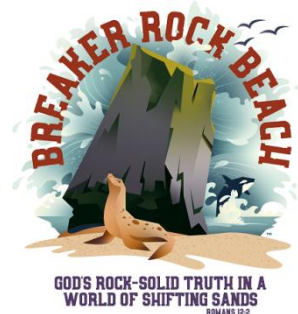


*Harper Ahalt sang  
"My Country 'Tis of  
Thee" for Memorial  
Day  
next chapter of life!*

*Kids' fishing trip.* The annual visit to the Neals' Pond (21511 Peach Tree Road) will be held on Saturday, Jun. 15 starting at 9:00 am. Bring your own fishing gear and bait.

*Prayer requests.* The worship bulletin is updated weekly with prayer requests for BBC members, family and friends, and other needs. Please contact 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 sent out on the BBC email list for more timely needs.

*VBS 2024 coming soon.* A final planning meeting for Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on Sunday, Jun. 9 in the Fellowship Hall after worship. This year's theme for our Jul. 8-12 VBS is "Breaker Rock Beach". Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Classroom set-up will be held after church on Sunday, Jul 7. Register online for classes at



[barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs](https://barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs).

Invite your friends, family, and neighborhood kids to join us. Classes are available from Pre-K to Adults. VBS is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. This year's VBS offering will again be sent to the King of Glory Church in Pakistan to buy school supplies for the children. Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as teachers and helpers in the areas of crafts, recreation, and snack. Please begin praying for this most important outreach event of the year.

*Choir update.* The Choir's summer hiatus will begin soon. If you would like to participate in the worship by singing, playing an instrument, or another talent, please contact Choir Director Nita Roff to sign up. Thanks to all who have been contributing to the Sunday service with their solos, duets, and other special music. On May 19, Wynne Roos (harp), Dave Roos (cello), and Joy Wilson (flute) performed "Ponderings for Pentecost".



*Church picnic.* Gather with us for our annual church picnic on the grounds on Sunday, Jun. 2 after the worship service. BBC is providing the main meal, drinks, and sides. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

*SBC annual meeting.* Over 10,000 Southern Baptist messengers are expected to gather in Indianapolis, IN on Jun. 9-12 for the 2024 annual meeting, where they will vote on resolutions, for convention leaders, address challenges before the SBC, and set the course of the convention for the next 12 months. Even though BBC is not sending messengers this year, there is much to pray about. You can follow along with news from the convention through the Baptist Press ([baptistpress.com](https://baptistpress.com)).



*Rev. Randy Gilliam  
preached on May 5*