



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

An expression often mistaken as a Bible verse is, "This too shall pass". While there are passages that back up such a sentiment, those words aren't in scripture. Not being in the Bible did not stop me from muttering them to myself following the snowstorm that hit us on Jan. 25. The amount of snow we received wasn't the problem. It was the freezing rain that turned it all into "snowcrete". It didn't help that frigid temperatures persisted for days, preventing any melting. While it seemed like there was no relief in sight, I knew that warmer days were ahead. I just needed to wait it out.

Waiting helps us practice patience. *Ecclesiastes 7:8* reads, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit". I admit, I am not the most patient person. I'm the one who prays, "God give me patience and give it to me now". I find myself most impatient when behind the wheel. I seem to constantly approach a traffic light just as it is about to turn red and I must sit through an entire light cycle. It doesn't matter how long I sit at the intersection, the light does eventually turn green, and I get to where I was going.

Waiting gives us something to look forward to. There are some people who have to know what the future holds. Rather than trusting God and taking one day at a time, they want to jump ahead and see what will happen. They spend a fortune on psychics, fortune tellers, tarot cards, and Ouija boards.

I like not knowing what the future holds. I like the excitement that comes with the anticipation of experiencing the results as they occur. I would rather "live in the moment" rather than be informed of the outcome. Not knowing the future allows me to put greater faith in God and His plan. I wouldn't need much faith if I knew every outcome. *Romans 8:28* reminds us, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose".

If you are like me and ready for warmer weather, all I can say is hang in there. Better days are ahead. I don't know when that will be but I believe that it will happen. Until then, stay warm, be safe, and trust in God.

God Bless,

Pastor Kevin



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Upcoming Events

- March 4** Business Meeting
- March 15** Baptist Men's Day Breakfast and Service
- March 17** St. Patrick's Day
- March 21** Baptist Men's Meeting, Spring Clean-Up Day
- March 23** Deacons' Meeting
- March 28** Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- March 29** Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata



"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest"
(Matthew 21:9).

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

A royal descendant of King David enters Jerusalem on a donkey. As he approaches the city, he is greeted with cheers and rejoicing by the people, who hail him as the newly arrived king. If this sounds like Jesus' triumphal entry, you are correct. But it's also an account of Solomon's installation as king. While many know that Jesus' Palm Sunday arrival in Jerusalem fulfilled the *Zechariah 9:9* prophecy about the king of Israel riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus also wanted the people celebrating Him to recall the story of *I Kings 1*.

King David was nearing the end of his life when he gave instructions for his son Solomon to be proclaimed the rightful king of Israel. In *I Kings 1:33*, Solomon's public inauguration as the second king of the Davidic dynasty is recorded: "*The king also said to them, 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon'*". Anyone who entered the hilltop city of Jerusalem in biblical times first had to descend into one of the surrounding valleys before ascending into the capital. "*Gihon*" in *v. 33* refers to the Gihon Spring at the bottom of the Kidron Valley on Jerusalem's east side. Thus Jesus, who descended from the Mount of Olives to enter into Jerusalem, would have taken the same path as Solomon from the bottom of the valley leading back up into the royal city.

Jesus' deliberate messaging did not go unnoticed by the people of first-century Jerusalem. They cried out "*...Hosanna to the Son of David!*" as they rejoiced at His arrival (*Matthew 21:9*). The people were well aware, from the two blind men in *Matthew 20:30* to the chief priests and scribes in *Matthew 21:15*, of Jesus' messianic and Davidic claims. Just a few of the parallels between David and Jesus include:

Both David and Jesus were anointed with the Holy Spirit. David received the Holy Spirit when the prophet Samuel anointed him as king: "*...and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward*" (*I Samuel 16:13*). When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, all four Gospels described how the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove. The Apostle Peter described Jesus' baptism in *Acts 10:38* as an anointing to begin His ministry: "*...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power*".

Both David and Jesus were shepherd-kings. David's subjects recalled his past as a caretaker of sheep in Bethlehem who rose to become king. "*...and the Lord said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel'*" (*II Samuel 5:2*). Jesus called Himself the "good shepherd" who provides for and guides His flock, even One who defends and sacrifices Himself for His sheep (*John 10:11, 14*).

Both David and Jesus were victors for God's people and conquerors over evil. David slew Israel's blasphemous enemy Goliath, fatally wounding him in his head and then taking his sword (*I Samuel 17:49-51*). Jesus through His resurrection defeated Satan, the adversary of God's people, fulfilling the *Genesis 3:15* prophecy of crushing the serpent's head. And just as David removed Goliath's sword from his body, Paul wrote that Jesus through His resurrection victory disarmed the wicked spiritual powers and authorities (*Colossians 2:15*).

Just as Jesus is the Second Adam (*Romans 5, I Corinthians 15*), He is also the Second David. As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us remember that He is our Redeemer and our King.

David the King Scramble

Can you match these 20 biblical characters from the life of King David with their descriptions? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 2.

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| 1. Abiathar | A. beautiful wife of Uriah sought by David |
| 2. Abigail | B. father of eight sons from Bethlehem |
| 3. Absalom | C. Saul's son, David's friend and ally |
| 4. Ahithophel | D. priest who fled to David's camp after Saul's attack at Nob |
| 5. Amnon | E. firstborn son of Jesse who didn't want David at Elah |
| 6. Bathsheba | F. Saul's kin who cursed David and threw stones at him |
| 7. Eliab | G. confronted David for his sins against Uriah and with Bathsheba |
| 8. Goliath | H. son of Bathsheba, king after David |
| 9. Jesse | I. husband of Bathsheba whom David had killed |
| 10. Joab | J. Saul's daughter who was David's first wife |
| 11. Jonathan | K. advisor who betrayed David for Absalom |
| 12. Michal | L. killed by Absalom to avenge sister Tamar |
| 13. Nathan | M. loyal priest throughout David's reign |
| 14. Samuel | N. David's daughter violated by Amnon |
| 15. Saul | O. prophet who anointed David as king |
| 16. Shimei | P. attempted a coup on his father David |
| 17. Solomon | Q. first king of Israel, jealous of David |
| 18. Tamar | R. wise wife of the foolish Nabal who insulted David |
| 19. Uriah the Hittite | S. uncircumcised Philistine who defied the armies of the Living God |
| 20. Zadok | T. army commander who slew Absalom |

David the King Word Search

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Word Bank: Abiathar, Abigail, Absalom, Ahithophel, Amnon, Bathsheba, Eliab, Goliath, Jesse, Joab, Jonathan, Michal, Nathan, Samuel, Saul, Shimei, Solomon, Tamar, Uriah the Hittite, Zadok

March Birthdays

- 3 Kirk Williams
- 8 Alannah O'Leary-Yates
- 14 Barbara Swank
- 23 Karen Hazzard



Prayer Concerns

Members: Linda Roberts, in the hospital; John & Joyce Dunn, staying in Idaho; Gary Cooley, health
Family and Friends: Melanie Blankenship, mobility; Allison Runkles, sister-in-law of Stephanie Runkles, dementia; Jody Reed, cousin of Janna Williams, for leg strength and walking capabilities; Morgan and Dade Pumphrey, Will Pumphrey's daughters; Joe Yates' niece Cyndi, for her eyesight; the Upper Montgomery Co. V.F.D.

Seniors: Barbara Swank; Bob Runkles; Cortland "Pop" Moore; Eddie & Pauline Fowler; Kitty Cooley; Mary Yates; Ralph Cooley; Shirley Yates

Cancer patients: Rev. Mike Trammell; Brenda Baker Windsor and Rhonda, friends of Mary Ann Luhn; Pat Luhn, breast cancer; Patti DeArcangelis, friend of Bill Williams; Bill & Elnora Caudell's niece, Brenda Malinowski, cancer

Missions: Dr. Ron Blankenship and MBA leaders; BCM/D Executive Director Tom Stolle and staff; NAMB and IMB missionaries; church planters in MD/DE; MBA-sponsored Nepalese church plant Christ Vision International Church in Rockville, MD

Business Meeting Briefs

Report from the Monthly Business Meeting in February:

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

Expected at the March Business Meeting:

- The Select Committee on Auditing will present its report on the 2025 finances.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Sorry about your visit last night pastor, but Hank is a bit sensitive on the subject of sin."

David the King Scramble Answers

1. **D** (I Samuel 22:20); 2. **R** (I Samuel 25:3); 3. **P** (II Samuel 15:14); 4. **K** (II Samuel 15:31); 5. **L** (II Samuel 13:28); 6. **A** (II Samuel 11:3); 7. **E** (I Samuel 17:28); 8. **S** (I Samuel 17:36); 9. **B** (I Samuel 17:12); 10. **T** (II Samuel 18:14); 11. **C** (I Samuel 18:1); 12. **J** (I Samuel 19:11); 13. **G** (II Samuel 12:7); 14. **O** (I Samuel 16:13); 15. **Q** (I Samuel 15:23); 16. **F** (II Samuel 16:5); 17. **H** (I Kings 1:28); 18. **N** (II Samuel 13:20); 19. **I** (II Samuel 12:9); 20. **M** (I Kings 1:32).



*"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).

News You Can Use

Easter services. Everyone is invited to worship with BBC, either in person or online, as we remember the crucifixion and death of our Lord on Good Friday (Apr. 3) and celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday (Apr. 5). Services and activities in the month of March start with an Easter Egg Hunt for children in 6th grade and younger on Saturday, Mar. 28 at 2:00 pm on the parsonage grounds—contact Children’s Ministry Coordinator Tina Appleton with any questions. On Palm Sunday, Mar. 29, the Choir will perform its Easter cantata, “Calvary’s Love”.

Baptist Men’s Day. Sunday, Mar. 15 will feature a church-wide breakfast at 8:30 am prepared and served by the men and a performance by the MOB: Men of Barnesville choir during the 10:45 am morning service. Their special selections will be “I’ll Fly Away”, “Victory in Jesus”, and “Trust and Obey”. The Baptist Men also hold a monthly breakfast meeting, which includes a time of Bible study and prayer. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Mar. 21 at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for this time of fellowship.

Men’s conference. Thirty-two men from the Baptist churches of Barnesville, Damascus, Hughesville, and Poolesville, and conference speakers, joined together at BBC on Saturday, Feb. 21 for the “Equipped to Serve” men’s



conference. The theme verse for the conference was *II Timothy 3:17*, “...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”. Rev. Jeremy Dickson (pictured, left) led the main sessions, speaking to the men from *John 13* about taking up our

towel, like Jesus did for His disciples before the Last Supper, to serve others with humility. The men then attended three of four break-out sessions on topics like using one’s spiritual gifts (Dr. Ron Blankenship); practical ways to serve one’s family, church, and community (Rev. Mark Dooley); men



challenging other men to grow in spiritual maturity and service (Rev. Fred Caudle); and how to develop and lead men’s ministry in the local church

(Rev. Jamie Caldwell). Danny Howe from Hughesville Baptist Church used his gospel bluegrass musical skills to lead in worship, with songs like “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” and “I Saw the Light”.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Did you know that three out of four people in the United States and Canada are lost and do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? The most effective and efficient way to reach the lost in North America is with SBC missionaries who spread the Gospel by establishing new churches and serving the needs of their communities. The 2026 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will bless

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the North American Mission Board’s more than 3,000 missionaries not

only with our prayers, but also our financial support. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help those missionaries make the greatest Kingdom impact. Through the month of April, we will be collecting offerings toward our 2026 goal of \$2,500; envelopes are available in each pew. The SBC-wide goal is \$80 million. Your prayerful generosity is much appreciated.



Thanks to Cris Driver, Isabel Cullins, Mary Yates, and Nita Roff for serving breakfast and lunch at the Feb. 21 men’s conference

Easter flowers.

Easter lilies may be purchased in

honor or memory of a loved one to decorate the sanctuary. Please contact Kitty Cooley (301-349-5119) for information on sizes and prices, and to place an order.

Church clean-up day. On Saturday, Mar. 21 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, to include cleaning surfaces, washing windows, weeding and mulching flower beds, and raking and cleaning the lawns.

Go paperless in 2026. 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.

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 to the church email address for more timely needs.