



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

I want to wish all of our dads a Happy Father's Day. I hope that as you celebrate your special day that you will be blessed in all that you do and is done for you. My wish for you is that you have possession of the remote control to the TV all day long. But then again, if you are like most dads, you already do!

I am grateful for all the godly fathers who represent our church and set the example for their children and young men who are growing in their faith. Being a head of household is no easy task. I am thankful for all the men who have served as role models for me as a young Christian.

I greatly admire the Old Testament prophet Samuel--not sinless, but he was as obedient in his walk with God as anyone recorded in scripture. His commitment to the Lord started as a young boy and stayed with him to the day he died. *"Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and also with man" (I Samuel 2:26).*

My desire is to mirror the reputation he possessed throughout his life. Nearing the end of his life, he said, *"Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you" (I Samuel 12:3).*

A great quality of Samuel was that he lived a transparent life. His testimony proved he wasn't motivated by greed or power. He wasn't concerned with "getting ahead" in this world. Samuel had nothing to hide and wasn't afraid of anyone digging into his past to prove otherwise.

I respect Samuel because he was a man of integrity. His number one priority was to please God. It hurt him deeply when the nation of Israel demanded a king (*I Samuel 8*). God told him not to take their demand personally, but Samuel grieved over his nation's rejection of God's leadership. We certainly need more men like Samuel today. The world needs men who can be trusted. Children need fathers who will be there for them. Wives need husbands who are faithful to their vows. Men, I pray that you are a man like Samuel.

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Upcoming Events

- June 3** Business Meeting
- June 7** Church Picnic
- June 14** Flag Day
- June 19** Juneteenth
- June 20** Baptist Men's Meeting
- June 21** Father's Day
- June 22** Deacons' Meeting



"So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him" (I Samuel 17:50).

God Bless,



Pastor Kevin

The Pew Perspective

Lee Michael

This column is part 2 from the May 2026 issue of the *Lantern*.

The Apostle Paul’s description of spiritual armor in *Ephesians 6* is a familiar passage of Scripture for many. While Paul would have had his ever-present Roman guard in mind as he penned those verses, he was also drawing on some specific Old Testament imagery to make his point to Christian believers. Paul’s spiritual armor imagery in *Ephesians 6* is found in a number of messianic passages in *Isaiah* and the *Psalms* that prophesy of a coming King who destroys evil, redeems His people, and rules the world in righteousness.

The second and fifth pieces of Paul’s armor are the breastplate of righteousness (*Ephesians 6:14*) and helmet of salvation (*Ephesians 6:17*), which both come straight out of *Isaiah 59*. That is another messianic chapter that describes a Redeemer who intercedes for a sinful world that cannot save itself from sin by bringing salvation. *V. 17* says that “...*He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak*”. The preceding verse, *v. 16*, says that the Lord looked and saw there was no one who could intercede, so He had to bring His own salvation and His own righteousness. The breastplate and the helmet cover and protect the most vital parts of the body, the head and chest. When they are injured, a person can die. *Isaiah 59* is about a victory only God could achieve. We can only attain righteousness and salvation through God, so to wear the breastplate and helmet is to take on and accept His power and protection.

The third piece of armor, the footwear, is found in *Ephesians 6:15*: “...*shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...*”. Similar language is found in *Isaiah 52*, a chapter about rejoicing in the Lord’s redemption and blessing for those who have received His salvation and comfort. *V. 7* reads, “*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace...Who proclaims salvation...*”. As God’s redeemed people, we experience inner peace, even in a world full of trouble and turmoil, because we are made whole and are no longer have enmity with God. We can have joy and contentment because our eternal security is fixed with Jesus.

The fourth piece of armor is the “*shield of faith*” (*Ephesians 6:16*) that allows us to “*quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one*”. Both elements, the shield and spiritual attacks, are found in *Psalms 91*, which states, “*His truth shall be your shield and buckler [a type of small shield]*” (*v. 4*), which defend against spiritual forces of evil described as night terrors, arrows, pestilence, and destruction (*Psalms 91:5-6*). The connection between *Psalms 91* and shielding against spiritual attack is more obvious when we recall that Satan quoted *Psalms 91:11-12* in

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Warriors in the Bible Scramble

Can you match these 20 warriors from the Bible with their description? Answers are on the bottom of page 3, column 1.

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| 1. Abraham | A. king who strengthened the army, built inventions for defense |
| 2. Adino | B. Zealot that Jesus called as an apostle |
| 3. Asahel | C. rescued nephew Lot from raiders |
| 4. Barak | D. defeated the Ammonites |
| 5. Benaiah | E. halted a plague by fighting against idolaters |
| 6. Caleb | F. first warrior named in Bible |
| 7. Eleazar | G. defeated Sisera at Mount Tabor |
| 8. Jehoshaphat | H. killed the family of evil King Ahab |
| 9. Jehu | I. one of the 12 who spied out Canaan |
| 10. Jephthah | J. attacked a Philistine garrison |
| 11. Jonathan | K. fast as a wild gazelle |
| 12. Joshua | L. fought Philistines until his hand froze to his sword |
| 13. Naaman | M. Assyrian commander with leprosy |
| 14. Nimrod | N. defeated the Philistines in a field of lentils |
| 15. Phinehas | O. conquered all the cities of Judah but Jerusalem |
| 16. Sennacherib | P. led the battle of Jericho |
| 17. Shammah | Q. killed a lion in a pit, a giant Egyptian, and Moabite champions |
| 18. Simon | R. Hittite known for loyalty and bravery |
| 19. Uriah | S. king of Judah who defeated neighboring countries |
| 20. Uzziah | T. fought against 800 enemies at one time |

Warriors in the Bible Word Search

N A M A A N J N I M R O D B D N
 Y B J M R N R O U Z Z I A H O L
 M B I E G G R Q S T A R X M N T
 N G E R H X K D M H A D I K J N
 B B T L E U L Z Z K U S I H N J
 T A H P A H S O H E J A A N O T
 M B U W G C C S R M N H L N O Y
 N R N R D N A A Y L T K A D Q L
 P A Z Z I H Z X N H B T J B W L
 Y H Y L E A V S P N H N E L E J
 L A N N E L H E H A E N R H Y W
 L M I L N D J R N A A S A B L J
 K H E Y D J V J Q I M S W D K W
 P L D L Q P K D A T A M Q P N N
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Word Bank: Abraham, Adino, Asahel, Barak, Benaiah, Caleb, Eleazar, Jehoshaphat, Jehu, Jephthah, Jonathan, Joshua, Naaman, Nimrod, Phinehas, Sennacherib, Shammah, Simon, Uriah, Uzziah

June Birthdays

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- 8 Lisa Fedders
- 9 David Bennett
- 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: John & Joyce Dunn, staying in Idaho; Gary Cooley, health

Family and Friends: Jerry Neal, heart health; Jonathan Chandan's father Dennis, recovering from heart surgery, 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; 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 May:

- No new motions were offered during the May 2026 Business Meeting.

Expected at the June Business Meeting:

- As of press time, there were no motions ready for action by the Church at the June 2026 Business Meeting.

COTCD Cartoon

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



The Pew Perspective, continued

Matthew 4:6 as He tempted Jesus. Just as Jesus trusted in God's Word to defend Himself, we can find protection as strong as a shield when we put our trust and reliance upon Jesus, who resisted Satan's temptation then and has defeated him for eternity.

The sixth item is the "...sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..." (*Ephesians 6:16*), the only offensive weapon mentioned in the list. Again, Paul calls on a messianic prophecy for his imagery. In *Isaiah 49:2*, the Lord's Servant, the Redeemer of Israel and Light to the Gentiles, is described as having "...a mouth like a sharp sword...". The sword is a weapon of judgment and discernment, purifying the righteous and condemning the wicked. We know from *John 1* that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. In *Hebrews 4:12*, "the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword"; in *Revelation 1:16*, Christ as the Alpha and Omega will judge the world with "a sharp two-edged sword" coming out of His mouth. We can rely upon God's Word as our standard of truth and righteousness. His promises of salvation and eternal life are found in His Word.



*"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*).

Warriors in the Bible Scramble Answers

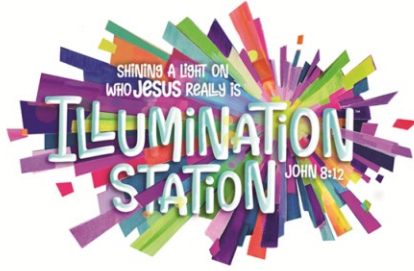
1. C (*Genesis 14:1-17*); 2. T (*II Samuel 23:8*); 3. K (*II Samuel 2:18*); 4. G (*Judges 5*); 5. Q (*II Samuel 23:20-21*); 6. I (*Joshua 14*); 7. L (*II Samuel 23:9-10*); 8. S (*II Chronicles 20*); 9. H (*II Kings 9*); 10. D (*Judges 11*); 11. J (*I Samuel 14*); 12. P (*Joshua 6*); 13. M (*II Kings 5:1*); 14. F (*Genesis 10:8-9*); 15. E (*Numbers 25:7-8*); 16. O (*II Kings 18-19*); 17. N (*II Samuel 23:11-12*); 18. B (*Luke 6:15*); 19. R (*II Samuel 11*); 20. A (*II Chronicles 26:6-15*).

News You Can Use

VBS 2026 coming soon. This year's theme for our Jul. 13-17 Vacation Bible School is

"Illumination Station", based on *John 8:12*. While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He

really is. During VBS, kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals. Classroom set-up will be held after the worship service on Sunday, Jul. 12, with lunch provided. Invite your friends, family, and neighborhood kids to join us for VBS from 6:30 to 8:30 pm each weeknight. Classes are available from Pre-K to 6th Grade, and Adults. Register online at barnesvillebaptist.org/vbs. VBS is arguably our church's most important annual outreach activity; please join us in serving the Lord and building His Kingdom. 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.



Church picnic. Gather with us for our annual church picnic on the grounds on Sunday, Jun. 7 after the worship service. BBC is providing the main meal (Mission BBQ) and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. In the event of rain, we will use the Fellowship Hall. RSVP your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Spring training. Ten BBC members participated in the Montgomery Baptist Association's "Spring Training Conference" on May 18 at First Baptist Church of



Rockville. A number of classes on topics like discovering and using your spiritual gifts, developing a seniors' ministry, using AI in ministry, church budgeting best practices, AWANA ministry, and witnessing for Jesus from the Old Testament. were enjoyed by all. Lee Michael taught the class on budgeting. As one of the top-attending church groups, BBC received a gift from the MBA for our ministry needs.

Choir update. The Choir's summer hiatus will begin Jun. 7.

If you would like to participate in a summer worship service by singing, playing an instrument, or with another talent, please contact Choir Director Nita Roff to sign up. Thanks to all who have been contributing to the Sunday services with their solos, duets, and other special music.



Pastor Kevin Cullins and Deacons Luke Fedders, David Bennett, and Lee Michael served communion on Sunday, May 3.

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.



Karen Hazzard sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in honor of Memorial Day on Sunday, May 24.

Charleses back in concert. Winston & Bernadette Charles, who last worshipped with us in June 2025, will be singing again during the morning worship service on Sunday, Jul. 5 as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. The Charleses are members of the National Christian Choir.

Midweek Bible studies. If you would like to learn more about the establishment of the early Christian Church and how the first Christians followed and worshiped Jesus in the first century A.D., Pastor Kevin Cullins has just started a study on the New Testament book of Acts on Wednesday nights at 7:00. Now is a great time to join this Bible study and prayer service. Don't forget that you can also participate in the Thursday morning prayer meeting and Bible study, held at 10:00.



Jan Burdette played "It Is Well With My Soul" in memory of Cortland "Pop" Moore on Sunday, May 17.