

Barry Good News!

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Join us for Sunday Worship!

8:30 - First Worship Service

9:45 am - Sundays School classes
for children and adults

11:00 - Second Worship Service

Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 pm



*Barry Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
since 1840*



Honor God, Seek Christ, Serve Others Together

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Ponderings of Patience

Transformed by the Resurrected Christ

During this season called “Eastertide”, which began on Easter Sunday and continues through the week just before Pentecost, we have been exploring how the appearances of Christ in his resurrected form, actually transformed his followers.

The first two Sundays of Eastertide, we saw how Jesus sought after two of his followers who were estranged from him at the time of his crucifixion and how the appearances of the resurrected Christ transformed their lives. The elder half-brother of Jesus named, James; was transformed from a skeptic to a devout believer who was, at the end of his life, willing to become a martyr for the Christian faith. The Apostle, Simon Peter, who had denied being a follower of Jesus, was not only reconciled to Christ, but he was empowered to become the chief shepherd of the church.

Last Sunday, as we explored Luke’s account of the Resurrection, we saw that the Disciples initially rejected the women’s testimony that Christ had risen, saying their words were “nonsense”. This reflected the men’s bias of their time in which women’s testimony was discounted, not believed and was not even considered admissible

in the courts of law. But we discovered that the status of women was indeed elevated, as the angelic messengers of God and even Jesus himself, chose to first share the news of the resurrection to the faithful women followers rather than to the eleven disciples or the other male followers.

As we read through all of the various resurrection accounts that are mentioned in the four gospels, we realize that there were many variances in these accounts. Many people, through the centuries, have tried to use the discrepancies between the accounts as a means to discount the truth of Christ’s resurrection. But as an account of any particular event is shared, there are often variations in the details, based upon what was seen by whom and when. Read any two newspaper articles about a current event and you will see this to be true. But the most important fact that we in the western world don’t really appreciate about the culture of the Biblical times is simply this: the authors of the gospels were not trying to give an accurate moment-by-moment accounting of the whereabouts and events of Christ during the forty days from Easter Sunday morning through his Ascension. The intention of the gospel stories and testimonies served only one main purpose. That purpose was for the stories to inspire others to become believers based on the character and

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life experienced in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. The writer of the Gospel of John made this point very clear when he wrote in John 20:30-31: *In the disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book, [31] But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that though your faith in him, you may have life.*

Thus, as you and I reflect upon the stories of Christ sharing his resurrected appearance with his followers, we are not challenged with the task of trying to nit-pick their validity. As people seeking to be drawn into a deeper relationship with our loving God, we are challenged to believe that in these stories, Christ has a genuine desire to convey his love and to empower people by the miraculous saving renewal made possible by God's great grace.

So, as the Season of Eastertide begins to come to a close, the real question for you and me is simply this: Are we willing to allow ourselves to be transformed by our experience with the risen Christ, as were his followers centuries ago? Are we transformed from skeptics into firm believers as was James? Are we empowered to be church leaders as were James and Simon Peter? Do we embrace Christ's great desire for equality as he elevated the status of women in his own time? Indeed, are we transformed by the risen Christ? For transformation is really the great power of the resurrected Christ!

Pastor Dennis

The Men's Gathering at Barry Presents For Ladies of All Ages
from Barry Christian Church

A Mother's Day Thank You Brunch

When: May 5th 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Menu: Quiche ... Sweet Rolls ... Fresh Fruit and a Rose for each lady.

Please plan to attend and let us say Thank You in Person!



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday, May 4th

9:30 am—1:30 pm

Barry Christian Church

1500 NW Barry Road

Kansas City, MO 64155

The **MAY POTLUCK** is scheduled for

Sunday, May 6th and will be at
NOON right after second service
in the Fellowship Hall. It will be
hosted by the Koinonia Class.

Please plan to stay and bring a dish to share.
This is a great way to get to know others in
the church family!



**The May Board Meeting will be on Sunday, May
6th in the Upper Room after the Noon potluck.**

Ladies Spring Tea

Although the weather could have been more springlike, the atmosphere in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 14, was one of wonder, laughs, hugs, and delicious foods and teas! Nearly 120 women attended the Barry Christian Church Ladies Spring Tea at which they sampled a variety of tea sandwiches, chicken bruschetta, plum bread, scones, cookies and much, much more. Two flavors of hot tea were served: Snowflake (coconut-almond blend) and a decaf of Raspberry-Vanilla Rooibos, with both teas receiving glowing reports. Many thanks goes to Anna Marie's Tea Shop in Liberty for having a fine selection of teas for purchase and for their generosity in providing samples of their teas for each attendee to take home.



Beth Armstrong, a Northland author and speaker, gave a very interesting and inspiring talk centering around the scriptural theme of the Tea, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34.8. She brought the scripture to life and explained how King David not only thirsted for God, he CRAVED God. She was successful in explaining how we can and should make room in our lives so that we can desire, crave, and hunger more for God, allowing him to be a larger part and the main focus of our daily lives.

Several ladies hosted their own table and it was fun to see the various ways in which they decorated their tables. They were beautiful! Teapots of all shapes, sizes, and designs were donated for use. It was fun and interesting to hear the stories and history behind many of the teapots. Countless thanks goes to the ladies who worked hard - yet admitted it was fun! - in planning the tea, making 120+ teacup magnet favors, preparing the food, serving the food and drink, and cleaning up afterwards. Thankful hugs go to Barbara Mayberry, Lana Whitton, Cathy Gorman, Kathy Connell, Sonja George, Susan Cox, Gayle Gentry, Jennifer Marsh, Debbie Davidson, Joyce Palmer and many others (too many to list!). If the Tea was deemed as a success and enjoyable event, it was all due to the volunteers who provided innumerable hours of work, food, service, teapots, serving platters, and decor. Thank you! ~ Joy Myers ~



*"As we lift our hearts in prayer,
dear Lord, may we receive all
the benefits of your grace..."*

In our thoughts and prayers

Ida Ragan
Roger Blakley
JoEllen Foreman
Peggy Treece
Jerry Treece
Emilie Boswell
Sheila Killion
John Hoke
Betty Sillin
Freddie Nichols
Lois Rapp
Rosemary Barnes



Our congratulations are extended to the family of Mike and Lianne Zuber as their son, Mikala Johoku John Jefferson Zuber will be graduating from Missouri Western State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing on May 5th. He will be working at Liberty Hospital in the Progressive Care Unit.



The Zubers are also celebrating their daughter, Xoe Anne Yukukomai Zuber, who will be graduating from Oak Park High School on May 11th and will be attending Truman State University majoring in Philosophy & Political Science or Justice Systems.

Attendance

Sunday April 1

1st service - 110
2nd service - ?
Total - ?
Sunday School - 73

Sunday April 8

1st service - 51
2nd service - 87
Total - 138
Sunday School - 67

Sunday April 15

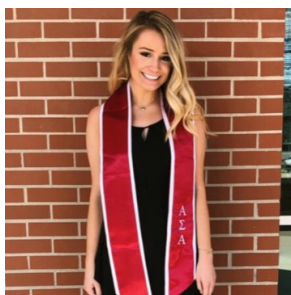
1st service - 59
2nd service - 86
Total - 145
Sunday School - 68

Sunday April 22

1st service - 59
2nd service - 95
Total - 154
Sunday School - 62

Congratulations to Finn Ralston who is graduating from the High School Alternative program on May 14th. Finn's parents are Chris and Angela Ralston and grandmother is Ruth Ann Solomon.

Skyler Nicole Clark, daughter of Paul and Tosha Clark and granddaughter of Ken and Saralyn McFarland, will graduate from Staley High School with a Gold Medallion Honors Diploma. She is on the honor roll, in the National Honor Society, and is an AP Scholar with distinction. She is also a member of the International Thespian Society. Her activities include Scholar Bowl, Science Olympiad, President of the Creative Writing club, and membership in the National Beta Club. Skyler will attend the University of Illinois as a James Scholar.



Alexandria Weekley (Allie) is graduating from Northwest Missouri State University on April 28, 2018 with a Bachelors of Science in Business Marketing. Allie is a member of the honor society and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She will be pursuing a career in Marketing in the Kansas City area.

Jaycee Simpson, who is the daughter of Teresa and Eric Simpson and granddaughter of Dave and Rita Dyer, will be graduating from Oak Park High School on May 11th. She plans to attend Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City with her A+ Scholarship.





Kristin Dyer will be graduating from Missouri State University with a B.S. in Entertainment Management. She has been involved on campus during her time there by being a member of the Entertainment Management Association, and holding executive positions with her sorority. After graduation she will be staying in Springfield where she will work at The Resource Center as a creative director. She hopes to move to New York City within the next couple of years and looks forward to starting her life post graduation.

Cole Dyer, grandson of Dave and Rita Dyer, graduates from Staley High School. He will attend Penn Valley Community College for EMT training.

Cassidy Adams, daughter of Jay and Brenda Adams and granddaughter of John & Mary Jane Adams will graduate from Smithville High School on May 20th. She will be studying nursing at Park University in Parkville, Missouri



Mary, Mary, how does your garden grow? A lot better for 20 fellows who came together on April 19th for a great meal and conversation. Many thanks to John Adams for inviting Clint Baxter of Green Seasons Lawn for an informative talk. Also, thanks to John Adams and Dave Dyer for preparing the Chicken Pot Pie ... They slaved over a hot stove for hours.

Our next Gathering will be May 17th at 6:30 pm. Pizza is on the menu. Hope to see you there!

MEN OF FAITH

Our group from Barry Christian Church thoroughly enjoyed the performance of "Men of Faith" that included our own Andrew Schmidt and Lenora Remmert on Saturday, April 21st. What beautiful music and what a great group that was able to attend.



Church Parsonage and Flowerbed Clean-up Day **Saturday, May 12th from 8:30 a.m. to about Noon**

On Saturday, May 12th from 8:30 a.m. until about 12:00 noon, please join us in a morning of clean-up around the church property.

The first priority will be to clear out the basement of the parsonage. Then we will proceed with an over-all clean up the parsonage, including the kitchen and appliances, counters, bathrooms, floors, windows, etc. Bringing extra cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, etc., would be most beneficial, as we are striving to get the parsonage in good order for presentation so we can seek out another custodian.

Additionally, with the coming of the Spring season, the flowerbeds surrounding the church property need some cleaning up. Rakes, hoes, spades, shears and similar gardening tools would be a significant benefit.

Mark your calendars and plan to help us on Cleaning Day, Saturday, May 12th beginning at 8:30 a.m. If we have lots of help, the tasks shouldn't take a lot of time and everyone's help is appreciated!

OFFICE HOURS DURING MAY

Carol Studebaker will be taking some vacation time during the month of May on the 11th & the 23rd through 25th. During these dates the church office will be covered by Kathie Connell. On Wednesday and Thursday the hours will be 9am–3:30pm. On Fridays the hours will be 9:00am – 2:00 pm. Thanks to Kathie for her assistance in Carol's absence and her servant heart!



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.



Our sympathy to the family of David Booth, who passed away early on Friday, April 6th at the VA hospital in Cameron, MO. David, who normally attended the 8:30 service, had been a member of Barry Christian Church since 1970. His memorial service was held on Saturday, April 14th at White Chapel Funeral Home with interment at the White Chapel Mausoleum.

Dinner Out

The Koinonia Dinner Out - Monday, May 21st, 2018 will be at Smokin' Guns BBQ, 1218 Swift Street, North Kansas City, Mo 64116. Meet there at 6:30 pm.

The Koinonia Sunday School Class invites you to join them on this fun outing. It is a great way to meet people from church.



Next Newsletter Deadline – Monday, May 21st – Noon

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, June 3, 2018

4:00 pm at Barry Christian Church property



Each year we hold an all church picnic at Barry Park. Hot dogs, buns, drinks & service ware will be provided. Bring a side dish to share & lawn chairs. There will be games for kids & adults as well as an opportunity to relax & enjoy conversation.

The Hospitality Committee

will be meeting at 10 am on Tuesday, May 8th in the Library to plan for upcoming church events including the Father's Appreciation Breakfast. If you are part of this committee, please plan to attend!



Father's Appreciation Breakfast Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 9:00 am Barry Fellowship Hall

The **Hand & Foot Club** meets on the second Tuesday of the month, which for May will be on May 8th at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a lively game of Hand & Foot in the Fellowship Hall.



The Hospitality Committee is hosting this breakfast to honor the fathers here at Barry Church. Please RSVP to Barbara Mayberry at 912-2027 by Sunday, June 3rd to let them know how much to cook!

Vacation Bible School—July 23—27, 9am to noon

VBS is always an exciting time for kids and adults! This year's theme is "Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus," where we will explore how God is always with us, will always love us, and how we were made for a reason. Our days will be filled with music, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and games—that's a lot of fun packed into 3 hours a day!

We can't do VBS without lots of help! We need folks to help prepare and serve snacks in the kitchen, help the kids create arts and crafts, lead indoor/outdoor games, participate in lively worship music, and be group leaders. We will provide all the materials you need--you only need to bring yourself, a heart for children, and a heart for Jesus. A sense of humor is always helpful, and a small amount of patience. We will have signup sheets on the foyer table in the next few months--please consider ministering to our children in this very meaningful way. Yes you will leave tired. But it will be a good kind of tired. And the rewards are priceless.

We would love to see all of our children, and all of their friends and families! VBS is open to all children of Barry and the surrounding community.





Those Serving in May 2018:

8:30 am

Elders –Jill McCumby, Arleta White

Deacons - Kathleen Cornwell, Kathryn Banks
Grace Miller, Steven Miller (Communion Prep)

11:00 am

Elders - Wanda Eacret, Anna Eacret (Communion to Hospitalized)

Deacons - Jake Otto, Mari Daniels
Jessica Eacret, Michelle Eacret
(Communion Clean Up)

**Sign up on
Sunday Mornings
or call Carol at
436-0462 to be:
Readers, Acolytes,
Greeters and to
do the Children's
Sermon.**

Children's Sermon

8:30 - _____

11:00 - _____

Acolytes

8:30 - **SIGN UP**

11:00 - **SIGN UP**

Scripture Readers

8:30 - Ted Gorman

11:00 - Phil Myers

Greeters

8:30 - Ted & Cathy Gorman

11:00 - _____



Happy Birthday to you!

Leta Pukay - 04

Jake Dyer - 05

Joe Dyer - 05

Dave Haynes - 05

Erin Albach - 06

Don Scott - 08

Elyse Payne - 09

Andy Sawyer -09

Bonnie Wisdom - 13

Taryn Clark - 16

Curt Roller - 16

Joe Weekley - 18

Alex Sawyer - 19

Becky Brown - 21

Grace Kemerling - 22

Phyllis Frentrop - 24

Georgia Butler - 28

If you have a **May** birthday or know of someone from Barry who does and is not on this list, please let me know so I can be sure to include them. Call Carol in the church office at 436-0462 or email her at office@barrychristianchurch.com

THANK YOU

Emilie Boswell would like to "Thank you for all your prayers and goodies while I am recovering. Continue to pray for me and others during this time. I pray that all of you enjoy good health and all may go well with you. Hugs to all."

Dear church family,

Our son, Mateo's, dedication was held on Palm Sunday and we want to thank Pastor Dennis for a beautiful service and the children's Bible, thank you for the gorgeous rose that was presented to us, and thank those that were there to welcome him to the church community in person. Our families went on and on about the kind and friendly people in the church and how lovely the service was. We are so blessed to know that Mateo will grow up in a loving, supportive environment while learning about the teachings of Jesus. Thank you again for being the best church family ever! Love, **Ren, Katie, and Mateo**

Dear CWF Ladies,

Thank you so much for the cute Easter basket of goodies while I was recovering from surgery. I enjoyed the visit as well. I'm glad to be well & back to work. Again, thanks for the love & prayers! **Kathy Archer**

Dear CWF Circles,

Thanks for the lovely Easter basket that Luella delivered to me all the way to Smithville. You are a special group of ladies. I appreciated it so much! God Bless!

Love, **Marge Turner**

We want to thank you for being there this last year just knowing we had good friends really helped us to get through this last year. Roger is doing really good and we feel we will be able to return to church in the near future.

Roger & Barbara Blakley

Dear Friends!

Thanks to all of you for your care & concern regarding my fall at the movie theater on April 7th. So many calls and cards and I appreciate every one of them. May God Bless all of you for your care and concern.

Leta Pukay



Is your giving to the support of Barry Christian Church up to date?



The month of April had 5 Sundays.

Financial Update

Expected Expenses for May General Fund: \$21,713

Funds received April 1: \$5,883

Funds received April 8: \$4,953

Funds received April 15: \$2,753

Funds received April 22: \$3,079

April Total so far : \$16,668

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Return Service Requested



Church Calendar for upcoming weeks

Wednesday May 2

6:00 pm — Bible Study
7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Friday May 4

9:30 am — Church Women United May Friendship Day

Saturday May 5

8:00 am—11:00 am —Breakfast for Women of the Church
hosted by Gathering of Men

Sunday May 6

8:30 am -- Worship
9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes
11:00 am -- Worship
Noon — Potluck in Fellowship Hall hosted by Koinonia Class
After Potluck — Board Meeting in Upper Room

Monday May 7

6:30 pm — Cub Scouts Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday May 8

10:00 am — Hospitality Committee Meeting in Library
1:00 pm — Hand & Foot Club in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday May 9

6:00 pm — Bible Study
7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday May 10

6:30—Daisy Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Saturday May 12

8:30 am—Noon —Parsonage & Flowerbed Cleanup
10:00 am—Noon — Girl Scouts use Nursery

Sunday May 13 MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 am -- Worship
9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes
11:00 am -- Worship

Monday May 14

5:30 pm — Girl Scouts Meeting

Wednesday May 16

6:00 pm — Bible Study
7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday May 17

10:00 am — CWF Hanomi Circle Group Meeting
6:30—8:00 pm —Men's Fellowship Supper in Fellowship
7:00 pm — CWF Esther Circle Group Meeting

Friday May 18

6:30 pm—8:30 pm — Piano Recital in Sanctuary

Saturday May 19

5:00 pm—9:00 pm —Fellowship Hall in Use



DIAPERS FOR MICAH MINISTRIES

April – May – June Service Project

Greater KC Region Disciples Women's Ministry

We will be collecting diapers for Micah Ministries, an ecumenical outreach to the urban poor in the greater Kansas City metro area. Each Monday, beginning at 5:30 pm, Micah Ministries provides a supper. Volunteers go to the tables where guests are eating to provide needed items such as hygiene kits, blankets and/or clothing orders. Diapers of all sizes for their youngest guests are always needed. Please talk to Ardith Haynes for more details.