

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

Great Warmth

Well, it looks like the month of January is going to result in a rather long cold spell, as snow from weeks ago keeps the ground white and the colder temperatures keep many people indoors and many at home.

Considering this wintry spell, one wonders, "When are we really going to feel warm?" Maybe not until the Spring season, for let's face facts - forced air heat, which most of us endure in our homes and businesses, may be convenient and take less work and cost to maintain, but it pales in comparison to the warmth one feels with radiant heat.

As I often still feel chilled, even while bundled up, with our forced air furnace churning away, my mind wanders back to the few times I've been privileged to warm up to a great fire in one of the grand log lodges of the upper northwest - that's the forested regions of the Oregon and Washington States.

Many of which were constructed during the WPA project days.

The river rock hearths are massive and the chimneys tower to the roof's peak several stories above one's head. And while the snow covers the ground and the wind howls outside, there are grand leather chairs in which to sit while one cozies up to the warmth of radiant heat while nestled in a comforter and quietly reading one's favorite book.

The fireplaces in these northwestern lodges are nothing like the puny gas-fired fireplaces in our homes that emit flaming light and little to no heat. Instead, these log-burning lodge fires snap, crackle and pop with a ferocity and intensity that warms the massive room for several yards and even emits enough light to illuminate the book one is reading.

On these bitterly cold and gloomy days, I realize why my mind's eye often wanders

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back to these places of which I've only had the privilege to visit in winter on very few occasions. It was then, that I really felt - really warm! Comforted! And at peace, despite the harsh conditions one viewed outside the massive picture windows!

There is only one place in Kansas City that Carrie and I have found that begins to emulate the fiery hearths of those log lodges, and that's the wood burning fireplace at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Arrive really early on a cold, blustery morning if you want to enjoy a hearty breakfast near the fireplace and enjoy the waves of heat that waft by while you watch the flames dance before you with each subsequent sip of your coffee! You'll be really warmed up with great food and grand, radiant heat! Ah, but then, you've got to leave and make room for other patrons as your forced air furnace awaits you at home or work. Oh, what does it take to really feel warm in winter?

All of this leads me to realize that feeling physically chilled, however; pales when compared to the wintry feeling many may feel deep within their souls, as real concerns and worries trouble the depths of people's souls. Challenging financial concerns, troubling illness, fractured relationships, and even the preponderance of one's shortened lifespan, can all chill one's soul to the bone! What is there to warm the soul with the coldness of life's troubles blanketing one's hopes and aspirations?

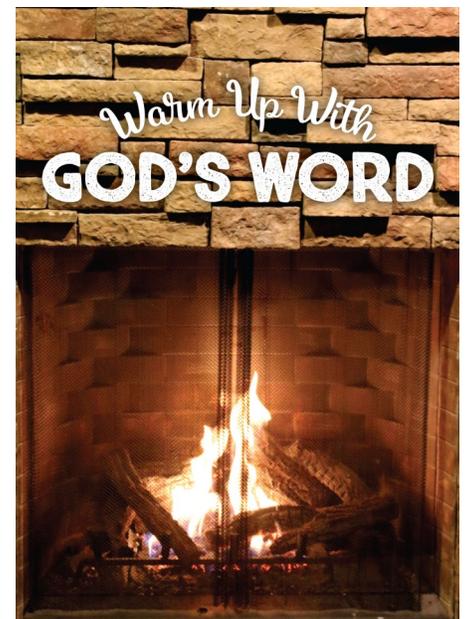
The question got me to thinking of Paul and Silas. Acts 16 tells us that Paul and Silas were beaten and then imprisoned deep within an inner cell at Philippi. The city officials were upset because Paul and Silas had healed a slave girl who made the officials great profits by being a fortune teller.

There was Paul and Silas, in pain from the beatings and incredibly uncomfortable as their feet were fastened between heavy wooden blocks. Yet, amazingly, they weren't discouraged by the pain and by the cold, damp, dark and miserable conditions that surrounded them. Verse 25 of Acts 16 tells us that at about midnight, "Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them."

Paul and Silas had a way of going to their spiritual mind's eye, and by reaching for the resources of their faith - prayer and praise to God, they found great joy that not only blessed them but blessed the other troubled souls in prison with them and leading to the salvation of the Jailer and many others.

Yes, our bodies may still feel chilled for many days to come during the ongoing cold spell, but the truth is that it is when we reach into the depths of our spiritual resources that we can feel the great warmth and comfort of God's living presence within us, and this is the comforting assurance that really counts the most! As Psalm 46:1-2a reminds us: "God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid."

Pastor Dennis



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

Helping A Neighbor in Need

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. Acts 20:28 ESV

The gift of time is the most meaningful gift we can provide. We have an opportunity to offer the gift of time to one of our own families. The Jacobo family adopted many children from the foster care system, who would have otherwise continued to live in abusive and neglectful situations, or to bounce around the foster care system, moving from place-to-place while establishing no genuine family relationships, until they reached adulthood...then be released into a community with no real connections to others. The Jacobo family, and their many children, have been a joyous part of our congregation for several years. You've seen the children fulfilling the role of Acolytes, and sitting before you as they participate in the Children's Sermon every Sunday.

As most of you are aware, Michelle Jacobo is currently being treated for stage-4 cancer. As you are aware, she is dealing with issues related to the cancer and her first round of chemotherapy. Throughout this family's ordeal with cancer, I have been in awe at the response of our church family to help one of our own. Many of you have asked "how can I help".

The current need is school transportation. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to take the children to or from school. Please consider helping your neighbors, the Jacobo family, in getting their children to and from school each day, while Michelle undergoes cancer treatment. There are also directions available so you'll know where to go and when to arrive. It's a fairly short trip, about 1 mile, and you get to spend some time with some pretty awesome kids! It's very easy, and very much appreciated!

The Jacobo family has given so much to the children in our community, by providing foster care to many children, and then adopting those who had no other options for permanency. There are 10 children in the Jacobo's "forever family", who otherwise would not experience the love and security of a family, that most of us take for granted. Now, in their time of need, please help the Jacobo family feel the love and support of Barry Christian Church! Your gift of time will mean the world for this family...and you will feel immeasurable joy as you fulfill Jesus' instructions to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Peace and blessings,
Jim



Save the Date! March 3rd Fellowship Dinner

March 3rd the youth will be hosting a Fellowship Dinner to raise funds for Youth activities. We will be having Pulled Pork sandwiches, bbq beans, chips and salad plus drinks and cookies. Please make plans to join us we look forward to seeing you there! Anna Eacret



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

In our thoughts and prayers

- Emilie Boswell
- Sheila Killion
- John Hoke
- Freddie Nichols
- Jon Frentrop
- Robin Eacret
- Barbara Mayberry
- Jackie Rockhold
- Michelle Jacobo
- Wanda Eacret

13th Annual Stanley Otto Memorial Bean & Chili Dinner Sunday, February 3rd at NOON

This dinner is in honor of Stanley Otto and family and will continue to help fund our Barry Food Pantry through your free will donation given during the dinner in the fellowship hall. There won't be a competition this year, but everyone is invited to come and use your creative cooking talents using beans or chili of any type! If you don't care for beans, we love all kinds of food, so bring your favorite dish. Invite your friends & family to this wonderful fellowship event. You will have fun tasting a variety of food dishes with beans or chili as the main ingredient. (BEANO will still be on hand). For more information, contact Judy Thomas with the Outreach Committee.

Drinks, crackers , cornbread and dessert will be provided.



Attendance

Sunday Jan. 6

- 1st service - 56
- 2nd service - 96
- Total - 152
- Sunday School - 77

Sunday Jan. 13

- 1st service - 34
- 2nd service - 63
- Total - 97
- Sunday School - 48

Sunday Jan. 20

- 1st service - 50
- 2nd service - 84
- Total - 134
- Sunday School - 56

Sunday Jan. 27

- 1st service - 54
- 2nd service - 94
- Total - 148
- Sunday School - 79

Have a question, concern or compliment for our custodians? Please send it by email to Trevan and Emma at BarryChurchClean@gmail.com. It is important that we communicate and make sure our church is spic and span!



The **Hand & Foot Club** meets on the second Tuesday of the month, which for February will be on February 12th at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a lively game of cards in the Fellowship Hall next time.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 18th, 2019 for the Presidents' Day holiday.



The February Executive Board Meeting will be on Sunday, February 3rd right after lunch in the Upper Room. Please plan to attend!

Greater Kansas City Disciple Women's Ministry Spring Retreat

Mark your calendar for Friday & Saturday, March 8th & 9th

Early Bird Registration ends on February 8, 2019, Deadline is February 22nd.

Registration forms are on the table in the foyer or register online at: www.KCDisciples.org. If you have any questions, please talk to Arleta White.

THEME: "Tell Me A Story"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Marti Steussy

LOCATION: Tall Oaks Camp



BABY GRACE DIAPER DRIVE



Starting Sunday, February 4th, 2019 our Outreach project will be for North Star Baby Grace program in Liberty. We will be collecting baby **diapers and wipes**. Please bring these items to provide for those who need them.

Dinner Out

The Koinonia Dinner Out - Monday, February 18th, 2019 at Red Apple Diner, 211 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64155. 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 -
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 19th - Noon**

2019 Visiting Scholar

Each year Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, invites a renowned theologian, biblical scholar or author to speak as part of their Visiting Scholar Program. These annual events are always informative and interesting – well worth the time and money paid to attend. As a bonus this year and because of grants and donations received by Village Presbyterian Church, the 2019 Visiting Scholar Program is being offered **free of charge**. (The invitation is always open to the general public.)

The featured speaker this year is Dr. Warren Carter, Professor of New Testament - Brite Divinity School- Texas Christian University; Fort Worth, Texas. (Brite Divinity School is affiliated with and accredited by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dr. Carter is a pioneer in the field of “empire studies” (sometimes called the imperial-critical approach) recognizing the Gospels as texts written in a world of Roman power. His talks will discuss how the Gospel writers attempt to make sense of God in difficult, confusing, and challenging circumstances - telling tales to explain the mysteries of God (ancient and modern) that are not easily explained.



His presentation, “*Telling Tales About an Elusive God*” will be given in three increments:

Friday, March 1 – 7:00 p.m.

Matthew’s Gospel: God’s Elusive Presence

Saturday, March 2 – 9:00 a.m.

Luke’s Gospel: God’s Elusive Purposes

John: God’s Elusive Revelation

If you are interested in attending this event (either both days or one evening/daytime presentation), contact either Joy Myers (816-547-1150) or Phil Myers (816-679-3528). They will get the ticket(s) for you.

NOTE: Because this is being offered for **FREE** this year, tickets will most likely go quickly, so please let Joy or Phil know **no later than Wednesday, February 20** if you would like tickets. Free child care is provided if reserved in advance.

Contact information for Village Presbyterian Church is:

6641 Mission Road

Prairie Village, Kansas

For complete information about the Visiting Scholar Program or Dr. Carter, visit the website at: villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.



Many thanks to Andrew Schmidt for being our guest speaker in January and sharing how one goes about planning and creating our wonderful Sunday morning musical worship. On Thursday, February 21st, Carol Studebaker, our Administrative Assistant, will be our guest speaker from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

On the menu.... Lasagna...salad...hot Italian bread, Dessert???

2019-2021 Elders and Deacons

The start of the year always brings a new slate of Elders and Deacons to Barry. The “lay leadership” is an integral part of our church in that it works closely with Pastor Dennis to fulfill the mission and vision of Barry and it also assists in serving the congregation.

Our deep appreciation goes to those who have served the past three years as an Elder or Deacon and are now rotating off from their respective three-year assignments.

Following is a list of the 2019-2021 Elders and Deacons. Each person’s hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

| <u>Elders</u> | | |
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| Ruth Ann Solomon | Jill McCumby | Gwen Stafne |
| Kimberly Pukay | Arleta White | Bob Knopf |
| Jason Miller | Phil Myers | Michelle Bosworth |
| Anna Eacret | Joy Myers | Tom Bosworth |
| Doug Gentry | Don Thomas | Lana Whitton |
| Gayle Gentry | Judy Thomas | Kathie Connell |
| <u>Deacons</u> | | |
| Teresa Simpson | Grace Miller | Doris O’Neal |
| Carrie Osborne | Steve Miller | Michael Wall |
| Dave Dyer | Dollie Lewallen | Elizabeth Carroll |
| Rita Dyer | Kathleen Cornwell | Kathryn Banks |
| Doris McGehee | Brian Schaer | Roger Blakely |
| Pam Roberts | Sue Effie | Barbara Blakely |
| Ted Gorman | Peggy Treece | Patty Tarver |
| Cathy Gorman | Jerry Treece | Melissa King |
| Jake Otto | D.J. Eacret | Mary Daniels |
| Jeri Chester | Connie Stark | Jerry Donahue |
| Larry Eacret | Claus Stark | Jesus Jacobo |
| Ted Farris | Susan Hanks | Michelle Jacobo |
| Dottie Olson | | |

To further assist Pastor Dennis, some of the Elders and Deacons will be visiting shut-ins and those in the hospital or a care facility. They will also serve communion to anyone who desires to receive it at that time.

Phil Myers has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Elders and Ted Gorman has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Deacons.

Please keep Pastor Dennis and the Elders and Deacons in prayer throughout the year as they administer their duties and serve the congregation.

Those Serving in February 2019:



8:30 am

Elders –Gwen Stafne, Arleta White

Deacons - Doris O’Neal, Dollie Lewallen
Brian Schaer, Roger Blakley(Communion Prep)

11:00 am

Elders - Don Thomas, Judy Thomas

Deacons - Dottie Olson, Jeri Chester
Claus Stark, Connie Stark
(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 - **SIGN UP**

11:00 - **SIGN UP**

Acolytes

8:30 - **SIGN UP**

11:00 - **SIGN UP**

Scripture Readers

8:30 - Kimberly Pukay

11:00 - Joy Myers

Greeters

8:30 - Arleta White

11:00 - **SIGN UP**



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

If you have a **February** 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

Emilie Boswell - 01

Sharon Frank - 03

Yvonne King - 06

Josie Grigsby - 07

Barbara Stone - 08

Jackson Miller - 13

Jesse Eacret - 16

Rosalie Phillips - 16

Connie Stark - 18

Nada Gregory - 19

Bill Ballard - 20

Freddie Nichols - 20

Lana Whitton - 20

Nicholas Clark - 25

Debbie Davidson - 26

THANK YOU!

Although this is long overdue, I would like to take the time to say thank you to my church family for all the cards, phone calls and the goody basket. Thank you Pastor for the visits and phone calls. Everything is much appreciated. Thanks be to God, Emilie J. Boswell

SPECIAL THANKS:

On January 5th 2019, a "Celebration of Life" Service was held at Barry Christian Church for my mother, Ida Ragan. Pastor Dennis provided a beautiful memorial of my mother's life, highlighting her love for family and friends. She was a remarkable, strong, loving person and we will miss her greatly.

The family wishes to thank Pastor Dennis for his services and everyone in the congregation who prayed for my mom and our family.

Special thanks also to Phil Myers who helped us set up the church for the service; Lenora Remmert for playing the organ beautifully, and to the Barry CWF group who provided a delicious luncheon following the service. All of these efforts were noticed and appreciated by all of our family. Again, Thank You! Greg and Janice Dyer



WINTER JAM



Wow, what an exciting experience! The day was filled with worshipping and sharing positive and inspiring messages. There were 8 youth members from our church attending. They enjoyed fellowship within our group but what was amazing was seeing them interact with others in the crowd while waiting outside. If it was something as simple as offering hand warmers to someone with special needs, offering chips to someone who didn't have anything to eat, or inviting others to join in playing games with us to pass the time before entry. I'm so very proud of our youth. Watching them grow in Christ is amazing. This is so much more than just a wonderful concert... it is truly a faith renewing experience. I'm looking forward to our next adventures!

In His Service,
Anna Eacret



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



The month of January had 4 Sundays.

Financial Update

Expected Expenses for February General Fund: \$24,063

Funds received Jan 6: \$4,759

Funds received Jan 13: \$4,032

Funds received Jan 20: \$4,201

Funds received Jan 27: \$4,347

January Total so far: \$17,339

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Return Service Requested



Church Calendar for upcoming weeks

FEBRUARY: BABY GRACE DIAPER COLLECTION ALL MONTH

Saturday February 2

Noon– 8:00pm — Fellowship Hall in Use

Sunday February 3

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

NOON — Stanley Otto Bean Lunch in Fellowship Hall

After Lunch — Executive Board Meeting

Monday February 4

6:00pm — Daisy Scouts Meeting in Upper Room

Wednesday February 6

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Sunday February 10

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

Monday February 11

5:30pm — Girl Scouts Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday February 12

1:00 pm — Hand & Foot Club meets in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday February 13

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday February 14

6:30 pm — Brownies in Fellowship Hall

Sunday February 17

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

Monday February 18: OFFICE CLOSED for President's Day

6:30 pm — Koinonia Dinner Out: Red Apple Diner

Tuesday February 19: NOON — NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday February 20

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday February 21

10:00 am — CWF Hanomi Circle

6:30 pm — Gathering of Men in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm — CWF Esther Circle in CWF Room

Sunday February 24: WEEK OF COMPASSION SUNDAY

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

Like us on Facebook



Did you know that Barry Christian Church has a Facebook page? If you use Facebook you may go to the Barry Christian Church page and hit like. Did you know that every Friday Pastor Dennis posts a preview of the upcoming sermon topic? When you see the post from Pastor Dennis, if you hit share then all of your friends will know where you attend church, and it serves as an invitation to your friends as well.