

Barry Good News!

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Join us for Sunday Worship!

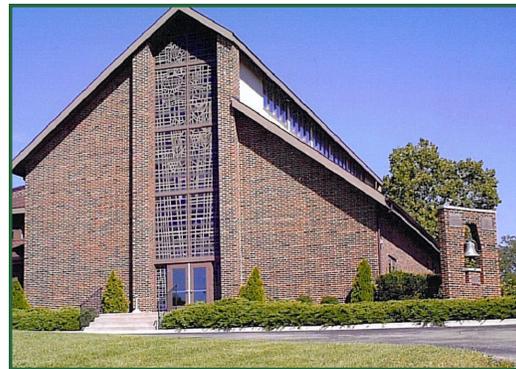
8:30 - First Worship Service

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

Celebrating our Lord's Presence Among Us While Looking Toward 2020

With Christmas day soon arriving we celebrate the truth, that our loving God chose to dwell among us through the birth of his son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! His earthly presence was committed to the care of Mary and Joseph in the form of an infant child. How humbling it should be for us, to realize that our great God was willing to express such vulnerability while trusting in the care of we, who are so often, feeble and fallible people!

Children's Christmas Eve Program: "The Great Joy"

And as Christmas Day approaches, we are delighted to have our children share in worship with us at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. At this service, the children and youth of our congregation will be sharing their own special program called, "The Great Joy." It will be an expression of Christmas songs with an emphasis on angels as well. With the growing number of children in our midst, this will be a wonderful service! We extend our thanks to Kathie Connell and Cathy Gorman for planning this event with our children and youth!

At 7:00 p.m. we will have our traditional candle lighting service and the Lord's Supper will be served at both services.

Our Hope for a Director of Children's and Youth Ministries in 2020

As 2020 begins this January, please remember that this will be the official start of our pledges for the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, as we also continue our regular contributions to the general fund that supports all the other ministries, staff and facilities of the church. If you have difficulty remembering what you may have pledged during the campaign this past summer, Carol, in the church office will be happy to look up that information for you, as we remember that all pledges are kept in strict confidence by our administrative assistant.

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In addition to upcoming pledges, we are delighted to report that the dedicated account for our youth director's position now has a balance of \$12,832 as we've been blessed with some special gifts and as some families have already started giving their pledges.

As we keep track of the resources received in the beginning months of 2020, the Personnel Committee and Official Board will determine when may be the most appropriate time for us to begin our pursuit of a person to fill this position, based on the performance of the dedicated monthly giving to this new position.

Additionally, in January, our Regional Minister, Bill Rose Heim, will be assisting us with the creation of a "congregational profile" that we'll be able to share with prospective candidates once it is determined we are financially prepared to seek for a director for our children and youth.

To this end, selected leaders of the church will first be meeting with Bill on the Thursday evenings of January 9th and 16th from 7:00 p.m. until about 8:30 p.m. Then on Sunday, January 19th after worship we will have a Church Lunch (also our Turkey Dinner Thank You Lunch), and afterward, all members present will be asked to share their input of ideas that will help us, with Bill's assistance; create the essence of what we hope to achieve in ministry for our children and youth through the assistance of a part-time director. All of this planning, discussions and processing of information in January will help us create our congregational profile to be distributed to prospective candidates once we are ready to start looking for the person God wishes to send to us.

As we've discussed before, our present aspiration is to be able to offer a part-time position with compensation of \$24,000 annually, and if we experience continued growth in our congregation, with our Lord's guidance, possibly we'll be able to one day move toward a full-time position with commensurate compensation as we strive to offer the best of our selves to our children and youth, who are the future of Christ's church.

So, you see, we are in a state of eager anticipation, not only as we celebrate once again, the presence of our Lord Jesus as he came among us as a child; but we also anticipate new and exciting ministry among us as 2020 unfolds!

Pastor Dennis



The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2020** for the New Year's holiday.

There will be **NO Choir Practice** on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Choir members, please mark your calendars.



ELDERS & DEACONS TRAINING:

ALL Elders and Deacons (both new & returning) are asked to attend one of three scheduled training meetings on serving communion during worship.

The training meetings will be in the sanctuary:
Sunday, January 12th OR January 26th at 9:45 am (during Sunday School)

Monday, January 13th, 7:00 pm

Please mark your calendar for **ONE** of these **THREE** meetings!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019



ALL CHURCH POTLUCK LUNCH

The next **POTLUCK LUNCH** is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th right after second service. This lunch will be the annual Turkey Noodle Thank You meal as well as an opportunity to share input regarding future youth ministry goals. Please plan to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship here at Barry Christian Church!

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

In our thoughts and prayers

Jon Frentrop
Michelle Jacobo
Reyana Ralston
Bob Maddex
Cindy Berry
Terry Theiss
Sheryl Theiss
Pam Matus
Gail Roller
Grace Kemerling
Jill Gregory
Lavaughn Weaver

Attendance

Sunday Dec 1

1st service - 64
2nd service - 109
Total - 173
Sunday School - ?

Sunday Dec 8

1st service - 73
2nd service - 112
Total - 185
Sunday School - 83

Sunday Dec 15

1st service - 59
2nd service - 55
Total - 114
Sunday School - 46

Sunday Dec 22

1st service - ____
2nd service - ____
Total - ____
Sunday School - ____

A MESSAGE from OUR FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

Folks--we are blessed to have a vibrant Sunday School attendance most Sundays. Some of our rooms are almost at capacity! It's a beautiful thing to see the kids' excitement each Sunday, interacting with their friends, teachers, and engaged in active learning, worship and praise. We have relied on our "bus ministry" to bring many of these kids to Sunday School. (Well, it's really just a large van that thinks it's a bus.) We currently pick up between 9 and 15 people each Sunday, who would otherwise not be able to attend Sunday School due to logistics such as work schedules, lack of transportation, etc. On those rare Sundays we are unable to take the van out, our Sunday School often seems quite empty.

But folks--our van doesn't drive itself, it needs human drivers! Preferably multiple drivers, so that the same few people don't have to drive every week. We currently make several trips, to pickup multiple families and return them home after 2nd service. These can certainly be split between multiple drivers, perhaps one Sunday every month or two, depending on the number of drivers who can help. We can also have one driver bring the kids, and another return them home. With enough drivers, this can remain a fun task, instead of a heavy burden.

Requirements are simple--no CDL or special certifications required. Just the ability to drive a fairly large van. Training available if necessary. Also, a fairly clean driving record (I believe insurance will look past a few speeding violations here and there--at least, they looked past mine). Unfortunately, insurance has recently limited the allowed driving age between 25 and 70 years old. Yeah, we don't like this either, because we have many drivers over 70 who have done an awesome job for many years. If we could change this, we would. But for now, the age of drivers is limited to between 25 and 70.

We currently have 3 drivers, but none of us can commit to driving every Sunday. We would like to have 6-8 drivers to share the load, so that we can each drive one day every month or two, and can split the trips between picking up kids and taking them back home.

Folks--this really is a fun job! I truly enjoy seeing the kids' smiling faces every Sunday as they run out the front door, having conversations with them, and enjoying some humor together during the ride to or from church. Oh, and they love to sing along to the radio playing Christian music. I wish I could drive the van every Sunday, taking families to and from Sunday School and church. But it seems there are enough tasks on Sunday mornings that need my attention, so I can only be a "rotating driver". I'd love to share this task with as many of you as would like to join in!

Please let us know if you can help our "van ministry".



Congratulations to Jonathan Patience with Master's Degree from Georgia Tech School of Engineering

Congratulations is extended to Jonathan Patience, the son of Pastor Dennis and Carrie Patience; as Jonathan graduated from the School of Engineering at Georgia Tech University with a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering on Friday, December 13, 2019. Jonathan is resigning his commission as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force to accept an engineering position at Boston Scientific in Maple Grove (Minneapolis) Minnesota, a few short miles from the family home of his wife, Natalie, also pictured with Jonathan in the photo.



Fellowship Hall Mural Created by Dorinda Hoke

May we express a genuine word of thanks to Dorinda Hoke, as she created the lovely and inspiring mural on the east wall of the fellowship hall. Dorinda's mural says: "The Legacy You Leave is the Life You Live." As we remember the life and sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for the blessing of our redemption; we know this mural in the fellowship hall gives us all pause for contemplation as we live our daily lives for the glory of God and benefit of others.

Thank you, Dorinda!



Fellowship Hall Curtain

We are genuinely grateful to Doris McGehee, several of her former employees and members of the church's property committee, for the diligent efforts put forth to install the lovely privacy curtain that now covers the utility area of the northeast corner of our Fellowship Hall. You will notice that the blue gray color of the theatre grade curtain is a great compliment to the mural that Dorinda Hoke painted. Thank you!

HAND & FOOT CLUB

The **Hand & Foot Club** usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, which for January will be on January 14th at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a lively game of cards in the Fellowship Hall next time.



The CWF STEERING COMMITTEE meets on the second Monday of alternate months including July, September, November, January, March and May. The Steering Committee meets at 6:00 pm in the CWF room to plan the events that the ladies groups are involved with throughout the year. The **NEXT** Steering Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13th at 6pm.

MEN OF FAITH MEETING

Our next "Men of Faith" meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020. We welcome all men to attend, the only requirement is bring an appetite and feel free to participate in our discussions. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. We have been blessed with steady attendance, good food and wonderful testimonies. A Future topic will be: A Short Bible Study of "What is a Man of Faith?"



MEN'S GROUP

Merry Christmas!

Barry Christian Church

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
to all
Catherine O'Neil

Robert & Rita
Allen & Carolyn Knopf

Merry Christmas
& Kay Youm
Merry Christmas
& Diana Stone

Shops Immacula Calmetony
Carnie Osborne Bill Ballard

Don & Diana
Prayer to all
V. Stranger

Waver
God bless
Dann Whitton

Carl Matw
In Palliam

Gene & Betty Lundy

Layne & Doug Senter

Merry Christmas!
- Cindy Sexton

Merry Christmas
& greetings to you
& family
Avalon

Merry Christmas
Russell & Ellen
Stewart

David & Anita
Rogers

Praise Him!
Ted & Cathy
Gorman

Paul & Annette White

Leta Pukay

Nathan & Pat
Carrington

Lee Effie

Kimberly
Pukay

Ann
~~Ann~~

Mike

Kayla

Nicole Lawson

Merry Christmas
Kelley!

Pam Roberts



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
LOREN & HELEN KERBY





Our Savior is born & born
Dorinda

Blessed Christmas
Geni James

Sony's George
Merry Christmas

Best Wishes!
Dave & Rita

Don + Suele Scott

Lois Struck

Nancy Covault

Sonny Barkley

Pats + Dennis + Cruise
Blessings!

Happy Holidays!
Janet Tucker

Louise Rusch

Merry Christmas
God Bless ALL!
Anita Stevens

Blessed
CHRISTMAS
George Warkins
Joan Hamilton

Jim + Phyllis Frentrup
Have a Merry Christmas!!
Don + Judy Thomas

From me Cindy
Audith
Melba Kimbark
The Tubers
Bob + Betty Walker

Melanie
Roger and Barbara Blakley
Jake Otto
Melodie
Beth
Lynn
Lois

Mrs. Lehee

Blessings to all with
Love, Jackie Coonell



Wishing you
the best in
2020
Love Barry

Blessing for the New Year,
from your Barry Church Family!

Those Serving in January 2020:



8:30 am

Elders – Ken Weaver, Roxie Weaver

Deacons - Ted Gorman, Cathy Gorman

Michael Wall, Doris McGehee (Communion Prep)

11:00 am

Elders - Doug Gentry, Gayle Gentry

Deacons - Jeri Chester, Susan Hanks

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 - Kathie Connell

11:00 - Kathie Connell

Acolytes

8:30 - **SIGN UP**

11:00 - **SIGN UP**

Scripture Readers

8:30 - Ted Gorman

11:00 - _____

Greeters

8:30 - Cathy Gorman

11:00 - _____



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

Happy Birthday to you!

If you have a **January** 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 the Carol in the church office at 436-0462 or email her at :

office@barrychristianchurch.com

Diana Stone - 01

Kim Simpson - 03

Grace Miller - 06

Anna Eacret - 06

Robert Eacret - 07

Abby Weekley - 07

Noah Eacret - 10

Kenneth Weaver - 11

Kim Songer - 11

Loren Kerby - 16

Sarah Grigsby - 19

Jeremy Lawson - 19

Nathan Ralston - 19

Jill Counts - 21

Susan Cox - 21

Bob Knopf - 21

Charis Clark - 22

Nikolis Clark - 24

Alexis Eiken - 26

Erica Miller - 27

Our Sympathy

We express our deepest Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Emile Boswell upon her passing on Monday, December 16, 2019. Her visitation was here at Barry Christian Church on Friday, December 20th and burial was on Saturday, December 21st.

DINNER OUT

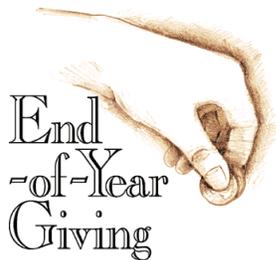
The Koinonia Dinner Out - Monday, January 20th, 2020 will be at Corner Café in Liberty, 8301 N Flintlock Rd, KC, MO 64158 . Meet there at 6:30 pm.

The Koinonia Sunday School Class invites you to join them on this fun outing. It is a great way to meet people from church. You just show up at the restaurant and everyone pays for their own meals.



Next Newsletter Deadline - Monday, January 20th - Noon

The January Board Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th right after second service in the Upper Room. Please plan to attend!



Contributions for the 2019 tax year must be in the church office by Sunday, December 29, 2019. When mailing in your end of the year giving, if you date a check with a December date and it is postmarked in January, *it will NOT* go into the year end giving records. It will be recorded as a contribution made in 2020. **This is a great opportunity to “catch up” on your giving.**



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



The month of December had 5 Sundays.

Financial Update

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

Funds received Dec 1: \$5,611

Funds received Dec 8: \$5,677

Funds received Dec 15: \$4,127

Funds received Dec 22: \$_____

December Total so far: \$15,415

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Return Service Requested

Church Calendar for upcoming weeks

Wednesday January 1, 2020 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday January 5

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

Monday January 6

6:00 pm — Daisy Troop Meeting in Upper Room

6:00 pm — Education Committee Meeting in Library

Wednesday January 8

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday January 9

6:30 pm — Jr. Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm — Ministry Blue Print Meeting in Upper Room

Sunday January 12

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School & Elder/Deacon Training in Sanctuary

11:00 am -- Worship

Monday January 13

6:00 pm — CWF Steering Committee Meeting in CWF Room

6:30 pm — Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Upper Room

7:00 pm — Elder/Deacon Training in Sanctuary

Tuesday January 14

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

Wednesday January 15

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday January 16

10:00 am —CWF Hanomi Circle Meeting in CWF Room

6:30 pm — Men of Faith Dinner in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm — Ministry Blue Print Meeting in Upper Room

7:00 pm — CWF Esther Circle Meeting in CWF Room

Sunday January 19

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

Noon — Lunch on "Ministry Blue Print" n Fellowship Hall

Monday January 20: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOON

6:30 pm — Koinonia Dinner Out at Corner Café in Liberty

Wednesday January 22

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

SAVE the DATE for

WINTER JAM

Friday, January 24, 20120

at the Sprint Center

If you are interested in going to Winter Jam with friends from Barry Christian Church, please let Anna Eacret know you are interested. We have a great time of music and fellowship each year!