

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

Matter of Divine Intervention

It was in the late 1870's that the fifty-year search to create the incandescent light bulb was perfected with Joseph Swan's patent from England in 1878 and then by Thomas Edison in the United States the year following.

Edison, however, went a bit further than Swan by taking the bulb out of the laboratory and introducing it to the general public. In December 1882, 302 Manhattan customers, individual households and businesses, were living and working by the power of 3,144 electric lamps powered by the Pearl Street Power Station in New York City.

The new public service was off to a slow start with only 710 customers in seven years, but by word of mouth from delighted customers, the numbers grew to 10,000 by the

turn of the century and to over three million by 1910.

Because of the intervention into routine life prompted by Edison, the entire world was eventually transformed, never to be a hint of its previous existence of civilizations surviving with oil lamps and tallow candles.

Similar to the electric light, the world has been transformed by a myriad of inventions; such as the steam engine, the electric motor, the telephone, the transistor, the computer, and the list goes on.

Reading Acts 2 in the New Testament, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit intervened in a typical annual religious festival celebrated by Jewish believers from around the known world and a handful of self-proclaimed Christians. The scriptures state that, "suddenly there was a noise from the sky

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which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:2). And as the fourth verse describes, “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.” Peter then got up and delivered the first of many sermons and through the divine inspiration of his preaching and the coming of the Holy Spirit, verse 41 indicates that about three thousand people were added to the fellowship of believers that day.

Last week, in our third message for the “3:16 Series,” we discovered that our Lord Jesus, and likely John the Baptist, experienced an amazing divine intervention from God as our third “3:16 Verse” of Matthew 3:16 tells us. When Jesus came up out of the waters of baptism, heaven was opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Verse 17 then tells us that God spoke from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.” This experience of God’s divine intervention and God’s affirming words gave Jesus the assurance that he was indeed on the right path of obedience, all the way to his sacrificial death on the cross, his resurrection, and his victory over sin and death for all who would receive him as Lord and Savior.

Today, our world functions miraculously from the intervention of a myriad of human inventions. Yet, in what seems like an unbelievable nightmare, millions the world over are today suffering from rampant illness. Thousands of loved ones and friends are dying. Economic uncertainty troubles millions. Civil unrest and an uncooperative defiance dwells in the hearts of many. We wonder how humanity can be, in so many ways, “advanced” by the wondrous technologies we appreciate every day, while we yet also dwell with so much uncertain tragedy and man-made strife?

Many may yearn for a miraculous intervention from our divine creator to solve our difficulties. Yet in truth, God has already intervened through the revelation of his son and our savior, Jesus Christ! Redemption and renewal already exist for those who seek him. The solutions to so many of humanity’s ills already reside within us. We need only to cooperatively and cohesively see our way to fulfill Christ’s ways toward one another, worldwide. For as Paul reminds us in Romans 8:26, “the Spirit helps us in our weakness.”

Blessings and continued prayers to all of you, as I look forward to seeing those among us who are able to share in worship this coming Sunday.

Pastor Dennis

REMEMBERING HARRY BOOTH

Harry Lee Booth, 88, passed away on July 14, 2020. Harry was born on November 18, 1931 in Kansas City, KS. After graduating high school, Harry enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served for four years during the Korean War as a diesel mechanic. Upon his return to Kansas City he was set up on a blind date, where he met the love of his life, Jean Nicholson, and the two were married on June 8, 1957. They had two children, Ellen & Dan. Harry enjoyed working with his hands, which included his 40 year career as an airline mechanic with TWA. . He and Jean loved dancing to big band music, traveling, and spending summers with family at their lake house. Harry was a proud member of Barry Christian Church and the American Legion in Richmond, MO.



A Celebration of Life Service for Harry Booth is now scheduled for Saturday, August 1st at Terrace Park Funeral Home. Members of Barry Christian Church are welcomed to attend the visitation which is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; but the service, which begins at 10:30 a.m. is for family members only due to the attendance restrictions in place during this Covid-19 Pandemic.



Happy Birthday to you!

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!

If you have a **August** birthday or know of someone from Barry who does and is not on this list, please let us know so we can be sure to include them. Call the church office at 436-0462 or email us at:

office@barrychristianchurch.com

- Gerri Hamer - 01
- Nathan Carrington - 03
- Molly Miller - 04
- Jason Miller - 05
- Kara Littrell - 06
- Leesa Payton - 09
- Ron Wolfe - 09
- Sydney Miller - 13
- Phillip Dunn - 15
- Rita Dyer - 16
- Shelbie Weaver - 18
- Theresa Wolfe - 20
- Wanda Littrell - 25
- James Melugin - 25
- Brandon Ralston - 25
- Raylan Jennings - 27
- Cassidy Adams - 29
- Jill Gregory - 29
- Patti Atkins - 30
- Ruby Wolfe - 30
- Anne Jones - 31

A MESSAGE from OUR FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

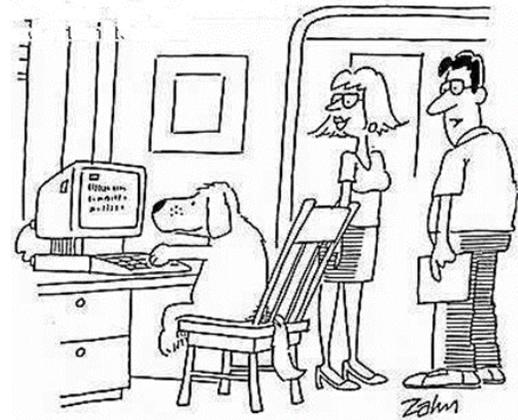
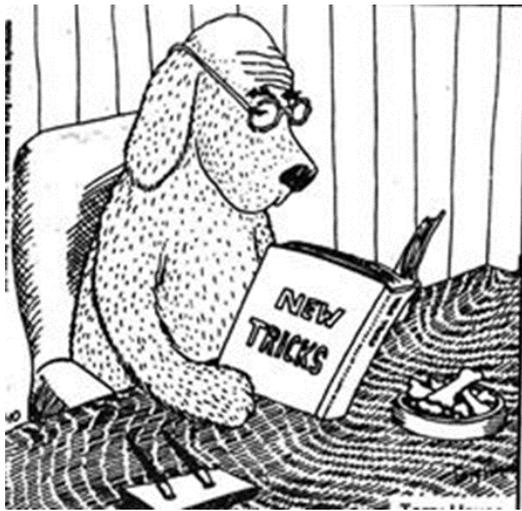
You may have heard me give a little “shout-out” to Pastor Dennis during a recent Sunday service, for his leadership during the unprecedented and confusing time of Coronavirus. Last I looked, seminaries and colleges don’t have a class called “Pandemic 101” ...or “How to Apply Social Distancing Guidelines to a Church Fellowship”. Those seminary courses don’t exist because the situation hasn’t existed, until now.

Waaay back in March of this year (I know it seems like a loooong time ago)... Pastor Dennis began reaching out to the leadership team of Barry Christian Church, as news continued to roll in about the severity of the Coronavirus and the need for protective measures. Dennis engaged a number of our flock who are also members of the medical community (doctors, nurses, etc.). And after much consideration and much prayer, and strict guidance from city, state, and county authorities, it was decided to cancel in-person worship services for a period of time.

It was unknown territory. There were lots of questions, and concerns. How could we continue to provide a ministry to our families and children? How could we continue to pay the bills for our Church building, without passing the offering tray every week? How could we maintain readiness, when it came time to re-open our doors to in-person worship? Quite a confusing time it was.

Pastor Dennis’ top priority was to stay connected to the BCC Family. By his own admission, he is no computer whiz...so he had to learn a few things to maintain connections to the flock, in this age of social media. He began recording weekly messages through a computer program, so we could listen to a weekly sermon message. He converted his email from Outlook to Gmail, and he learned to communicate directly with us, without having to go through our Church Secretary.

So...after watching Pastor Dennis learn new computer programs, and new ways of communicating with his flock, I must say I learned an important lesson...that *you CAN teach an old dog, new tricks!*



"I was wrong...you can teach an old dog new tricks."

I often tease Pastor Dennis about his outdated computer skills. If I didn't occasionally tease him, he might think I didn't like him...and I would never want him to think that!

Thanks to Pastor Dennis, Barry Christian Church managed to stay afloat financially during these months of shutdown...and we managed to re-open to in-person services with mandated social distance guidelines in place. And I am quite grateful for Pastor Dennis for leading us during this time of "pandemic ministry".

If you haven't already, please let Pastor Dennis know that you appreciate his leadership during this very difficult time in the history of the Church, and of the world.

Blessings during these difficult times,

Jim

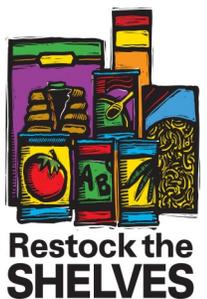


THANKS!

Bob & Rita Knopf would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers during Bob's knee surgery. It is going to be a long road and with yours and God's help, the way will be lightened. Stay safe and God Bless!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- Boxed Potatoes: Mashed or Scalloped
- Pasta Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Snack Items (granola bars, etc.)



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Return Service Requested



In our thoughts and prayers

- Kathy Archer
- Jon Frentrop
- Michelle Jacobo
- Reyana Ralston
- Dave Haynes
- Barbara Holiman
- Jean Booth
- Alex Chester
- Bill Armillo
- Kent Taylor
- Linda Gash
- Josh Alt

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers for Betty during her long period of health problems. Doctors appear unable to find the reasons for her illness.

After several years of testing and hospital admissions, the doctors have made a full circle of unsuccessful evaluations.

We continue to ask for prayers for Betty as she continues to fight through her illness.

Sincerely,

Jerry & Betty Donahue



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



The month of July had 4 Sundays.

Financial Update

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

Funds received July 5: \$6,052

Funds received July 12: \$6,152

Funds received July 19: \$3,551

Funds received July 26: \$2,790

July Total so far: \$18,545

Youth Ministry Fund Balance as of July: \$30,900