

# Barry Good News!

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## Join us for Sunday Worship!

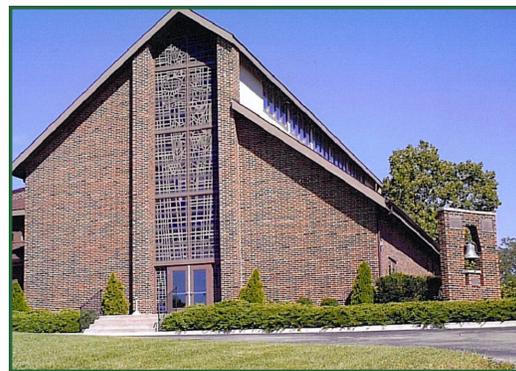
8:30 - First Worship Service

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

*A Bible for American Citizens – Compliments of Congress!*

At a time when civility has been strained in our nation, magnified by the riot that erupted within the national Capitol of these United States on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January; it is worthy of our attention to realize that at one time, Congress commissioned and paid for the publication of Bibles to be given to our citizens. For many of our founding fathers realized that biblical instruction had the power to guide the moral and civil behavior of a nation. Decent behavior that was necessary for a democratic society to thrive.

In our nation's infancy, Bibles in the English language were becoming increasingly difficult to come by. That's because publication of English language Bibles was regulated by the British government and could only be printed by a special government license. All English language Bibles had to bear the imprint of the Crown. A growing lack of English language Bibles is illustrative of the many tiresome regulations that burdened the colonist and gave further credence to the call for separation from the Crown!

In 1777, at the prompting of the congressional chaplain, the Continental Congress ordered the Committee of Commerce to import 20,000 Bibles from Holland, Scotland and elsewhere into different ports of the States of the Union. Who in our day, would ever think there was a time in our nation's history, when a Bible had to be smuggled in? Yet, there is no indication that these Bibles ever arrived, likely because of the British blockade imposed during the Revolutionary War.

With the shortage of Bibles still apparent, it was four years later in January of 1781 that Robert Aitken, the publisher of *The Pennsylvania Magazine*, petitioned Congress for permission to print an English-language Bible on his press in America rather than to import Bibles. Of course, a committee was formed and oversight was given to the publication by the chaplains of the Congress and finally an English-language Bible was published. The 10,000 copies of the Bible were called the Bible of the

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Revolution and today are called the Aitken Bible, in reference to their publisher. Today, only about 30 to 40 of the Bibles are believed to still be in existence, making it one of the rarest books in the world – rarer than the Gutenberg Bible, the first major book in the world printed with moveable type. The reason the Aitken Bible is so rare is because people of their generation used them and wore them out!

We are in an era of the American journey in which we desperately need to re-discover the spiritual roots of our nation’s founding. We are in an era in which we need to be very cognizant of the fact that founders of this nation believed the Bible was an essential guide that could instruct citizens to have mutual and respectful regard for one another. Such civility was deemed essential to the health of a democracy and should be deemed essential even today.

We are reminded today that the Apostle Paul in his recommendations to young Timothy declares, as it is stated in the King James Version of 2 Timothy 2:15: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Today, as in generations past, it is the Word of God that gives us the guidance to do that which brings honor and glory to God’s holy name in our time.

Pastor Dennis

**GROWING DISCIPLES**

Another month has passed in a state of uncertainty and confusion. The coronavirus continues to spread even within our congregation and conflicting reports keep us guessing. We are unsure of which reports to believe and who to trust. We, as Christians, have a distinct advantage in these troubling times. We know that the truth lies within the scriptures;

*2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.*

We know that we can trust God in all things.

*Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Our future as a church depends greatly on the youngest members of our congregation. We have been connecting with our children via Facebook, emails, phone calls and more but we miss them greatly. In the coming weeks we will be trying to “bring our children to church” in various ways. Although it may be quite some time yet before our children can safely return to weekly Sunday school and worship, we hope to help everyone feel a little more connected to our children.

*Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*

God Bless,  
Kathie Connell



## We Celebrate Maggie Schaer's Confession of Faith and Baptism



On Sunday, January 3, 2021, during the 8:30 a.m. worship service, it was our joy to celebrate Maggie Schaer's confession of faith at the close of the service.

On the following Sunday, January 10, 2021, Maggie was baptized by her grandfather and the previous pastor of Barry Christian Church, Bob George. It was also a joy for us to have Bob and his wife, Barbara, share in worship with us that Sunday morning.

Maggie is the oldest daughter of Brian and Gina Schaer and her siblings are Katie and George. Barry Christian Church has been a part of Maggie's life since birth, and it is truly our joy to share with Maggie in these milestones of her faith journey!



## 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 :

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Sharon Frank - 03

Julie Thomas - 05

Josie Grigsby - 07

Barbara Stone - 08

Jackson Miller - 13

Jesse Eacret - 16

Sarah McKenzie - 16

Connie Stark - 18

Nada Gregory - 19

Bill Ballard - 20

Lana Whitton - 20

Nicholas Clark - 25

Debbie Davidson - 26

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**Return Service Requested**



**In our thoughts and prayers**

- Jon Frentrop
- Reyana Ralston
- Ren Aller
- Dollie Lewallen
- Dottie Olson
- Joyce Osborne
- Glen Bartley
- Michael Wall
- John Adams
- Marian Poston
- Carolyn Comfort
- Pat Reece
- Betty Donahue

The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 15th for the **Presidents' Day** holiday.



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



The month of Jan had 5 Sundays.

**Financial Update**

Expected Expenses for February  
General Fund: \$25,000

Funds received Jan 3: \$3,318

Funds received Jan 10: \$6,326

Funds received Jan 17: \$4,715

Funds received Jan 24: \$\_\_\_\_\_

January Total so far: \$14,359

Youth Ministry Fund Balance in Reserve: \$37,707