

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Barbecue Presbyterian Church

December 2017

Pastor's Corner

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..."

Isaiah 9: 2a

In the scriptures, the word "darkness" suggests a difficult, if not sinister, event or circumstance. Isaiah's words were addressed to Israel as it faced an uncertain future under the rule of Assyria. For Israel, that existence brought despair, the outlook that life, as it had been experienced in the past, would never be known again.

The word "light" suggests an opposite experience, one packed with hope. For Israel, a king in the line of David has ascended the throne. He rules with "justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore." (Isaiah 9: 7)

One of the meaningful events in the life of Barbecue Presbyterian Church is the Christmas Eve candle light service. Symbolically, the lighted candles point to the Light, Jesus Christ. As we hold the lighted candles we are reminded that the prophet's words have been fulfilled in the Child of Bethlehem.

That Light shines, not only on Christmas Eve but throughout Advent and every other season of life. The Light is seen in the radiant smiles we share with one another, in bright displays of love and communion in the church life we share and in caring acts we extend to the community.

"O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord." In our acts of adoration and service, people who walk in darkness certainly will see the brightness of Christ's love shining through us.

Joyfully,

David



Session Highlights November 2017

TREASURER'S REPORT

October Income	\$12,801.17	YTD Income	\$136,054.67
October Expenses	\$14,351.75	YTD Expenses	\$129,026.00
October Net Income -	(\$1,550.58)	YTD Net	\$ 7,028.67

APPROVED: **1)** the 2018 Budget - 2.84% increase over current year; includes a change in Pastor's Call; **2)** Congregational Meeting on December 3, 2017; **3)** New Member, Dee Hahn-Fishwick; **4)** Stripping, cleaning, wax floors in Fellowship Hall, hall, kitchen and bathrooms; **5)** professional spraying for Fire Ants in cemetery and front church yard.

OTHER/DISCUSSIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) LED Light Project still a "work in progress" – need volunteers to help; **2)** a new home has been found for "old" Fellowship Hall tables; **3)** Discussed Church Security – committee to be formed; **4)** group from BPC participated in the P.U.S.H/Disaster Assistance Program in Fayetteville and Lumberton areas; **5)** Letters being sent to recent visitors reference to upcoming church activities during Advent/Christmas; **6)** Kay Donner is now President of Harnett County Buddy Back Pack Program; **7)** New Officer Training – November 29; **8)** Session Examination of New Officers – December 20; **9)** Installation/Ordination of Officers– January 14, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner to Presbytery West Community Gathering on December 7 at Raeford Presbyterian Church.



The annual Christmas Cantata is when our choir unites with Oliva Presbyterian church and the combined choirs perform a selection of Christmas songs and readings in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Outreach Food Pantry

Food bags are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our congregation in supporting this Program. There is a collection basket in the Narthex.

Tuesday, December 19th @ 10AM

Come early and help with distribution!

Deacons and Elders

The installation of deacons and elders will occur on January 14th during the worship service. Class of 2020 Deacons include: Murray Simpkins, Lora Street, and Troy Morris. Class of 2020 Ruling Elders: include Ruby Campbell, Estine Pace Thomas, and Dennis McLean.

Thank you for your service!



The Christmas Joy offering will be collected December 17th during the worship service. The Christmas Joy offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The Assistance program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3 during the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2018 budget and approve changes in the pastor's terms of call.

Presbyterian Women

We will be having our Christmas meeting on December 4th at 7:00 PM. At our meeting we will be playing an ornament exchange game. We ask that everyone brings a wrapped ornament with no name, not to exceed \$10. We will be taking the collection of gifts to bring to Skilled Creations of Sanford.

Presbyterian Men

The Men's Club will be meeting for the Men's breakfast Sunday, December 19th at 8:00AM.



Remembering Those in Our Prayers

Church Family Concerns

Barry Cameron, Pam Cameron, Theresa Cocolin, Shelia Funderburk, Dorothy Hales, Gene Hinkle, Drew Rimbach, Catherine Spivey, Alta Warwick, Delmus Wicker, and Deborah Womble.

Military Overseas

Jacob Brafford



We welcome with great joy and celebration Dee Hahn-Fishwick to her new church home. Dee comes to Barbecue Presbyterian church by reaffirmation of faith.

Youth Group

Practice for the Youth Christmas program will be during Youth Group, Sunday December 3rd at 4:30 PM. We need help from all the youth for a memorable Christmas program during worship on December 17th.



Thank You Cards



Dear Barbecue Presbyterian Church Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers during my recovery, hope to be back soon.

Andrea Wells

Dear Church Friends,

If you sent a card if you made a call, if you paid a visit, if you said a prayer. I'm thankful! I'm proud to be a part of the Barbecue "family of God." I love all of you.

Alta Warwick



Happy Birthday to All Celebrating in DECEMBER

- December 4 Mike Thomas
- December 12 Ellie Coates
- December 13 Janet Titus, Kathy Yarborough
- December 17 Brian Cameron
- December 23 Abigail Necessary
- December 28 Larry Holder



**Bridges-Cameron
Funeral Home
Memorial Service**

The holiday season causes us to reflect on the events that have occurred during the course of 2017. Many of us have lost loved ones and we believe it is fitting that we honor and remember them.

On Sunday, December 3, 2017 at four o'clock in the afternoon, we invite you to the Jonesboro Presbyterian Church where family and friends will participate in a service of remembrance.

An Angel Tree will stand in the sanctuary representing every individual entrusted to us by their loved ones in 2017. Each angel was handmade specifically for this memorial service by Lee County resident Dianne H. Woodell. At the conclusion of the service, a family member is welcome to remove an angel and place it on the family tree at home.

A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall of the church.

Kindly,
The Staff of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home



Join us for a Special Worship Service!

Sunday
December 17th
11:00 AM



Visit from Santa

Refreshments after Worship
in the Fellowship Hall

An Invitation from the Board of Deacons

Members of the Diaconate acknowledging their responsibility of "...sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress." (G-6.0201, *Book of Order*) invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing. The deacon who is head usher in a given month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons. During the month of December, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, contact Murray Simpkins (951) 316-9226.

Vital Signs – Worship Attendance

November 5 – 75
 November 12 – 66
 November 19 – 82
 November 26 – 58

Nursery

December 3 – Bridget Sharpe and Teresa Sheets
 December 10 – Debbi Thomas and Missy Cameron
 December 17 – Amber Dienstmann-Ott
 December 24 – Charles and Dee Necessary
 December 31 – Cindy Warcup and Peggy Thomas

Greeters

December 3 – Cory and Troy Morris

Acolytes

December 3 – Chloe Dienstmann
 December 10 – Bella Cameron
 December 17 – Lexi
 December 24 – Abbi Necessary
 December 31 – Isabell Necessary

Flowers

December 3 – Phillips Family
 December 10 – Poinsettias
 December 17 – Poinsettias
 December 24 – Poinsettias
 December 31 –

The **Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sunday School Office. If you wish to give Flowers on a particular date, please sign your name and the name of the person you wish to Honor or Remember.

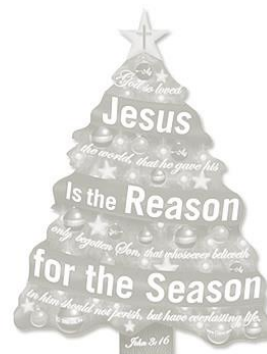
Members and Friends of the Church Updates

Please send corrections, additions or deletion of e-mail addresses, home addresses, and phone numbers to the church office at assistantbpc@windstream.net

Dates To Remember



- Dec 2** – Choir Cantata Rehearsal 10:00 AM
- Dec 3** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM
 (Congregational Meeting), Youth Group
 Christmas rehearsal 4:30 PM
- Dec 4** – Presbyterian Women Meeting 7:00 PM
- Dec 5** – Welcome/Membership Committee 7 PM
- Dec 6** – Fellowship Committee 7 PM, Worship Committee 7 PM
- Dec 7** – Choir Rehearsal for Cantata 7PM
- Dec 9** – Choir Rehearsal for Cantata (Olivia Church)
- Dec 10** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM, Choir Cantata 7:00 PM
- Dec 17** – Men's Breakfast 8 AM, Sunday school 9:45 AM, Youth Christmas Program Worship 11AM (Joygift Offering)
- Dec 19** – Food Pantry 10:00 AM
- Dec 20** – Session 7:00 PM
- Dec 24** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 PM
- Dec 25** – Christmas Day
- Dec 31** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM



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