

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Barbecue Presbyterian Church

April 2018

Pastor's Corner

As I write on Monday of Holy Week, I am experiencing two prominent feelings-joy and gratitude. In reflecting on yesterday's Palm Passion worship service, I am grateful for our great youth whose choral introit was outstandingly presented; and for the chancel choir who beautifully and meaningfully deliver the gospel message of love, hope and peace each Lord's day. I am thankful, also, for the privilege of leading corporate worship and especially for the opportunity to proclaim the Word of God. Above all, I give thanks for Jesus, at the center of the gospel narrative, and whose Divine love is woven throughout the chapters of our life's narrative, a "love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my all."

The other prevalent feeling I mentioned-joy-originates in the grace of God and is one of the byproducts of God's unconditional love which always comes as absolute and wonderful gift. Of all the scripture verses that speak about joy, I think my favorite is this one, written by the Apostle Paul: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near..." (Philippians 4: 4) Here, 'rejoice' is properly defined as "to feel joy or great delight". "Great delight". I like that phrase. It is my great delight to be pastor of our wonderful church family and to be journeying alongside you through this Holy Week, then to meet together on Easter morning and share with each other our joy and gratitude as we hear once again the news, "Christ is risen. The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

Joyfully,

David

Talent Show Sign-up sheet will be
in the narthex of the church



Session Highlights

TREASURER' REPORT

March Income	\$ 10,412.57	YTD Income	\$ 19,971.57
March Expenses	\$ 12,006.15	YTD Expenses	\$ 25,763.74
Net Income (-)	\$ 1,593.58	Net Expenses (-)	\$ 5,792.17

APPROVED: 1) use of Fellowship Hall for family sponsored Bridal Shower on August 3-4; 2) adding mulch to boxed areas at Church/Manse; 3) Youth trip to "Defy Gravity" on April 22; Talent Show scheduled on May 4 with rehearsal on May 3; 4) Vacation Bible School to be held June 14-17 with Troy and Cory Morris as Leaders; 5) and Confirmation classes to be held starting April 15.

OTHER: Received Financial Audit Report for 2017; Scheduled Joint Officers Meeting for May 20 with two guests to be invited to speak on: 1) Request from Bicycle Tour Group to use Parking Lot for a Rest Stop as they pass through the area; 2) Representative from Presbytery to speak on "church revitalization".

RECEIVED REPORTS: Presbytery Meeting on March 3; Visitor Reception at Manse on March 20; celebration of Holy Communion for Shut-ins; and Committee projects.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will be helping make the breakfast for Easter morning April 1st at 8:00 AM

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet in March on these dates:

Sunday, April 8th at 4:30 PM

Sunday, April 22nd at 4:30 PM



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-2.0201, *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 April, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, contact Troy Morris (919) 356-2560

Thanks!

Dear Congregation,

The choir and musicians at Barbecue Presbyterian Church wish to thank you for the wonderful luncheon you provided for us on March 11 after the worship service. The decorations were truly outstanding and the meal a culinary delight. Everyone had a great time of fellowship! All of us who participate in the music program appreciate your support. It is a blessing for us to serve such a loving congregation.

Mike Wallick
Choir Director

Barbecue Youth Super

❖ **Logan Holmes and Chesley Johnson** were inducted into the BETA club of Western Harnett High School on March 20th. 

❖ **Carolina Simpkins** competed in a district Taekwondo tournament winning a gold medal/1st place in sparring and gold medal for board breaking. 

❖ **Katie Carpenter's** school band went to Atlanta last week of March for a competition.

❖ **Isabell Necessary** sang with the Benhaven Elementary Chorus at "Harnett off Broadway" March 9th and will be singing with Benhaven Elementary for the Benhaven reunion. 



Confirmation Class
Sunday
beginning
April 15
10:00 - 10:40 AM
Men's Classroom

(All Youth in 6th Grade to 8th Grade)

Schedule (Sunday's)

Session 1: April 15, 10:00-10:40
Session 2: April 22, 10:00-10:40 AM
Session 3: April 29, 10:00-10:40 AM
Session 4: May 6, 10:00-10:40 AM
Session 5: May 13, 10:00-10:40 AM
Session 6: May 20, 10:00-10:40 AM
Session 7: May 27, 10:00-10:40 AM
Session 8: June 3, 10:00-10:40 AM

June 15 – Confirmation Sunday 11:00 AM
Worship

*Any who desire to make his or her public profession of faith are asked to meet with the Session on Wednesday July 18 at 7:00 PM. Those who desire to make professions of faith will do so on Sunday, July 22 during the 11:00 worship service

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, April 17th** @ **10AM** Come early and help with distribution!

Remembering Those in Our Prayers

Church Family Concerns

Barry Cameron, Theresa Cocolin, Shelia Funderburk, Dorothy Hales, family of Gene Hinkle, Betty Pace, Drew Rimbach, Carolyn Self, Catherine Spivey, Alta Warwick, Delmus Wicker, and Deborah Womble.

Military Overseas

Jacob Brafford

Highlights of our Presbyterian Men

This the third in a series of articles that highlight our on-going church programs. We hope that members of the congregation will take advantage of becoming more active participants in the Barbecue Church family, by participating in these programs.

Membership in The Men of the Church is open to all male members of any age in our Barbecue Church Family. The primary purpose of this group is to foster fellowship and share God's message with those that attend.

This is accomplished through a monthly meeting held the 3rd Sunday of every month starting at 8:00 AM and usually lasting about an hour, in the Fellowship Hall. Men usually come a little early for standing- around fellowship (the chefs come about an hour earlier). Then shortly after 8:00 AM these chefs serve a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, grits biscuits and coffee (there is no charge, just a good will offering basket left out by the serving counter). Armed with a plate of breakfast goodies, the men sit down at table and after grace, dig in and discuss topics ranging from upcoming church activities, to current events and politics, to anything and everything in the world of sports. Everybody is encouraged to participate!

The Men of the Church support a Dominican Republic Orphanage through donations as well as our annual Harvest Festival through purchase of the meat for the Barbecue. The Men also host a breakfast for the Congregation following the early Easter Sunday Service on Easter Day.

We welcome all men in our Barbecue Church Family as we foster fellowship and a connectedness among all of those in attendance. For more information you can contact Dennis McLean, the current President of the Presbyterian Men's Group, at (910) 893-4443 or at dennisamclean@gmail.com. Hope to see you at our next scheduled breakfast!!

Thank You Letters

Dear Barbecue Church family,
I would like to thank my church family for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits during the loss of my brother, "Pete."

Love, Richard and Shelby Porter

Dear David and Barbecue Church Family,
I would like to thank all of you that made inquiries, called, sent cards, and visited me during my recovery from double-knee surgery.

Your prayers and well wishes are appreciated.
Please continue to pray for me and I love all of you.

Love, Shirley Holmes

Dear members of Barbecue Church and Youth Group,
Thank you for your interest and concern to help meet our goal in the Buddy Backpack Program. The Buddy Backpack Program truly appreciates your "Youth Group" generous donation of \$540.05 and "Church" donation of \$3355.12. The program is so blessed to have churches, such as yours, come together to support this program.

Your support will help feed and sustain our children's future. Working together as a community, we can make a difference in a child's life. Your involvement is a great way to minister and witness for a good cause. Thanks for your coming forward with this wonderful gift.

Yours in Christ,
Maggie M. Nichols, Secretary
Bob Doberstein, President



Dear Friends at Barbecue Presbyterian Church,
We are grateful for your continued support of SAFE of Harnett County. Thank you for your recent donation to our agency in the amount of \$1677.56. AFE is committed to providing shelter and advocacy services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Harnett County. The services we provide include emergency shelter, a 24hr crisis line, and crisis response to local hospitals, court advocacy, support groups, individual counseling services, restraining order assistance, information and referrals. We would be unable to fulfill our mission without your generous supports. On behalf of SAFE Board of Directors and staff, I thank for supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Harnett County. With much appreciation,

Tonya Gray, Executive Director

Happy Birthday to All Celebrating in MARCH

April 1	Melissa Hinkle
April 3	Jimmy McCormick, Rolland Van Wart
April 4	Harriett Holder
April 6	Candy Cook
April 13	Emily Williams, Jennifer Hege
April 18	Kirsten Morris
April 19	Sandy Williams
April 23	Laura Shaw Cameron
April 25	Jim Shaffer
April 28	Boyd Brafford, Jr.



Dear Partners in God's Mission,

Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Mission! Your faithful and generous giving allows all of us who work together in God's mission to bring the gospel of Christ to all corners of the world. It provides the funds to help bear the burdens of those in times of crisis, those in poverty, those who are in need. Thank you for partnering with us in that call.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On December 31, 2017, we received \$274.00 for the Christmas Joy Offering.

Again, thank you for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ.



Yours in Christ,
Sy Hughes, Mission Engagement Advisor

My Church family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recovery from recent surgery.

I am doing better but I still have a long way to complete recovery, so I will appreciate your continued prayers.

God Bless, Carolyn Self

Vital Signs – Worship Attendance

March 4 – 77
 March 11 – 82
 March 18 – 97
 March 25 – 69

Nursery

April 1 – Amber Dienstmann-Ott
 April 8 – Charles & Dee Necessary
 April 15 – Charles & Dee Necessary
 April 22 – Amber Dienstmann-Ott & Ruby Campbell
 April 29 – Debbi Thomas & Missy Cameron

Greeters

April 1 – Richard Dalrymple
 April 8 – Ruby Campbell
 April 15 – Ben Thomas
 April 22 – Heather and Murray Simpkins
 April 29 – Troy and Cory Morris

Acolytes

April 1 – Chloe Dienstmann
 April 8 – Abby Necessary
 April 15 – Bella Cameron
 April 22 – Isabel Necessary
 April 29 – Lexi Holmes

Flowers

April 1 – Easter Lilies
 April 22 – Page and Dave Hawes
 April 29 – Carolyn Self

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



Apr 1 – 7:30 AM Sunrise Service, 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast, 9:45 AM Youth Choir, Opening assembly 9:45 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Easter Worship 11 AM

Apr 2 - Christian Education Committee 6:00 PM

Apr 3 – Welcome/Membership Committee 7:00 PM

Apr 5 – Choir 7:00 PM

Apr 8 – Building/Grounds Committee 6:30 PM,

Apr 8 – Opening assembly 9:45 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11 AM, Youth Group 4:30 PM, Diaconate 6:30 PM

Apr 12 – Choir 7:00 PM

Apr 15 – Opening assembly 9:45 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11 AM

Apr 17 – Food Pantry 10:00 AM

Apr 18 – Session 7:00 PM

Apr 19 – Choir 7:00 PM

Apr 21 – Session 7 PM

Apr 22 – Opening assembly 9:45 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11 AM, Youth Group 4:30 PM

Apr 26 – Choir 7:00 PM

Apr 29 – Opening assembly 9:45 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11 AM, Potluck Luncheon

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

**Vacation
Bible
School**

**June 14th to June 17th
All Ages infant to 100**

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Check out our website:

<http://www.barbecuech1758.org/>