

BARBECUE NEWS

February 2012

Pastor's Corner

Barbecue Welcomes Bob Stone as Choir Director

Our church is thrilled to welcome Robert "Bob" Stone as our new choir director. Bob saw our advertisement in a local newspaper and felt the call to help, and we are glad that he did!

Bob has 35 years of experience in directing choral and instrumental music, including choirs of all sizes. He earned a BS degree in Music Education from Grace College in Winona Lake, IN, followed by a MA degree in Music Education from St. Francis University in Ft. Wayne, IN. Bob directed an 80-voice choir and a 250-piece marching competition band in Indiana high schools. In Indiana, he also served as choir director at Ossian Presbyterian Church, Grace Brethren Church, and First Baptist Church. Most recently, he led the choir at the College Wesleyan Church on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University. As a retired resident of Carolina Trace, Bob said "Music is now my avocation, and Barbecue Church is the perfect venue for me to participate in music and enhance the worship experience."

Steve Huepper, chair of the Choir Director Search Committee, said "Barbecue Church was certainly blessed when God sent us Bob Stone!"

Joey Holmes, pianist and member of our choir-director search committee, said, "Before his interview, I was most impressed by Bob's formal music training and experience leading choirs of all sizes, plus he took the initiative to visit our church one Sunday to explore the mutual fit. During the interview, I was struck by his sincerity about the role music plays within the worship service, and I could sense that he would strike the right balance in challenging and encouraging our volunteer choir,"

Elder and search-committee member, Jimmy McCormick, said, "Bob is the right person at the right time to lead our choir at Barbecue."

Whether you are a trained singer, or just want to make a joyful noise, now is an opportune time to join the choir. Members meet in the Sanctuary from 7:00 until 8:00 each Thursday night, and they meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 each Sunday morning to rehearse before the Worship Service. Stop by one Thursday night to join the fun!

Do you have an interest in helping our church by using your e-mail skills?

Barbecue Presbyterian Church is offering you just that opportunity. It is surprising how many documents are generated each month as our church's groups, committees, Diaconate, and Session as they conduct the work of our Church. We are working on managing the many documents generated by our Church. This is currently a work in progress, and it only requires an interest in organization and information retrieval.

As members of this very special Church, we have a responsibility to those who come after us, to see that the history we have, and continue to develop, is saved and preserved so that it can be retrieved at a later date. We have been left a fascinating legacy by those who came before us, and now we have the responsibility to ensure that that legacy lives on and is accessible to future generations at Barbecue Church.

If you are comfortable using Microsoft Outlook and working with files, please contact Walt Doelp at waltdoelp@windstream.net or 919.499.6000.

It is always fun to get in on the ground floor of a project, and that opportunity is being offered to you now. Come join us and together we can ensure that ten years from now, Barbecue Church members will be able to trace, on line, how we were able to continue our legacy by preserving the perpetual records of our Church.

Seen on a church sign: "Join our new movement—Occupy Church."

THANKS

Dear Barbecue Presbyterian Church,

Thank you very much for your kind support of \$233.00 to Barium Springs Home for Children received on December 7, 2011. Your Christian compassion is an inspiration to our children, families and staff.

Peace,

John Koppelmeyer

President/CEO

VITAL SIGNS

Worship Attendance

January 1	62
January 8	95
January 15	73
January 22	

Flowers for February

February 5	
February 12	
February 19	Bill and Carolyn Self
February 26	Dorothy Hales

Nursery for February

February 5	Denise Spivey Johnson
February 12	
February 19	
February 26	

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

On February 19 the Presbyterian Men will meet for breakfast and fellowship at 8:00 AM. All Presbyterian Men are invited for food and fellowship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will meet at 7:00 PM on February 6 at the church, and at 7:30 PM the General Meeting for the Presbyterian Women will meet. All women of the church are invited to join in the fellowship of these circles.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On February 12 the Friendship Club will meet at 3:30 PM to go bowling. Plan to join the Friendship Club on the second and fourth Sunday of each month for fun, fellowship, and learning.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will be practicing at 9:30 AM on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. All youth from kindergarten through 8th Grade are encouraged to participate.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will meet each Thursday at 7:00 PM. All singers are welcome to join us. We also welcome Bob Stone as our choir director.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS WORKSHOP

Coastal Carolina Presbytery is sponsoring workshops to promote Christian Education and Stewardship on February 11 from 8:45 AM until 1:00 PM at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clinton, NC. The cost is \$12 and there will be opportunities to participate in two workshops during the day. Registration forms are in the narthex.

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING JANUARY

We thank everyone who helped take down the Chrismon Tree and the church's Christmas decorations. We installed new church officers for the coming year. We celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Barbecue Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, love each other, and serve in the world through ministry, worship, evangelism, education, congregational care, stewardship, and outreach.

NURSERY

A nursery is provided for newborns through preschool age, and nursery volunteers are needed during the worship service each Sunday. We need two or three adults (or an adult and teenager) to sign up for each Sunday and to be in the nursery by 10:45 AM. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar for 2012 has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway just outside the Sunday School office. Persons who are interested in giving flowers in honor of or in memory of someone special are encouraged to sign up!

AN INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Members of the Board of Deacons, acknowledging their responsibility "...to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress", (G-6.0402, *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 February if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, contact Estine Pace Thomas (498.1639).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION MEETING

Moderated by Sandy Williams

The Session of Barbecue Presbyterian Church met for a scheduled meeting on December 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM. A quorum was declared since eight members were present. Prayer concerns were shared, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

It was approved for a new member to join the church.

The new church officers were examined and approved to be installed.

The following Financial Report for November was approved: Income--\$13,498.08; Expenses--\$10,371.91; Balance--\$3,126.17.

The minutes of the December 14 Diaconate Meeting were approved.

The minutes of the stated November 16 meeting of the Session were approved.

It was reported that Cameron Thomas would help lead worship on December 25.

It was reported that the Data Storage System for collecting church records was working well.

It was approved for the church to hire Robert "Bob" Stone as the new Choir Director.

Decisions were made regarding who should see Session minutes before they were approved by the Session.

A report was given from the Hospitality Committee. Visitors that the pastor had sent a letter and brochures to would also be contacted by members of the Hospitality Committee.

A report was given from the Outreach Committee. There were 32 bags of food that were distributed from the Outreach Food Pantry on December 20. A special thanks was given to Highland Elementary School and Western Harnett Lion's Club for the food they provided.

A report was given by the Personnel Committee. All church employees had been interviewed.

A report was given by the Worship Committee. It was reported which members were rotating off the Committee and who was coming on the Committee. Greeters had been gotten for January and thank-you notes had been sent. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Remember in prayer the following people in our church family

Shirley Aguinaga, Roy Bell, Jeanette Bishop, Jimmy Clark, Debi Emmert, Jim Funderburk, Gladys Godfrey, Peggy Howard, Elois Kelly, Sally Kramer, Nancy Ridenhour, Trey Ridenhour, Helen Rogers, Laura Rudin, Monnie Sullivan, and Mary Yarborough.

Workshops for the Equipping the Saints Training Event

February 11, 2012

Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church

Clinton, NC

#1 Workshops – 10:15 – 11:30

1. **Soul Music: From Heart to Hands** – This workshop is a chance to listen to the music in our heart which defines the actions of our hands. We will explore a variety of methods/practices to stimulate and complement our inward spiritual journeys. Leader: Rev. Louie Andrews – A pastor for 9 years at Graves Memorial in Clinton, Louie is now at Rockfish PC, Virginia. He continues to read Howard Thurman, Elie Wiesel and Walter Brueggemann while listening to Guy Clark, Steve Earle and Emmy Lou Harris.
2. **Serving Those Who Serve** – Discover ways and resources to equip your church to better serve military veterans of all types. Leader: Chpl. Chad McCain – Navy Chaplain serving at Marine Corps Air Station, New River in Jacksonville, NC.
3. **2012 VBS and Beyond** – Let's survey a couple of VBS options (Operation Overboard – Cokesbury & Babylon – GROUP) along with a presentation of ways to connect your summer VBS with ongoing activities of the church & community. Leader: Rev. Pam Taber – supply Minister for Coastal Carolina's Smith Presbyterian Church and a certified Christian Educator.
4. **Faith Formation, Not Just Information: Small Group Resources** – If we wish to move our Christian education beyond "information sharing" to "faith formation," let's explore resources available in Presbytery's Resource Center and beyond to equip churches and families to become the heartbeat of faith formation. We'll share curriculum & studies for children, youth and adults. Leader: Kaye Bledsoe – Presbytery's Associate for Resource Services
5. **INspired OUTreach: Churches Doing Mission** – Inside and outside, our churches are reaching out to share the gospel in ways that are truly inspiring. Come listen to a panel representing churches of all sizes as they share outreach/mission projects & make connections with churches involved in projects of interest to you. Leader: Rev. Nancy Gladden - is Presbytery's Mission Coordinator for the East Community.

#2 Workshops – 11:45-1:00

1. **Your 2 Cent-A-Meal at Work** – Discover the variety of ways your offering helps fight hunger. Leader: Elder Bryant Holmes – is the chair of Presbytery's Hunger Committee and a member at Westminster PC, Fayetteville.
2. **With Voice & Hands: Youth Music/Mission Ministry** – Learn how music and mission combine to effectively promote faith formation in our youth. Leader: Sharon Miller – is Music Director at St. Andrews-Covenant PC, Wilmington.
3. **Stewards of God's Creation: Congregations Responding** – In this session we will look at the reasons people of faith should care about the environment and explore ways to help congregations respond to this call. Let's examine church practices and discuss ways to encourage members and leaders to make responsible choices and Creation Care policy. Leader: Lisa Green – is a member of Graves Memorial PC, Clinton where she chairs the Earth Care committee.
4. **Your Inner Creativity Found Outside** – The Church these days needs creativity more than ever! With a common "We've never done it that way before" mentality that permeates our churches; we've lost a bit of that spark that used to set us apart as an education-focused denomination. This refreshing workshop will look outside the norms to give you tools and a new perspective to discover or rediscover the inner creativity that is in you! Leader: Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi – is Director at Monroe Camp and Retreat Center. Jeremy is convinced that second only to the family, camp is the single most powerful source for youth development. Jeremy's call is to revitalize Monroe Camp to be a beacon of that message.