

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*Barbecue Presbyterian Church*

*January 2018*

## Pastor's Corner

As I write I am looking forward to this coming Sunday, which will be Christmas Eve. As we continue our journey through this Advent season and anticipate upcoming Christmas celebrations and observances, I thank all people who are helping make these seasons meaningful: persons who put symbols of our faith on the Chrismon tree, put up wreaths and the nativity scene-all of which prepared the sanctuary (and helped prepare the congregation) for our Advent and Christmas worship; wonderful youth and soloists that delivered the Christmas message last Sunday through song, drama and scripture readings; Advent wreath candle lighters; people who participated in the Angel Tree outreach ministry of Barbecue and, also, Operation Christmas Child; the marvelous participants in the cantata and those who organized the reception and provided refreshments we enjoyed after the cantata.

The beloved story of the men from the east who followed the star to Bethlehem will be told this Christmas season and will be remembered and re-told on Epiphany (January 6). As the story goes, the men knelt and worshipped the new-born king and Savior of Israel; in so doing they acknowledged that Jesus was their Savior and King, too. They then presented gifts to him-gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Their story implicitly invites us to ask: "what are our 'kneeling places' in life- activities and opportunities through which we worship Jesus; and what gifts will we commit to bring him during 2018"?

With joy and thanksgiving,  
David

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**2018**

## Session Highlights December 2017

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING – December 20, 2017

### TREASURER'S REPORT

November Income	\$11,056.50	YTD Income	\$147,111.17
November Expenses	\$13,296.21	YTD Expenses	\$142,322.21
November Net Income –	(\$2,239.71)	YTD Net	\$ 4,788.96

**APPROVED:** Examination of Officers –Elect, Class 2020; Request for Baptism of Infant; Replacement computer for Pastor's Office; Guest Minister, Rev. Russ Ward to preach, December 31; Rev. Sherrod Vacation time December 26 – January 1.

**OTHER DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS:** Received Presbytery West Gathering Report from December 7 meeting; Church Security/Safety Committee to be appointed after new officers installed; Communion to be served January 7; Ordination/Installation new Officers, Class 2020 on January 14; and Bingo night planned by Welcoming Committee – February 23.

**APPRECIATION:** to out-going Deacons and Elders for Leadership and Service to the Church.

## Miss Western Harnett Pageant



Our own Kenzie Fortin participated in the Miss Western Harnett Pageant recently. Congratulations Miss Kenzie for displaying confidence and poise amongst your peers.

## Outreach Food Pantry

Food bags are distributed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM**

Come early and help with distribution!



## Deacons and Elders

The installation of deacons and elders will occur on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Barbecue Youth News

Youth of Barbecue - Did your child make the team? Compete in the spelling bee? Make it to the finals? Perform in a show? We would like to highlight achievements and events that our church youth participate in outside of church. As your church we want to support our youth however we can in our community. Please send any accomplishments or events that you would like for us to recognize, including pictures that you would like to give us permission to use in our newsletter. Let's do our best to help support our next generation in spiritual growth. Please send your information to Heather Simpkins [assistantbpc@windstream.net](mailto:assistantbpc@windstream.net) and state "you give permission to post" this information. Or you can any text this to 951-316-0656

## Communion Service

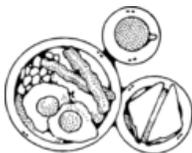
The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated January 7<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Decorations

Christmas decorations will be taken down from the church on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.** If you are available to help, please come down to the church and provide any assistance you can.

## Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men will be meeting for breakfast Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Patricia Simpkins, Catherine Spivey, Alta Warwick, Delmus Wicker, and Deborah Womble.

### Military Overseas

Jacob Brafford

## Longtime Choir Member



After 71 years of singing in our Barbecue Choir Helen Rogers decided to hang up the Choir Robe and return to the pews.

It's 2018 a new year to join the choir!  
Thursday's at 7:00 PM



## Youth Group

Youth Group will meet in January on these dates:  
Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM  
Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM



## Thank You Cards



Dear Friends,

We are very thankful for the kindness, love and generosity you extended to us through the Christmas gifts you gave us-the Cracker Barrel gift card and cash. Thank you! The worship and congregational life we share with you gives us great joy.

With our love,  
David and Alice



Merry Christmas!

I pray this season brings all of you hope, peace, faith and joy! It was wonderful to catch a glimpse of the Barbecue family on Facebook. I loved watching the youth and adult choirs' snippets from their services. Wonderful to "see" old friends again as well as new faces too. Our family wishes all of you the most wonderful of Christmases and blessings for the New Year!

Lilla Faint

## Thank you!

For their service as members of Session and Diaconate for the past three years, thank you to these individuals who comprised the class of 2017: Session, Nancy Holmes, Ben Thomas, and Cindy Warcup; Diaconate: Denise Johnson, Dennis McLean, and Murray Simpkins.

## 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 January, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, contact Drew Rimbach (919) 478-9922.

## Happy Birthday to All Celebrating in JANUARY

January 11	Arline Drumheller
January 19	Donna McCoy
January 25	Larry Howard, Annabell Necessary
January 28	Alta Warwick



## Baptism of the Lord Sunday

As we anticipate Baptism of the Lord Sunday on January the 7<sup>th</sup>, please see below an excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 148):

The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.

## Vital Signs – Worship Attendance

December 3 – 85  
 December 10 – 75  
 December 17 – 86  
 December 24 – 88  
 December 31 – 68

## Nursery

January 7 – Bridget Sharpe and Teresa Sheets  
 January 14 – Amber Ott and Ruby Campbell  
 January 21 – Debbi Thomas and Missy Cameron  
 January 28 – Cindy Warcup and Peggy Thomas

## Greeters

January 7 – Tina Rimbach  
 January 14 – Richard Dalrymple  
 January 21 – Pat Simpkins  
 January 28 – Lorraine Armstrong

## Acolytes

January 7 – Bear Rimbach  
 January 14 – Lexi Holmes  
 January 21 – Bella Cameron  
 January 28 – Abby Necessary

## Flowers

January 7 –  
 January 14 – [Sign up](#)  
 January 21 –  
 January 28 – 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](mailto:assistantbpc@windstream.net)

## Dates To Remember



**Jan 2** – Welcome/Membership Committee 7PM  
**Jan 3** – Bessie Carr Circle 2PM  
**Jan 4** – Choir 7:00 PM  
**Jan 5** – Welcome/Membership Committee 7 PM  
**Jan 6** – Remove Christmas decorations 2PM  
**Jan 7** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM (Holy Communion)  
**Jan 11** – Choir 7:00 PM  
**Jan 14** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM (Installation of Deacons/Elders), Youth Group 4:30 PM, Diaconate Meeting 6:30 PM  
**Jan 16** – Food Pantry 10:00 AM  
**Jan 17** – Session 7:00 PM  
**Jan 18** – Choir 7:00 PM  
**Jan 21** – Men’s Breakfast 8:00 AM, Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM  
**Jan 25** – Choir 7:00 PM  
**Jan 28** – Sunday school 9:45 AM, Worship 11AM, Youth Group 4:30 PM

## Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 First Sunday of Lent – February 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Palm Sunday – March 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Maundy Thursday – March 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Good Friday – March 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Easter Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>

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