

The Barbee Banner

Interesting Facts about Pastor Adel and Lynne:

I was born in Cairo, Egypt to Christian parents, who immigrated to Denver, CO when I was 5. My name means Justice (Adel) pertaining to the Trinity(Thalos). As a child, I grew up going to the Presbyterian Church (the nearest church to our apartment where we first lived) and to the Coptic (Egyptian) Orthodox church. When I was 15, I gave my life to Christ at a Youth Retreat, and sensed a call to ministry, but I was not yet ready to acknowledge that calling. Just like many young people, I faced a crisis of faith during my college years, attending a secular engineering school (Colorado School of Mines). But God would not let me go. God providentially brought me together with a former mentor who was on sabbatical as a missionary. Through his ministry to me, I began to acknowledge that God might have a purpose for me among His people as a pastor. I soon matriculated at Denver Seminary, while joining the Youth ministry leadership team, and eventually leading the Middle School ministry. In 1991 I met my wife Lynne and we were married in October of 1992. She is an extremely gifted woman and partner in ministry with degrees in Pharmacy, Journalism and an MA in Christian Counseling from Denver Seminary. We will be celebrating our 28 year anniversary in October, and the Lord has blessed us with three wonderful sons, Abraham (26), Isaac (25), and Jacob (23).

I served as pastor of a non-denominational church in Wichita, Kansas for two years before the Lord led me to accept an internship with Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita, where I pastored a large (180 member) Singles group, while also serving as adjunct professor, teaching Old and New Testament courses at Butler County College and at Friends University. In September of 2005, the Lord led me to a call as associate pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Snellville, GA. Several years later in 2011, after leaving the PCUSA, the Lord led me to become pastor at an Evangelical Presbyterian Church in a suburb (Hixson) of Chattanooga, TN. After serving there for over 6 years, I knew that the Lord had other things in mind for me. My experience with multiple churches awakened me to the need to assist congregations during times of transition between pastors. Sadly, a majority of congregations in America are going through decline, and thousands close their doors every year. Most pastors are not equipped to assist churches in this stage and therefore when they are called to serve, they struggle for many years. Each church or ministry to which the Lord had previously called me were experiencing these sorts of declines for multiple reasons, and I learned much in helping them in renewal and revitalization. After I did some further training in transitional revitalization ministry, I began to serve in that role, and have been encouraged to see the Lord work in transitional periods in strengthening congregations in preparation for calling a permanent pastor.

My wife Lynne and I are truly excited to work with each of you at Barbee during this challenging, yet exhilarating time in the life of this church. I believe that the Lord has called each and every one of us here "at such a time as this" for the purpose of renewal. We are eager to pray and work with each of you as we seek the Holy Spirit's empowerment and guidance in reaching our community with the Gospel and living into the Vision and Great Commission that He is giving us.

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Scripture of the Month:

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:12

Change of Address:

As you know, Jackson Houston has left for college. His new address is: 719A Dietrich Hall, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO 64468.

Kent and Ellie Wood will be moving the first part of September. Their new address will be: Benton House of Staley Hills, 11071 North Woodland Avenue., Room #216, Kansas City, MO 64155.

Hospitalizations:

Cheryl Faulkner
Carol Nolting

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Beth and Earl Humphreys, for the death of Beth’s aunt, Peggy Berger of Lincoln, Nebraska. Peggy went to be with the Lord on July 23rd. She was 94 years old and the last one remaining among Beth’s many aunts and uncles. Beth and Earl did not attend the service due to COVID concerns.

Our sympathy is extended to Lori and Charlie Shockley and family, for the death of Lori’s father, Loren McConnell of Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. McConnell went to be with the Lord on August 25 at the age of 79. His funeral was on August 27.

Thank You:

Dear Barbee Church Family: I want to thank you so much for the beautiful fresh flower bouquet I received today. I was touched by the thoughtfulness! My time as moderator of the Session has been a learning experience and a blessing. My hope is that the prayers and decisions made by the Session were the best possible for our church family.

Sharon Senger

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, and phone calls received during my recent hospital stay.

Carol Nolting

I would like to thank my Barbee family for their prayers and expressed concern during my surgery back in late July. I really appreciated the beautiful cards and yummy meals that assisted me in my recovery. I am SO BLESSED! Thank you.

In Him, Grace Harriger

The Salvation Army would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the members that donated school supplies and backpacks to those children in need. God bless you.

Thank You to Cheryl Faulkner:

Early in the worship service on Sunday, August 23rd, Ruling Elder, Sharon Senger, presented Cheryl Faulkner a card and gift of appreciation from the session for all she had done as the past Clerk of Session. Cheryl had been asked by Pastor Dan Clark to stay on as Clerk of Session after her term expired to help with the transition to a new pastor. Cheryl worked tirelessly to help with decisions on reopening the church during COVID-19, helping with videoing the sermons made by Peter Lindstrom, writing articles for the Banner, and helping with many other tasks above and beyond the usual expectations of a Clerk of Session. We all appreciate her willingness to go the extra mile to help us through the past seven months.



Sermon Series:

During the month of August, Pastor Adel began a series on prayer for each Sunday. Guiding us through scripture and experiences, he has encouraged the congregation to pray for each other and for Barbee Church.

The series on prayer will last for a total of eight weeks.

8:02 Break Through Prayer:

Since Pastor Adel is preaching a series of sermons on prayer, it seemed like a good time to start “Break Through Prayer”. Since our journey of transition and revitalization for this church began with Pastor Adel’s coming on August 2nd (08-02-2020), it seems like a good time that is easy to remember is 8:02. Let’s take a minute at 8:02 morning or evening (or both) to breathe a short prayer asking God to lead us to help our church and our community. Think what a difference that can make!! If you glance at the clock and see 8:02 or near 8:02, please pray. If you are the type of person who sets an alarm on your phone or a chime on your Apple watch, please set it for 8:02 morning or evening as a reminder to exercise your privilege to pray.

Let’s see what our combined prayers can do this year!!

Sharon Senger

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Ministry Team Updates:

MISSIONS:

The Barbee Mission Ministry will start meeting again in September! (Please join us with your mask. Social distancing will be practiced.) Our September meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Especially NOW during this pandemic when most of us are just weary from everything we’ve been through! We need you!

Obviously our environments have changed; some of our old outreach methods are not going to work. Please come share your ideas and passion to share God’s grace with others.

Galatians 6:9-10 ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Grace Harriger

Good Samaritan Pantry: September’s designated collection item is protein. This includes peanut butter, tuna, salmon, beans and nuts.

MUSIC NOTES:

During the month of August we heard solo music from Jerry Summers, Debbie Lehmann, and myself singing and then ringing handbells. I thank them for their efforts!

While other churches in Clay County and other area counties are now singing in worship, we are still being cautious by whispering or reading words to hymns being played. This is not a perfect situation, but it is a way to help keep us healthy and safe. Thank you for your help!

With the Covid-19 virus still among us, the start of our Chancel Choir rehearsals is up in the air. This is the first time I have ever experienced such a questionable time in our church choirs. However, with the hope and anticipation that the virus will be a thing of the past, I have books and CDs available for the annual Christmas cantata. Please stop by the Music Room on Sunday morning and pick them up so you can be ready in case we get to share the message in the music!! Call me if you have questions at 816-726-3117.

Women’s Choir members have been as faithful in attendance at rehearsals as possible and this will continue for a while. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy hearing them sing this fall!

Chapel Bells ended the “choir year” when the virus came along, having worked hard to prepare several selections for the worship service. This choir year, Chapel Bells will start the year with **masking** and **social distancing** in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Returning members, it would be appreciated if you could come about 6:15 p.m. and help me get set up!!

If you are interested in ringing with us, please call me so I can meet before our rehearsal and “introduce” you to the wonderful world of handbells.

Blessings,
Elaine Psalm 150



NOAH’S ARK CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL:

The Ministry team met on August 13th for the first time since March. It was so good to meet again. Carol and Chris presented a “walk-through” of what a day will look like given all of the requirements for COVID. No one other than staff will be allowed in the classrooms. The classrooms will be locked at the end of each day. If a mandatory shut-down of schools should occur, the teachers are prepared for online classes.

There will be an Open House on September 8th, by appointment only, for the first time children so they can meet the teachers and see their classrooms. Hopefully, this will make their first day easier. Pre-K and 5-Day will begin on Wednesday, September 9th and Early will begin on Thursday, September 10th.

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the individuals who have donated monies for all of the extra supplies we have had to purchase to meet the Clay County/CDC guidelines. It is greatly appreciated. God bless you.

We are very excited about our upcoming school year and can’t wait to meet all our new children and welcome back all those precious ones from last year. Please continue to keep the Preschool in your prayers as we start our school year.

Carol A. Spencer



SMALL GROUPS:

Sadly, the S.N.A. (Saturday Night Alive) small group, which meets at the home of Jim and Elaine Vassmer, is unable to start at this time due to COVID-19. They look forward to the time when they can gather. In the meantime, please take time to pray for your small group members, leaders, and the entire Barbee family!

The other two small groups (C.O.O.L. C.S.I. and W.O.W.) will start up on Sunday, September 13th. Both groups gather at 9 a.m. C.O.O.L. S.C.I. meets in the church library and W.O.W. meets in the adult classroom. All groups welcome new members. W.O.W. is for women.

Please wear your face mask and social distancing will be practiced.

WORSHIP:

I am sorry to say that I have really been off my game since COVID-19 hit us and closed our doors. I just went to work and then home. Now I – we need to get back on track. I will be calling a meeting for the Worship team on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. Right now we are pretty set in how our services will be held according to the county protocol. But we need to plan for changes, hopefully for the better. May the Lord be with us as we go forward.

Diane Greenwood, Co-Moderator

**Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church
Adult Classroom, August 17, 2020 @ 6:30pm**

The Session of Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church held the stated meeting on August 17, 2020. Those in attendance were as follows: Grace Harriger, Jeff Henson, Alice Lammert, Clark Pugh, Craig Rimmer, Sharon Senger, establishing a quorum. Also present were Adel Thalos, Teaching Elder, and Sue Farrow, who was introduced as the new Clerk of Session. Carol Nolting, Treasurer, was absent due to a recent hospitalization. Note was made of Jerry Summers letter of resignation as an Elder, effective immediately.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.; T.E. Adel opened with prayer.

He began with four items for Elder training and education, the first two sent by attachment to the agenda, and the second two handed out at the meeting.

- The EPC Training Manual introduction and chapter 1
- The "Role of Elder"
- Part 1 of Church Life-Cycle
- 4 Disciplines of a Great Commission Church

The discussion centered on the Elders needing to become "real," based on basics, which translates to more time to pray for the pastor, elders, meetings and members. One way to do this is to take the Annual Report and pray individually for the members. The Elders shared comments about how inadequate they felt following reading the handouts. No one can measure up, but we can strive to grow and spend more time in prayer. The Life Cycle of Too Many Churches was material that was familiar to all Elders. The handout was discussed in depth; the three parts were the incline, the recline, and the decline, which was where most felt Barbee was. T.E. Adel said we must break where we are and start on the incline to grow. The Four Disciplines of a Great Commission Church are Preemptive Prayer, Basic Bible, Cost Commitment, and Missional Multiplication. Each section had Bible texts that supported the 4 Disciplines. Some of the points covered were that churches which are growing ask members to make a Commitment and those churches are active in the community in order to reach outsiders.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed with Grace Harriger making the motion to accept the Consent Agenda and seconded by Alice Lammert; the motion passed.

Consent Agenda Summarized:

Clerk's report - There have been no changes in membership. There have been no small group activities; church attendance for July 19th was 53; for July 27th, 32; for August 2nd, 42; and for August 9th, 43.

Minutes of Regular Session meeting: July 20th minutes were approved by email vote prior to August 17th, 2020.

Ministry reports were emailed to the Elders from Noah's Ark Ministry Team and from the Staff meetings. Jeff Henson reported that the Building and Grounds Ministry Team had received gravel to fill in the eroded area near the front hillside, east of the playground, but it would not be enough. The men's urinal in the pre-school bathroom had been repaired.

Financial - Carol Nolting Treasurer Carol was absent due to a previous hospitalization, her report was postponed.

Unfinished Business:

Property Tax: The hold up on the property tax has been that the County offices have been closed. Grace Harriger explained that the "For Sale" signs have been removed. Discussion on how to answer any questions about the church's use of property explaining why it should be tax exempt; the idea of placing a cross by the church sign, or moving the three crosses there, or of installing three new crosses there -- which was met with approval. Jeff Henson stated that that should be no problem.

High School Parking Agreement: Alice Lammert had given the agreement to a woman who was to give it to Joe Greim, who would give it to the School Board for review at the next board meeting, September 14th. There will be no response until after that.

Website Update: Grace Harriger reported that a completely new website is being built on a different hosting site-WIX. She and Landon Summers can access it, but they need to make certain that Carol Spencer and certain others can also access it. Noah's Ark has been using that for quite a while for their own website. Grace will send a link to all Session members so they can explore it. She explained ideas for its use, and reminded the Session that it is not finished yet.

New Business:

Groups at the church: This was approved last month as long as they followed the guidelines for gatherings.

Jerry Summer's Letter of Resignation: It was accepted with concern for Jerry. A discussion followed on whether or not the vacancy had to be filled and what steps would need to be taken. Sue Farrow volunteered to fill the vacancy if that met with sessions approval, which it did. The Barbee Congregation will have to be notified of a Congregational Meeting and other steps will have to be taken according to the Book of Order. This led to a discussion about preparing for the up-coming elections in the fall. Pastor Adel said that there was no reason we had to have them in the fall (other than that was when our by-laws called for them, and those could be amended). Many churches have theirs in late spring or early summer. It was decided that having elections in the spring would be better; it would allow current Elders to complete the training and allow other members to get a sense of where Barbee is going and want to be a part of it.

T.E. Adel said that he and Lynne had a long time Commitment for an out of town wedding on September 20th. All the Session members said that would not be a problem. Clark Pugh moved that Pastor Adel be allowed to be gone Sunday, September 20th; Grace Harriger seconded the motion; it passed. Pastor Adel will record his Message for that day. Because of travel time, Alice Lammert moved that the next Session meeting be held on Monday, September 14th; Sharon Senger seconded it; motion passed.

There being no further business, Grace Harriger moved to adjourn, Clark Pugh seconded it; motion passed

Prayer requests T.E. Adel reminded us to keep everyone in prayer. Requests were made for Barbara Laning, of Lawson, who had covid and then shingles; the family of Johnny Daniel; Diane Lewis, who has cancer and has been placed on Hospice; the Sizemore family who had a young son drop dead; Sharon Senger had a praise that she and Phil avoided a terrible accident.

T.E. Adel closed the meeting in prayer at 8:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is September 14th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the adult classroom at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Farrow

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Not because a sermon is preached, although it can be helpful . . .

Not because good music is provided, though I am thrilled with its beauty . . .

Not because I have the habit, though I am thankful the church has given me many wonderful friends . . .

Not because I am afraid God will punish me if I am absent, though neglect of Church attendance brings spiritual poverty . . .

Not because I agree with all the religious ideas and life habits of everyone who goes - - it's impossible . . .


I GO TO CHURCH BECAUSE Jesus went, even when he could not agree with the Scribes of Pharisees, or the congregation . . .

I GO BECAUSE something I have found and believed has changed my life, and continues to do so . . .

I GO TO CHURCH TO WORSHIP GOD!



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 10:45 am Worship Serv Followed by: Congregational Mtg.	7 	8 6:30 pm Worship/ Hospitality Team 6:30 pm Mission Team	9 First Day for Early at Noah's Ark 6:30 pm Women's Choir	10 First Day for Pre-K at Noah's Ark 12 Noon Noah's Ark mtg	11	12
13 9 am Small Groups 10:45 am Worship Serv	14 6:30 pm Session	15	16 6:30 pm Chapel Bells	17	18	19 10 am Meet the Need
20 9 am Small Groups 10:45 am Worship Serv	21	22	23	24 BANNER DEADLINE	25	26
27 9 am Small Groups 10:45 am Worship Serv	28	29	30	1	2	3

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Worship Service 10:45 AM

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Happy Birthdays!

SEPTEMBER

Rick Lammert – 4
Jayne Cornish – 12
Jeff Chapman – 13
Kent Wood – 14

Lynne Thalos – 15
Grace Harriger – 18
Paul Faulkner – 19
Marsha Copeland - 23

Anniversary Greetings!

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Harriger – 5
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Edwards – 6
*Dr. & Mrs. Lee Felsburg – 18
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Taylor – 20
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Nunnelley – 30

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The Banner Deadline for October is **September 24, 2020**. Please help us prepare the Banner by sharing articles about things happening at Barbee, recipes and other items of interest. Please put them in the Secretary's box in the office. If you would like to email your info, the email address is: barbeepc@barbeepc.org.

