

# BARBEE BANNER

*"The Friendly Church on the Hill"*

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committed to serving and spreading  
the Word of God through obedience, prayer, and worship"

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To My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Believe it or not I needed to experience the Christian fellowship of our church this past Sunday. I know it may be hard for some of you to believe this but I look forward to the hectic pace of Sunday mornings. From arriving early to unlock the doors, to prayerfully preparing my heart and mind in the solitude of a quiet sanctuary, to finalizing preparations for the Adult Bible study, to shaking your hands or receiving hugs, to hearing your praises and prayer requests, to expounding the Word of God, to the last conversation I have with a lingering member of the congregation; I drink in Sunday mornings like I would a cold glass of lemonade on a hot August afternoon. Sunday mornings are what get me through the next week.

Though I cherish praying each week day morning in the sanctuary for God's leading, I selfishly look forward to Sunday mornings with increasing anticipation. Sunday morning for me is a time to experience Christ's presence shining in the darkness of the world outside, a time to experience the "body of Christ" coming alive in each of us and hear Him in our voices as we sing. It is a time to call on the Spirit of the Lord to lift each other up. I love Sunday mornings! But it hasn't always been that way.

Long before God called me into the ministry, I "did" church. I arrived, did the "church thing", and left. It was a social habit. I came to church looking for "me". I failed to grasp why God calls His people to gather on Sunday mornings. I did not come to church seeking God's presence. I did not come with a repentant heart. I did not come to for direction or solace or renewal. I came to do the "church thing". I sat down, I stood up, I sat down, I stood up, I sat down. I nodded off. I was a "luke-warm" body with a cold heart. Slowly, and I mean slowly, I began to let my defenses down. Slowly the Spirit prompted me to listen to the voice of God in the Word of God. Do you know what I discovered? Coming to church has never been about me. It is all about God and how God invites us into fellowship with Him!

I know what you are thinking. You're no rocket scientist Dan. True. I am a self centered sinner who still stumbles and needs Jesus to pick me up and say, "Try again. The holes in my hands are for you. Know that I love you and always have and always will." Oh be still my heart! God loves me and you just the way we are!

So on each Sunday morning I come with a lighter step, a keener eye, and a softer heart yearning to see how God has entered into someone else's heart since we last met. Though the weather last Sunday was horrible I anguished over cancelling church. But this was the wise thing to do; especially for those who drive a distance. Judy and I visited a few of our members in the nursing home and were blessed by our time with them. I found out later that Carol, Bill, Dorothy, and Danny braved the road conditions and worshiped with other nursing home members that afternoon. God is so good!

So if you see me with a Cheshire grin on Sunday morning know that I am thanking God for the blessing of each of you and I am praying that we continue to grow together in the love and fellowship of an awesome and loving God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dan

## Scripture of the Month

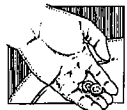
The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. **Isaiah 35: 1-2a**

### Nursery Schedule

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sabrina & Abi Hunter  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Carol Spencer  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – Dorothy Kennedy  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – Marcia Hiser

### Children's Church

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Katie McKenzie  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – we need a volunteer!  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – we need a volunteer!  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – Marla Rivera



### Loose Change Offering

The February Loose Change Offering totaled \$63.89. This money goes toward the support of our church facility. The next Loose Change Offering will be March 14. Thank you to all who gave.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Bunnie & Ross Scott** for the loss of their son, **Todd**, who passed away on Feb. 7 at the age of 47.

We extend our sympathy to **Sue Butler** and family for the loss of long-time member, **Georgia Moore**, who passed away Feb. 18 at the age of 102.

## Thanks

Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, visits and prayers while I've been in so much pain. Thanks, also, to the Circles for the dinners and to those who delivered them. Everything has been very much appreciated.

Blessings to you all,  
Bonnie Lewis

## Minor Home Repairs

The Barbee Men's Fellowship has many skilled workmen who may be able to help the people of Barbee with minor home repairs. If you are in need of someone to change a light bulb, change a door knob, oil a hinge, put in weather stripping, fix a leaking faucet or any other minor home repair, we might just be able to help you out. If you pay for the material we will provide the labor for nothing. Some jobs may be too much for us to handle but who knows what we might be able to do. Give us a call if you need something done and we'll see what we can do. Contact Clark Pugh at 630-8840 or Mike Carpenter at 630-9982 or catch one of us at church.

## Get ready for ZOLL - CPR & AED Class scheduled for March 27th

At Barbee we have a **ZOLL AED** (a what?)... an automated external defibrillator (AED) by the brand name of **ZOLL**. It is used when it is suspected that someone is having a "cardiac arrest" or heart attack.

Your Elders, Deacons, Preschool staff and nursery staff will be attending a class on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of the AED in order to be prepared should the need arise to use to **ZOLL** here at Barbee.

Congregational donations provided enough money to purchase the **ZOLL AED**. The device Provides feedback on your CPR, for example: it will say "Good compressions" or "continue CPR, no shock advised" The "pad" or electrode that you must use is a one-piece pad that is easy to apply. It will not shock anyone who does not need a shock - no one can be hurt by the use of the **ZOLL AED**

If any other church members express an interest in learning CPR and use of the AED, other classes may be scheduled at a later date. If you have questions, please direct them to Pastor Dan Clark or Cheryl Faulkner.

## Poor Man's Gourmet-Spring 2010

It's time to organize "Poor Man's Gourmet" groups for the Spring session. All interested singles and couples are invited to participate, and will receive their group assignment by the first part of March. "Poor Man's Gourmet" is a fabulous way to REALLY get to know your Barbee family outside of the church setting. Wonderful food and fellowship...what could be better? Contact Earl Humphreys (630-5204 or BASSBUD3@aol.com) for more information.

## 2010 Souper Bowl

### Chili and Soup Cook-off

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Souper bowl chili and soup cook-off is now history, but I'll bet a lot of us will remember the wonderful taste of our favorite chili or soup for a long time. I know I enjoyed a couple of them so much I took advantage of the take-out cups provided and bought some to take home for later enjoyment. Somewhere between 80 and 105 people were there (depends who did the counting) to enjoy some of the finest culinary delights that our wonderful cooks at Barbee came up with. We had ten entries in the chili section ranging from chicken chili, Mexican chili, no bean chili, turkey chili, and vegetable chili, just to name a few. In the soup department, the entries ranged from shrimp bisque, chicken and sausage jambalaya, pizza soup, corn chowder, and broccoli cheese soup, with many other selections to choose from also. In all, there were twenty-two entries competing for the ultimate prize, the bragging rights until next years contest. Now, the results. In the chili department, the McKenzie family's "Chicken chili" came out on top with a total of \$15.50 raised for cause. In the soup department, the Shewell's "Broccoli cheese soup" was the winner with a total of \$71.00 raised for the cause. The total amount collected was \$356.51 to go towards helping out the Good Samaritan Center. I don't know if anybody had the capacity to sample all twenty-two entries, but in my mind they were all winners. The mission committee would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to all the people that attended and also to all the wonderful cooks that contributed to make this a truly great event. It never ceases to amaze me all the generosity and love the Barbee congregation has for our Lord Jesus Christ. Helping with God's work, The Mission committee.

## Valentine's Dinner

WOW!! WHAT A GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE VALENTINE DINNER ON FEBRUARY 13TH. WHAT A GREAT NIGHT FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED CLEAN UP AND PUT THE TABLES AWAY AFTER THE DINNER. MANY HANDS MAKE LITTLE WORK!! SPECIAL THANKS TO CHERYL FAULKNER WHO DECORATED ALL THE TABLES, MARLA RIVERA WHO HELPED SET THEM AND THE MENS GROUP WHO HAD THE TABLES SET UP AND READY. THE YOUTH GROUP HELPING MADE THE SERVING AND CLEAN UP SO MUCH EASIER. HAVING JEFF CHAPMAN'S EXPERIENCE IN THE KITCHEN MAKES EVERYTHING GO SO SMOOTHLY. THANK YOU TO PASTOR DAN WHO IS A WORKHORSE IN THE KITCHEN, AND JUDY WHO OFFERED TO DO ALL THE TABLE CLOTHS. SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKE WHO DOES EVERYTHING I ASK OF HIM TO DO IN MAKING THIS DINNER POSSIBLE. HE KNOWS BETTER THEN TO ARGUE WITH JULIE IN THE KITCHEN!! HE ALSO CAME UP WITH THE GAME, SO BLAME HIM THIS YEAR!! THANKS TO SHELLEY DOTSON FOR THE TWO DIABETIC PIES. THIS YEAR THE MONEY THAT WASN'T SPENT WAS DIVIDED BETWEEN MISSIONS (FOR THE MISSION TRIP) AND THE KITCHEN FUND (TO BUY SOME ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE KITCHEN). IT WAS ALOT OF WORK AND ALOT OF FUN!! LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!!

MIKE AND VAL LINNENBURGER

## Know Your Bible

II Chronicles – 14<sup>th</sup> Book of the Old Testament

Author: Attributed to Ezra the priest

Date: Israelite history 970 B.C. (accession of King Solomon) to the 500s B.C. (when exiled Jews returned to Jerusalem).

In Ten Words or Less: History of Israel from Solomon to division to destruction.



## Music Notes

Busy, busy we are as we enter the season of Lent together, asking God to draw us all closer as we serve him with willing hearts

and talents.

Sunshine Choir beautifully shared several selections on Jan. 31. They continue to work on several projects, including *The Dogwood Story*, which will be shared during worship on May 2.

Chapel Bells shared "Stand for Jesus", joining on the organ with this exciting selection. Beautiful sounds were enjoyed that day!

Chancel Choir members are working on *Higher Ground*, a collection of new and old gospel songs. Their program of worship will be held April 11.

God is so good to give us willing musicians who will praise Him!

Thanking Him for them,  
Elaine



## Best Ever Sugar-Free Chocolate Raspberry Pie

From the kitchen of Shelley Dotson

1 sugar free pie crust (I used 50/50 brand)  
10 oz frozen or fresh raspberries  
1 small jar smucker sugar free raspberry preserves  
1T cornstarch  
5T Splenda

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8oz cream cheese (softened)  
1/3C Splenda  
1/2t vanilla  
1 tub sugar free cool whip

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\*\*top with Smuckers sugar free chocolate fudge topping

Combine raspberries, preserves, cornstarch and 5T splenda in saucepan. Bring to a low boil until thick. Pour into pie crust and chill. When raspberry filling is completely cool, in a separate bowl combine cream cheese, 1/3c Splenda, and vanilla. When completely mixed fold cool whip into cream cheese mixture. Gently spread on top of the cooled raspberry filling. Drizzle the top with Smuckers sugar free chocolate fudge topping.

## Sweetheart Dinner - 2010

Scrumptious, delicious and outstanding are just three of the many complimentary words uttered about the Sweet Heart dinner this year. Ninety-five meals were prepared - 17 takeout meals, 71 attending the event, and 7 youth, who served all those attending.

Our chefs, Val Linnenburger and Jeff Chapman, prepared the meal that began with a wild greens salad followed by roast pork, mashed potatoes and a green pea vegetable salad. Satisfying the sweet tooth was an out of this world raspberry cream pie to complete the meal.

Barbee's youth skillfully served beverages and cleared dishes throughout the evening. Pastor Dan also demonstrated his finely honed serving skills - what a way to make it through college!!

Brian Shewell played the part of auctioneer to sell the Jeff's "Stroud's" cinnamon rolls to the highest bidder. The proceeds will be allocated to the August 2010 Mission trip.

Door prizes were given in a random name drawing - winners were:

Ellie Wood, Theresa Henson, Marcia Hiser and Katie McKenzie.

Capping off the evening, Mike Linnenburger, Master of Ceremony, introduced the "Nearly Newly Wed Game" for our entertainment. Four couples, the Shewell's, Dotson's, Harringer's and Rivera's, were the lucky chosen participants. The Rivera's were the lucky winners (even though he didn't know his favorite meal??) by matching the greatest number of responses to the questions asked.

A great time was had by all!!

## Barbee VBS News Flash!

It's not too soon to begin thinking about Barbee VBS 2010! The Christian Education Committee has made arrangements once again with "The Robman" Rob Kinnard and his International Sports Evangelists to lead Barbee's VBS. VBS is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st through Friday, July 23rd, with the VBS student program to be presented on Sunday, July 25th. We need a Director or Co-Directors or a team of directors to work with "The Robman". Please prayerfully consider this exciting opportunity. Contact CE chair Beth Humphreys (630-5204 or Bethwh1999 aol.com) for more information.

## Volunteer reports on situation at PC(USA) partner hospital in Haiti

*Below is the text written by Suzi Parker from Hôpital Sainte Croix (Holy Cross Hospital), a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partner institution in Haiti. She and her husband, John, are volunteers from the United States serving at the hospital.*

Friends,

Hospital Sainte Croix is standing. John and I are fine. The building containing the administrative offices and the guesthouse collapsed and so did our nearby apartment. We have nothing we brought with us to Haiti, but since we have done a lot of cleaning in the guesthouse and hospital, we can find what we really need. Someone who was here gave me some shoes, and I found another pair of reading glasses that will work. So I have what I need. John was caught under the wreckage for about four hours, but the roof above was supported by the lintel of the sliding glass door, which held up the second floor, so he was uninjured except for a small cut on the top of his head.

Everyone connected with the hospital is alive except that we have not heard from Mario. Several people lost members of extended family. Alber's daughter was injured but is fine and will recover fully. The saddest news is that Marie Yves has died. Motr and Chrislet are fine. The Ste. Croix church is cracked, but I don't know how badly. The eye clinic looks fine. Pere Kerouin's house looks OK. Pere FanFan's house looks OK with some damage, and Pere Pierre's house is damaged but still standing. The doctor's quarters and penthouse are fine. If we can get it open, John and I may try to move in there for a while.

At night we sleep in the yard behind the hospital where the bandstand was. It has fallen, as has the Episcopal school. There are 200-300 people who sleep in that field at night. They sing hymns until almost midnight, and we wake up to a church service with hymns, a morning prayer, and the Apostle's Creed. The evening sky is glorious. In the field there is a real sense of community. Of course, we are the only *blancs* (Creole for foreigner) there. A group from FondWa arrived in Leogane today and will sleep there tonight. Janine, the head cook, brought John and me spaghetti from her home in Darbonne eight miles away. We shared with the group from FondWa. They have some money so they went out and bought rice, etc., and we will eat tonight. People have shared with us and we are getting a chance to feel how the Haitians really live.

The injuries we have seen at the hospital are enormous. Skulls are exposed. One woman died in the yard. Another woman's leg was cut vertically to the bone with muscles showing. Doctors worked and saw over 300 people with cuts, fractures, etc.

Of course, we have seen looting. The end wall of the guesthouse fell and it was open to the outside. My friends can't imagine how I shouted down about 20 looters in the guesthouse. Righteous indignation works wonders as does a tiny bit of pushing people to get out. John and I do not know our plans. We need to talk with the board, but have no phone. We have Joey's phone with a battery that needs charging. Our idea is to stay as long as we can be helpful and then get out of the way.

I have never understood joy in the midst of suffering, but now I do. The caring I have seen, the help we have received from the Haitians, the evening songs and prayers are wonderful. The people will survive, though many will die. Please pray for us. And pray that we and the hospital can be of help to the people here.

Suzi  
Hospital Sainte Croix

## A Letter from Prem

Dear praying friends,

My meditations this week have been upon Gen 5:22, "And Enoch walked with God." I believe that when the Lord made Himself known to Enoch, he learned to trust Him with his whole heart and began to commune with Him. Enoch had a heart to heart communion with his Master. He learned to trust the shed blood of the Lamb. He loved, worshiped, communed, and walked with God with his spirit, as well as with his being. God Himself commended or testified about Enoch "that he pleased God" (Heb 11:5). Hypocrites can only act out or put on a show of "walking with God." All their effort and energy is diverted to "before men, to be seen by them," to be men-pleasers (Matt 6:5, John 5:44). But in their private life, they are unable to walk, trust, or commune with God.

This was very true in my own life until about 25 years ago, when the Lord was pleased to grab hold of and captivate my heart (Phil 3:12) and reveal Christ to my soul. Since then, though I have been a very slow learner, our Lord with great patience has been teaching me to trust Him and His Word. Oh, what a joy and blessing to find Him as our comfort and strength as each of us go through many trials in our earthly journey! In this new year, may we learn to commune, converse, and walk with our precious Lord. He is surely worthy of praise, worship, and adoration - glory be to His blessed name!!

In our last short newsletter, I mentioned about how our Lord showed Himself faithful in answering the prayers of His saints in healing me from the Dengue virus. Some of you were not able to get that short email note. But by the grace of God, I am now doing well and am so grateful to you for your faithful intercessions, loving concern and care. Your encouraging emails and notes were of special blessing to all of us. Please continue to pray for us as there are many illnesses going around in this area, and that our God would grant us health that will most glorify Him and exalt His Son in and through our lives.

We also appreciate your faithful prayers for the work here in Nagpur. The Lord is mighty in saving souls! He has been stirring up within us a renewed desire for the salvation of the unsaved and for the growth of those who are saved. My co-worker, Bro. Raju, and I along with our brethren, have been traveling every week to various towns and villages. Both privately and publicly we have been pleading with the people here to get right with God. We have been using various materials including Bibles in various languages, hymns and Scripture songs, chalk boards, hand-outs, as well as your emailed and online Scripture studies. All these things have been used to exhort our audience to come to the logical choice, the blessed conclusion that with purpose of heart folks would cleave unto the Lord Jesus and His righteousness (Acts 11:23).

What a blessing to see the power and faithfulness of our God when He visits with His salvation! A good number of folks are testifying of the joy and working of God's grace in their soul. Even in the midst of much opposition from their family and friends, they are learning to trust Christ alone, and are willing to confess Him openly before the public (Psalm 110:3). I wish and pray that there will be many more who will experience these visitations, but we must trust that "salvation is of the LORD" and "The Lord knoweth them that are His." As you pray for us, please remember these believers also that each of us would be faithful in feasting upon Christ, the Bread of Life, the Living Word and that we may honor and please Him with our daily walk (Rom 12:1,2).

We are grateful to our God for little Sarah who was born on December 7th, 2009, weighing about 7.2lbs. She is of a great joy to us all. Pray that we may be found faithful in raising these little ones in the fear and admonition of our Lord. By His grace, each morning our household tries to sing praises to our Lord and study/memorize a verse or two from the Scripture. The same thing is often repeated before going to bed. It is such a blessing to worship the Lord with our kids and be refreshed daily with His goodness and loving kindness. Anita keeps very busy at home with homeschooling and taking care of us all. As she finds time, she also teaches the young ladies that come to study the Scriptures. The Indian custom of offering tea and snacks from her kitchen is often repeated throughout the day when visitors come.

Please also continue to uphold my court situation before the Lord and that His name will be honored in and through this ordeal. I was first given a court date in December, and then in January, and as of yet there is no answer in sight. Our hope and expectation is upon our Lord. Psalm 62:5 says "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him."

In closing, we want you all to know how grateful we are to our God for your partnership. May the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you and yours.

For Christ and His kingdom,

*Prem & Anita Waghmare and children*

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FACT PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Distributed to ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation and throughout the world, as well as to ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

## Jesus said, "Do you love me? Feed my sheep."

This year's **One Great Hour of Sharing** theme -- "**Do you love me? Feed my sheep.**" Is not only Jesus' question to Peter and His disciples, but to us as well. Peter had denied knowing Christ three times and three times Christ asks Peter this question. Can you hear Christ asking you the same question?

Our gifts to OGHs respond to this command in hundreds of ways through the three programs that are supported by this offering. They are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. These programs work together to give hope and trust to a people devastated by war and natural disasters.

Right now, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its partners are responding to the **Haiti earthquake**. For updates on the earthquake and the church's response, visit the web site:  
[www.pcusa.org/pda/response](http://www.pcusa.org/pda/response).

Please take time over the next weeks to reflect prayerfully whether you can double the amount you gave last year, and on the difference between the impact that increasing your gift will have on your own lives and the impact it will have on the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Last year our church gave \$881.55 which is about \$6.50 per person, doubling this would be \$13 a person.

Fish banks and Sharing Calendars were handed out Sunday, **February 28**. This is an excellent opportunity for your family to discuss the needs of others and share your treasure. Perhaps this time will lead to a discussion of how small changes in our lifestyle can enable us to increase our gifts, which will make huge differences in the lives of our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

We hope that you will join us on **Palm Sunday, March 28**, for this special event by presenting your fish banks and special offering as we celebrate our abundant love of God and Jesus' Triumph Entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Mission Ministry

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FACT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

RPDA responds to disasters throughout the world such as 9/11, the tsunami (SE Asia), hurricanes (Katrina), earthquakes (Haiti) and floods (Osawatomie, Kansas) and for ministries with refugees. One Great Hour of Sharing funds enable our ongoing work – in training and development, refugee work, and responding to disasters that do not receive the bright lights of television cameras – which makes this ministry strong.