The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

A GREAT SUCCESS! Our Community Dinners continue to be well attended by church members and the community. Many from the community are regular guests and in July we served 101 plates! In September we will celebrate two years of "Building Community Around the Table". We have over twenty volunteers who are very dedicated and normally have a specific area that they are responsible for the day of the dinner. Michael Helman, our Director of Music, provides dinner music for all to hear while they eat. We have four to five bakers who use their skills when called upon. We have one lady, who is not a member of the church, but started helping us several months ago. She along with several other volunteers have restaurant and food prep experience.

The volunteers come with a smile on their faces as they welcome our guests and then they leave with a smile! They are always there to jump in to help where needed during the dinner. We have a donation basket that is not publicized, but the donations have, at times, met our expenses. I know I can speak for all the volunteers when I say it is a joy to participate in this mission of our church. A big thanks to member and elder, John Allemeier, who planted the idea of community dinners in a discussion with Keith nearly three years ago!

To end our summer menus, on August 20th we will have hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings and sides along with pound cake and ice cream. We hope to see you then. Remember to mark your calendar for the third Tuesday of each month!

Monthly Scripture: [14] Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:14-16

August Preaching Schedule

August 4	Jimmy Harmon, President of Black Mtn. Home, Guest Speaker	We'll celebrate our partnership with the Black Mtn. Home for Children, Youth and Families.
August 11	John 15:12-17	"What Does It Mean to be Faithful?" - KT
August 18	1 Cor. 13:4-8a	"Love Never Ends" - KT
August 25	Luke 2:41-52	God Didn't Make Teenagers - KT

Are You Missing Something?

These are just a few of the items in our ***Lost and Found Drawer*** *which is in the church office suite under the mailboxes. Come find your missing items!*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

From Left to Right: Welcome **Jerry and Suzanne Sims** who joined June 2nd by Transfer of Letter from First Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, FL – ***Suzanne*** is originally from Shoals, IN and worked as a Logistics Director for the Navy. She enjoys painting, genealogy, and has written two family history books. ***Jerry*** is originally from Martin County, IN and farmed for 20 years then worked at the Post Office. He enjoys wood carving. Their daughter, Lora Allemeier and her husband John, are both members at B-DRPC. ***Jerry and Suzanne*** have two grown sons and six grandchildren. Welcome **Barbara Schroeder-Buck** who joined June 16th by Transfer of Letter from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Leesville, LA – ***Barbara*** grew up in Westmont, NJ and graduated from Lebanon Valley College. She was in the army as a Flutist, stationed in Germany and then Fort Polk, LA. She enjoys music, reading and traveling. Welcome mother and daughter, **Lois & Susan Maurer** who joined June 23rd by Transfer of Letter from First Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, FL. ***Lois*** lived in Scranton, PA where she was a Banker (Vice President) for 45 years. Her hobbies were volunteering at Faith Presbyterian where she has been a Deacon and an Elder. She enjoys shopping. ***Susan*** lived in Scranton, PA and has recently retired from the City of Fort Myers as a Budget & Finance Analyst. She also worked in Morristown, NJ for Pfizer, as well as Nabisco. ***Susan*** was also a Deacon at Faith Presbyterian. She enjoys Shopping and Traveling.

2024 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION

Personnel Ministry Team
Mike Stewart, Chair/Lead Elder
Richard Black, Elder
Keith Thompson, Staff

Property Ministry Team
Richard Black, Chair/Lead Elder
Carlton Ward, Elder
Danny Hollingsworth, Elder
Gregg Hall, Staff

Interior Subcommittee
Brenda Monk, Chair

CHURCH FAMILY DIVISION

Membership Ministry Team
Rick Clark, Chair/ Elder

Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team
Richard Ambler, Chair/Lead Elder
Ginny Bradford, Elder

Kitchen Subcommittee
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

OUTREACH DIVISION

Outreach Ministry Team
Mike Stewart, Chair/Lead Elder
Danny Hollingsworth, Elder
Frank Porter, Elder
John Allemeier, Elder

FINANCE DIVISION

Finance Ministry Team
Frank Porter, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
John Allemeier, Elder

Generosity Ministry Team
Frank Anderson, Lead Elder
Danny Hollingsworth, Elder
Keith Thompson, Staff

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Publicity Ministry Team
Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder
Carlton Ward, Elder
Tammy Nye, Staff

Information Technology Subcommittee
Frank Anderson, Chair/Elder
Tammy Nye, Staff

PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL DIVISION

Preschool Ministry Team
Richard Ambler, Chair/Elder
Casey Barrow, Staff
Keith Thompson, Staff

CARE GIVING DIVISION

Board of Deacons
Ann Hinze, Co-Chair
Jo Stewart, Co-Chair

SPIRITUAL LIFE DIVISION

Worship Ministry Team
Janice Hiner, Chair/Elder
Michael Helman, Staff
Keith Thompson, Staff

Christian Education Ministry Team
Hayden Pollack, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
Rick Clark, Elder

Earth Care Subcommittee
Martha Spencer, Chair

STANDING COMMITTES OF THE SESSION

Committee on Ministry
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

Garden of Remembrance Trustees
John Stroup, Chair

Nominating Committee
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Lead Elder
Janice Hiner, Elder

Preschool Ministry Team

"Exciting news from your Preschool Ministry Team! Session has recently approved the following, effective beginning of the 2024/2025 school year: 1) creation of a Preschool Director Assistant, allowing our Preschool Director more time to fulfill her many duties; 2) a supplemental wage scale that compensates our Preschool staff for their Early Childhood Education credentials, and 3) an annual service award for Preschool staff and their dedicated years of service. Our hope is that these initiatives will attract any future Preschool staff with ECE credentials, as well as incentivize and retain our current Preschool staff with their ECE credentials. It is our belief that these changes will only strengthen and enhance this vital ministry for our church, outreach to the community, and most importantly, the formative education for our young Preschoolers!"

Outreach Ministry Team

Black Mountain Home Donation Truck

The Black Mountain Truck will be at B-DRPC on Saturday, August 17th from 10 AM – Noon. Start gathering your items to donate!

If you can't make it to the truck on August 17th, for large items, the Thrift Store has a truck that can come to your house. To schedule an appointment, call 828-581-0583.

For clothing and other household items, bring them to the church and put them in our wooden boxes at each entrance or leave them inside the back door along the wall area. Ginny Bradford will take these items out each week when she volunteers at the Thrift Store.

All donations are appreciated and sold in the Thrift Store to help with the everyday needs of the children at Black Mountain Home for Children.

Bread of Life Food Drive

As members of B-DRPC know, Bread of Life is one of our key Mission Partners. Every Monday through Friday BOL provides free nutritious meals to those in our community who are in need. Anyone may come to BOL, and no questions are asked.

Bread of Life also maintains a pantry of canned goods, dry foods, produce and bakery items, depending on what has been donated, and BOL guests may help themselves to any needed food items.

Michael Collins, executive director of BOL, informs us that their pantry shelves are sorely in need of being replenished. In particular, they are in need of canned fruit, soups, canned meat, dried pasta, beans and rice.

Our Session has authorized a food drive for the benefit of Bread of Life. The food drive will take place from Sunday, August 4th until Sunday, August 11th. Bins marked "Bread of Life" will be located outside the sanctuary, and all members are asked to consider donating the above-described foodstuffs to our mission partner during that time period.

Music Ministry Update

It is the time of year when our Music Ministry begins to gear up for the Fall. If you have interest in being a part of the Chancel Choir or Westminster Ringers, contact Michael Helman at the church office or email him at music@bdrpc.org.

The Chancel Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th. Rehearsals are at 6:30 pm in the Choir rehearsal room.

Westminster Ringers will begin weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir rehearsal room.

B-DRPC
CONCERT SERIES

Plans are being finalized for our **2024-25 Concert Series**. Stay tuned for an announcement of the programs and dates. As we did last year, we will be looking for sponsors for the Concert Series. If you would like more information about being a sponsor, please contact Michael Helman.

GLIMPSES FROM OUR B-DRPC HISTORY

The following is a hymn printed in the November 11, 1985, bulletin by Samuel Walter. From the info from the Hymanry.org the actual title of the hymn was "High Popples" with the text being "As Men of Old Their Firstfruits Brought". Samuel Walters was born in 1916 and died in 1987. Unfortunately, there was no other biographical information associated with Samuel Walters with the hymn. I did find the 1964 music sheet of "As Men of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" written by Frank von Christierson, 1960, 1972 with High Popples C.M.D. under the title. C.M.D. stands for: Common Meter Double which according to AI Overview means a stanza form that repeats the common meter twice in each stanza, resulting in an 8.6.8.6 pattern. Common meter is a stanza form that alternates between two lines of eight syllables and two lines of six syllables. It's often used in hymns, narrative, didactic, and descriptive poetry, and can be found in works ranging from folk ballads to Emily Dickinson. History for us because it was included in one of our bulletins, but I included it because of its very beautiful lyric.

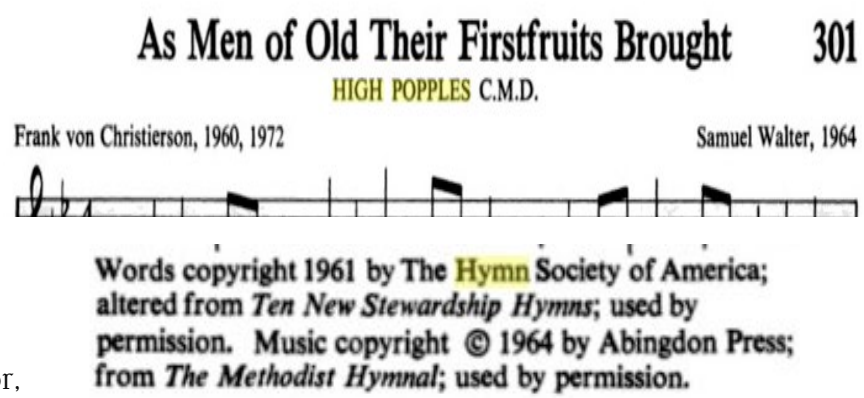
"As Men of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

As men of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
the Source of bounteous yield;
So we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor,
love, and give;
To make our life an offering to God,
that man may live;
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring
our best today,
To serve Your cause and share Your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave Yourself to us in Christ,
Your only Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

Samuel Walter



As Men of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 301

HIGH POPPLES C.M.D.

Frank von Christierson, 1960, 1972 Samuel Walter, 1964

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Alternative Tune: FOREST GREEN

AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	5	6 Summer Hand Bells Rehearsal, 5 pm	7 Christian Education MT - 4:30 pm	8	9 Church Family Fellowship MT 9 am	10
11 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	12 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 pm	13 Preschool MT 12:30 pm Worship MT, 1 pm Publicity MT 2 pm	14 Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Daily Change Offering**	19 PWP Teacher Orientation 9 am	20 Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	21	22	23 PWP Parent Orientation, 9 am Session Stated Meeting 9 am (Lounge)	24
25 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	26 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	27	28	29	30	31

MT stands for Ministry Team

14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." *Exodus 33:14*

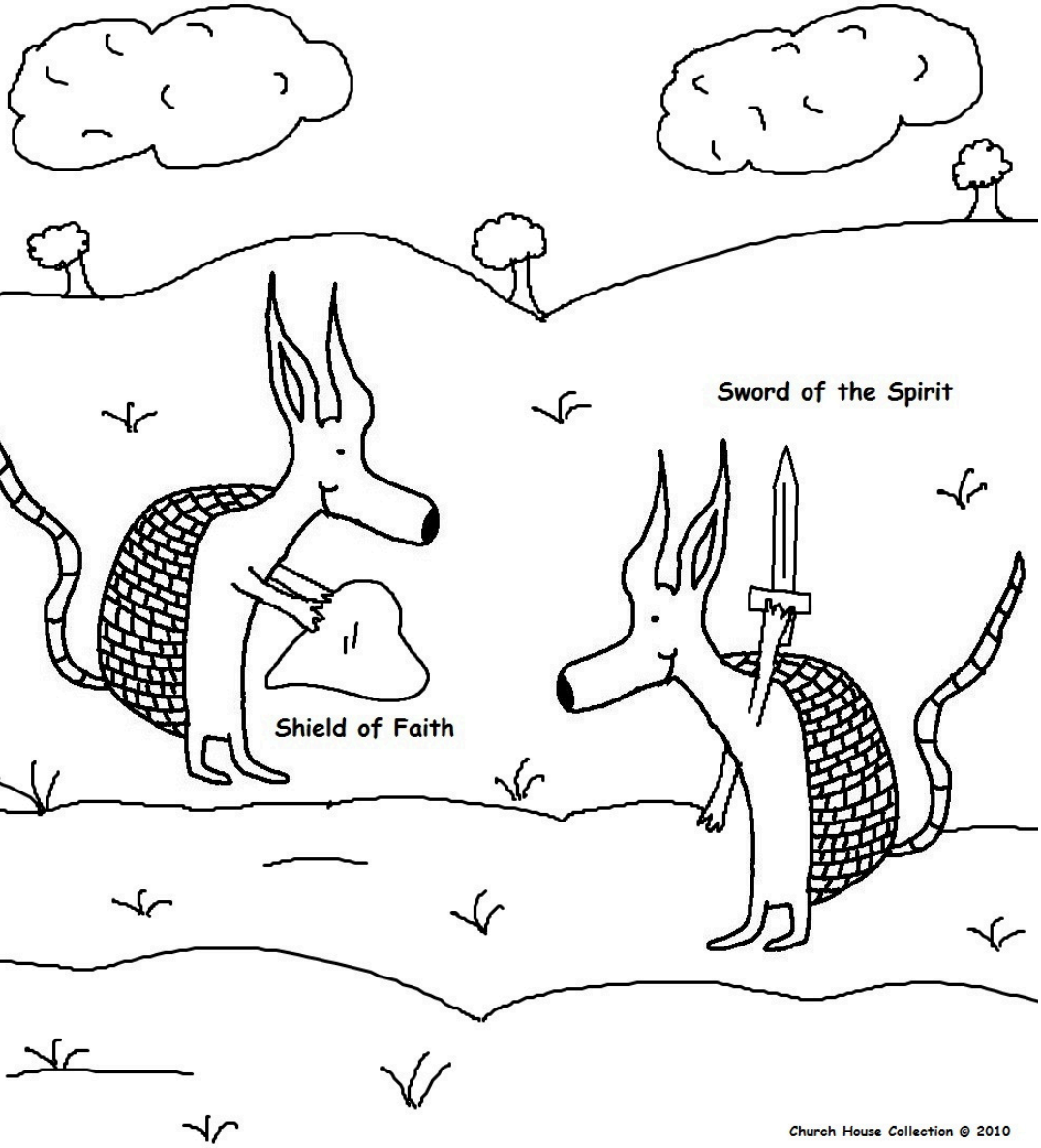
- Andi Williams – August 1st
- Suzan Carter – August 1st
- August Nye – August 2nd
- John & Louise Stroup – August 2nd
- Bob Williams – August 2nd
- Jack Baldrige – August 3rd
- Carolyn Russell Abriola – August 5th
- Dan & Ann Hollingsworth – August 5th
- Bob & Sara Kellar – August 5th
- Frieda Jackson – August 6th
- Fred & Judy Nebrig – August 6th
- Rod Nunnelee – August 6th
- Jimmy Howell – August 8th
- Norm & Lisanne Masterson August 8th
- Gail Rockey – August 8th
- Carolyn Winchester – August 9th
- Jody Huggins – August 11th
- John & Sandy Hemmer – August 12th
- Mickey Tanenbaum – August 12th
- Gail Blunt – August 13th
- Larry & Anne Jennings – August 13th
- Debbie Thompson – August 14th
- Zoob Gentle – August 14th
- Jim Hughart – August 14th
- Gayle Ramsey – August 15th
- Judith West – August 15th
- Grace Tiffany – August 15th
- Art Schultz – August 15th
- Dick Benson – August 15th
- Barbara Ambler – August 16th
- Art Schultz & Beverly Thomes – August 16th
- Pati Laubham – August 17th
- Georgia Gerring – August 18th
- Mary Hollingsworth – August 18th
- Gary & Missy Seacat – August 18th
- Roy Cowan – August 19th
- Jim & Kim Spencer – August 19th
- Frank Anderson – August 22nd
- Lyn Woltemate-White – August 23rd
- Sandy Hemmer – August 23rd
- Bob & Janice Hiner – August 23rd
- Jack Thompson – August 24th
- Jo Stewart – August 25th
- Rich & Wendy Warwick – August 26th
- Steve & Treese Lawlis – August 27th
- Judy Welch – August 28th
- Jamie Carter – August 28th
- Ed Ramsey – August 28th
- Loren Smith – August 30th
- Judy Nebrig – August 31st

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

How Does the Ocean say Hi?

Ephesians 6:11-Put on the whole armour of God so that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.



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ANSWER:
It Waves!