The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

Session Brief

Looking Back at 2023

The Ministry Teams of the Session got a lot accomplished in 2023.

The Preschool MT and Property MT were able to complete the renovation of the Preschool playground. The children now enjoy new safe playground equipment with a safe ground cover and new fence. This year's Summer Camp was a success. Brightwheel, a new software to facilitate expediency and communication at the Preschool, was installed and is a great addition to the Preschool.

Property MT removed the diseased large hemlock tree in the front corner and trimmed other trees along the back. A new tree has been planted there. Property MT also oversaw the installation of a new security system.

Christian Education MT awarded several Bolt Scholarships to rising college students. Property MT and Worship MT oversaw the removal of the old sanctuary windows that were given to church members who requested them. New insulated windows were installed. Many man hours completed this project sealing all the pews and organ with plastic from dust during the project. Some pipes were removed and then put back together and tuned after the windows were replaced.

Worship MT – Director of Music, Michael Helman, established a Concert Series. Doug Hart graciously offered a Yamaha baby grand piano to the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church for use in the sanctuary in memory of his wife, Jan.

Personnel MT helped give Denise Byrd a well-attended retirement reception and welcomed Tammy Nye as the new Church Office Manager.

Publicity MT purchased a new more stable sandwich sign to use outside to promote events such as the Community Dinner and concerts. A revised Welcome Brochure was completed and placed around the church. Also, The Communicator newsletter was resurrected. (Continued on page 2)

Church Family Fellowship MT has grown the Coffee Fellowship after each worship service where members come and enjoy brunch and good fellowship. During the year, members enjoyed brunch during several church events such as Kirkin' o' the Tartans and Pentecost (in conjunction with Worship MT). Children and adults had fun at the Easter Egg Hunt. The Community Dinners had their first full year and were very successful in "Building Community Around the Table". Eight hundred and fifty-eight attendees were served with the average attendance of Seventy-two including church members and guests from the Brevard community. Over 20 church volunteers continue to make these dinners possible.

Membership MT oversaw updating the contents of the New Member Bags. The second array of solar panels were installed and have just now come online (Jan 2024).

Monthly Scripture: - [9] Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; [10] love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. [11] Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:9-11

February Preaching Schedule

Feb. 4	Isaiah 40:27-31	Bob Edmunds, preaching
Feb. 11	Mark 9:2-9	Keith's Series on Mark Continues
Feb. 18	Mark 7:24-37	″
Feb. 25	Mark 8:31-38	″

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS!

ELDERS Class of 2026	DEACONS Class of 2026
John Allemeier	Scott Kelley
Richard Ambler	Peggy Padgett
Richard Clark	Martha Post
Hayden Pollack	Louise Stroup

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, 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

Christian Education Ministry Team

Sunday School Offerings for February will go to The Haven homeless shelter.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on February 1 at 1 PM in the Church Lounge. The lesson will be from Chapter 5 and be led by Marilyn Baldrige. All women in the church are invited to attend.

The Faith and Life Sunday School Class meets at 9:45 AM every Sunday morning in the Davidson River Room just off the Davidson River Hall. Larry Sitton leads the discussion each week, based on a short video. The class is just finishing a brief study of the books of the New Testament and will soon begin a Lenten study. Visitors are always welcome.

Want a Bible Study for winter? How about joining the Searchers class which meets at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Together the class explores one of the lectionary passages assigned for the day. It is impossible to mine all that scriptures have for us, so we keep reading, sharing, discussing, and learning. Join us any Sunday in ED 9.

EARTH CARE Subcommittee

From Kenn Webb, director of Solid Waste program:

The Styrofoam project is really taking shape now, a few comments on the program:

- It must be clean, dry, and free of any tape or labels.
- Big pieces are okay.
- No food containers.
- No peanuts.
- Material will be delivered to Pisgah Forest Collection Center only.
- Site Attendant will accept material in upper lot and will bag, as received, acceptable materials.
- Anything not accepted for recycling should be bagged and tagged for proper disposal.

From your Earth Care Subcommittee:

We are told by the company that does recycling that Transylvania's program of Styrofoam recycling is the best in the area. The owner of the company that does the actual recycling wrote:

"…I am both happy and grateful to process TC'S EPS! You are the only county with a truly functional program! Yes, Henderson has one or two collection days a month and I have a bin up here in Madison County, but you all are the shining example of how to divert EPS just about perfectly!"

So, folks, keep it up!! Take your clean Styrofoam to the Pisgah Forest dump site! On behalf of the Earth, thanks!

From Cara Bradshaw

Community Impact Director, Sharing House

Upcoming Faith & Social Impact Summit, March 12, 2024 (9 AM – 12 PM) and it looks like we'll have some exciting participants including someone from the Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School who visited Sharing House recently!

Please spread the word! The QR code goes to a landing page with a bit more info that I'll update as we finalize speakers, etc. and develop an easy way for people to RSVP.

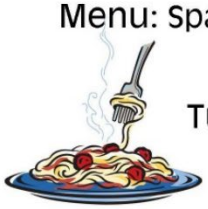
Join Us For Our Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 2024, at 1 PM

Building Community Around the Table

Join Us for our next

Community-Wide Dinner

Menu: Spaghetti and meatballs, French Bread, Tossed Salad, & Dessert



Tuesday, February 20, 2024

5:30 – 6:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church
249 East Main St, Brevard, NC (828) 884-2645

Outreach Ministry Team

FROM SCOUT MASTER BUD HOLLAND, Scout Troop 703:

Greetings to the BDRPC family. Here is a brief update on what we have been up to lately!

Service:

In the Fall, we helped with leaf removal around the church property. There are a lot of leaves!!! We were also able to help plant the new oak tree in the front of the church and prepare the plant bed. More leaves!!! In December, the Troop led an effort to provide Christmas Hams for families in need through the Sharing House. Our efforts resulted in over 100 pounds of honey hams just in time for the Holiday. For the year, our Scouts provided 695 hours of services to the community.

Awards and Advancement:

For 2023, our Scouts earned 55 merit badges and 14 rank advancements. Three Scouts completed Eagle Projects – Lake Cochran, Thomas Kennerly and Micah Roberts. Thomas Kennerly is the grandson of Ike Kennerly. (former Pastor of this church.) All these projects were in the Pisgah National Forest working directly with the U.S. Forest Service.

Action:

We are currently working on the Snow Sports merit badge and plan to go skiing in a few weeks. Our BBQ Fundraiser is back! Please reach out to the Troop if you are interested. BBQ will be available for pick-up on February 10th at the Scout Hut just in time for the Super Bowl! The proceeds for this will help fund trips to Camp Daniel Boone, Philmont 2025 and Sea Base 2027.

Our Pine straw Fundraiser will be held in March for delivery in early April. More details soon.

Our enrollment continues to remain steady. We have several Scouts that will age out this year, but we have a good core of young Scouts and leaders. This is due in large part to the strength of our program and our focus on outdoor adventure. This would not be possible with the support from the B-DRPC family.

If anyone is interested in joining the troop or volunteering in any way, let us know.

Bud Holland, Scout Master

Remember to pick up your BBQ at the Scout Hut (Behind our church) on Saturday, Feb. 10th between 3 PM and 5 PM!

GLIMPSES FROM TRANSYLVANIA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION HISTORY

July 26, 1962

(Inserted in our July 29, 1962, bulletin- only minor grammatical changes have been made.)

Since the Board of Education has rendered a decision concerning the integration of our schools, we commend them on the decision. Therefore, the citizens of Brevard and Transylvania County face the tasks related to integrating our schools. The issues before us are not simple, nor can they be resolved overnight. However, if we are to solve the political, social, educational, and moral problems involved in and growing out of integration of schools we must have sound spiritual principles to guide us. Let us choose to work together with dignity and pride.

The signers of this statement are all ministers of the Gospel, but we speak as citizens of the United States and North Carolina and particularly as citizens of Brevard. We represent only ourselves, yet we feel that many fellow citizens share our sentiments. We confess that the problem of racial relationships has not been solved in our church, yet we commit ourselves to strive toward a solution as we follow the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ. Our imperfections cannot be hidden yet we realize that as Christians we must work together in this area.

We believe that all Americans have a right to be first class citizens. Hatred, violence, and defiance are not the answers to our problems. We plead for tolerance, cooperation, and clear thinking at this time. We call on all the leaders of Brevard to exercise their leadership for goodwill and harmony in our community. As citizens we may hold divergent opinions on racial issues but as law abiding citizens, we must seek peaceful ways in upholding the law of the land.

Therefore, we list these five principles to guide us in our thinking:

1) All men must strive to maintain Freedom of Speech. Freedom of thought and expression must not be denied anyone. We must not seek to throttle the views of any group or any person. May no citizen be afraid to speak. May no pressure be brought to bear upon anyone who may hold a divergent opinion; instead, may there be a spirit of sanity, goodwill, and realism.
2) Hatred and scorn for those of another race, or for those who hold a different position from ours, can never be justified. Hatred and bigotry carry with it the seed of violence. Fairmindedness and justice must not be sacrificed on the scaffold of violence. These are days when clear minds must hold in leash unpredictable emotion.
3) Responsible leaders of the races must be encouraged and permitted to communicate with one another if a peaceable solution is reached. Men of goodwill in both races need to express their convictions and to exert their influence if integration of our schools is to be an orderly process. Let us pledge our wholehearted support to our School Board, our Superintendent, Principals, Teachers, and all other groups that seek a solution to our problems.
4) We must obey the law. The Supreme Court's interpretation of the Constitution has the effect of law in our country. We may disagree with their interpretation and seek to have our Congress change it, but until this has been done, we must work for law and order. Chaos and disorder results when people defy the law. As citizens we must learn to live with and under the law.
5) Our difficulties cannot be solved in our own strength or in human wisdom but only through prayer, obedience to God, and under His blessing. We call upon all citizens to pray earnestly and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"We call upon all citizens to unite with us in dedicating ourselves to the solution of our problems humbly, patiently, in a spirit of realism, and with God's help."

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle, 1 pm	2	3
4 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am Bob Edmunds, Guest Preacher Communion	5 Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	6 PWP MT 12:30 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	7 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Christian Ed., 4:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	8	9 Church Family Fellowship MT 9:00 am	10 BBQ Pickup At Scout Hut 3 pm – 5 pm
11 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am	12 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 pm	13 Worship MT, 10 am Publicity MT 11 am Preschool MT 12:30 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	14 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Ash Wednesday Service, 1 PM Chancel Choir TBD	15 Finance MT 2:30 pm	16	17
18 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am Daily Change Offering	19 Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	20 Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	21 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	22	23 Session Stated Meeting 9:00 am	24
25 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am	26 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	27 Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	28 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	29	**MT = Ministry Team**	

FEBRUARY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Brandon Holmes – Feb. 1st
- Ann Gerlach – Feb. 2nd
- Anne Jennings – Feb. 2nd
- Sue Stickle – Feb. 2nd
- Jim & Celia Ansley – Feb. 3rd
- Sue Heglar – Feb. 4th
- Ed Baldridge – Feb. 8th
- Cullen Duval – Feb. 8th
- Carolyn Pritchett – Feb. 10th
- Don Monk – Feb. 12th
- Dee Childress – Feb. 15th
- Alexis Hancock – Feb. 15th
- Kim Spencer – Feb. 16th
- Marty Spencer – Feb. 16th
- Davelyn Vinson – Feb. 16th
- John Vanderschaaf – Feb. 18th
- Rod & Sharon Nunnelee – Feb. 18th
- Brandon & Nora Holmes – Feb. 18th
- Travis Hancock – Feb. 19th
- Doug & Cathie Odom – Feb. 19th
- Terry Platter – Feb. 20th
- JoAnn Anthony – Feb. 21st
- Richard Ambler – Feb. 21st
- Marcia Born – Feb. 21st
- Janet Saucier – Feb. 22nd
- Bob Smith – Feb. 22nd
- Dick & Tina Benson – Feb. 23rd
- Ginny Bradford – Feb. 24th
- Lavonne Ellis – Feb. 24th
- Tom Purdy – Feb. 24th

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

Where do Most Horses Live?

Mountains In The Bible

B	X	S	S	R	N	C	M	O	R	I	A	H	D	K	M	M
M	R	E	H	O	L	C	T	B	N	O	M	L	A	Z	R	P
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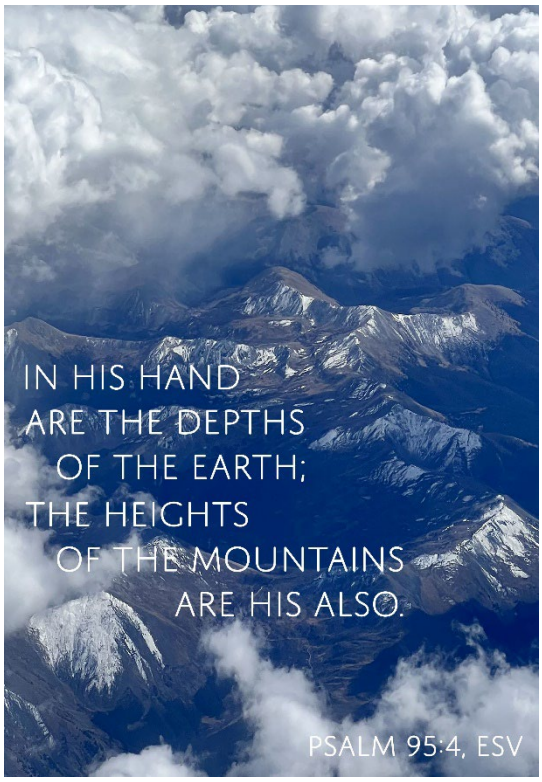
Baalah	Gilboa	Lebanon	Shapher
Bethel	Gilead	Moriah	Sina
Carmel	Halak	Nebo	Sinai
Ebal	Heres	Nebo	Sion
Ephraim	Hermon	Olivet	Tabor
Ephron	Hor	Paran	Zalmon
Gerizim	Horeb	Perazim	Zion



ANSWER:

In NEIGH-BORHOODS!