The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

"It is a wish that nothing will come to us that will make others poorer because we receive it. That whatever comes to us we shall have the grace to pass on to others for their benefit. That we shall have work to do which has real value and without which the world would be poorer. That we shall have a more understanding heart and a clearer mind to search for truth. That we shall have the patience to wait for the best things and the good sense to recognize them when they come. That we shall be so occupied with big things that we shall have no time for littleness. That above all things, we shall have faith in God and that we shall walk confidently through the unknown future hand in hand with the Lord."

Alfred Montapert
American philosopher, author, and speaker

Monthly Scripture: - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

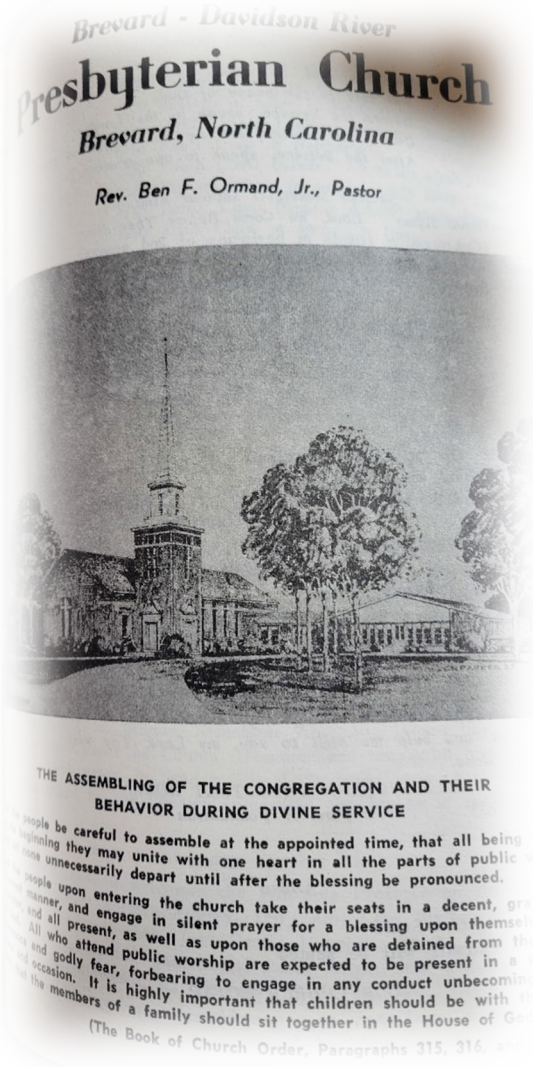
Matthew 5:16

January Preaching Schedule

Jan. 7	Mark 1:1	"Two Months with Mark Series"
Jan. 14	Mark 1:1-13	"
Jan. 21	Mark 1:14-20	"
Jan. 28	Mark 1:35-39	"

GLIMPSES FROM B-DRPC CHURCH HISTORY

Many of our CHURCH BULLETINS from 1956 – 1957 had the picture seen at left and verbiage from The Book of Church Order, Paragraphs 315, 316, and 137) printed on the front cover. Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr. was Pastor.



THE ASSEMBLING OF THE CONGREGATION AND THEIR BEHAVIOR DURING DIVINE SERVICE

Let the people be careful to assemble at the appointed time, that all being present at the beginning they may unite with one heart in all the parts of public worship, and let none unnecessarily depart until after the blessing be pronounced.

Let the people upon entering the church take their seats in a decent, grave, and reverent manner, and engage in silent prayer for a blessing upon themselves, the minister, and all present, as well as upon those who are detained from the House of God. All who attend public worship are expected to be present in a spirit of reverence and godly fear, forbearing to engage in any conduct unbecoming to the place and occasion. It is highly important that children should be with their parents, that the members of a family should sit together in the House of God.

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS!

ELDERS
Class of 2026
John Allemeier
Richard Ambler
Richard Clark
Hayden Pollack

DEACONS
Class of 2026
Scott Kelley
Martha Post
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

Preschool Ministry Team

The Preschool Ministry Team experienced an outstanding year in 2023, with a fully enrolled student body, including a successful summer session. The installation of a new playground became a reality through the generosity of donations from our congregation and preschool parents. A heartfelt thank you to those who contributed to make this possible!

As we look to 2024, we are optimistic about another year of success. We are excited to kick off the new year by welcoming Hayden Pollack as the newest Elder addition to our team.

Our calendar for the upcoming year is brimming with exciting events, including our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Book Fair, various fundraising activities such as bake sales, and more active participation in worship services by our preschoolers. Additionally, we look forward to the culmination of the year with the preschooler Christmas program. Here's to yet another year filled with growth, joy, and community engagement!

Outreach Ministry Team

FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Greetings everyone from Habitat for Humanity of Transylvania County. We hope the holidays find each of you healthy and happy.

We wanted to let you all know that we haven't forgotten about you! The plan for continuing the Faith Build remains at around mid-January after the construction team builds the rehab home in Rosenwald. The young lady that will live there will be homeless by April, so she's become a priority. Luckily, the house is in decent shape and the crew can get in and out fairly quickly. After that job, the Faith Build is next so we can complete Don Ross Acres.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate through this process. We'll keep in contact as we get closer so you have a clearer idea of where we are.

Wishing all of you and your families happiness for an amazing holiday season.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS:

Thanks to all that rang the bells and to those who made donations to the Salvation Army kettles. This year we raised $3,638.28!! All of these dollars remain in Transylvania County. You have helped make 2024 a Happier New Year for many of our neighbors!

Martha Snow
Jack Plaxco

Mike Stewart
Frank Porter

Christian Education Ministry Team

Adult Sunday School

The Sunday School offering for the month of January will go to El Centro.

Faith and Life Sunday Class

The Faith and Life Sunday school class will begin a new study on January 7th. Led by Larry Sitton, the class meets in the Davidson River room, just off the fellowship hall, at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to be more involved in the life of our church family, then this small group Bible study may be just what you are looking for! Come join us!

Presbyterian Women Circles Meet

Mary Martha Circle will meet on January 4th at 1:00 pm in the church lounge. Joan Munn will lead the Bible study, "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus." Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Sara Kellar, 828-883-2747. **Sarah Ruth** starts back up on January 4th.

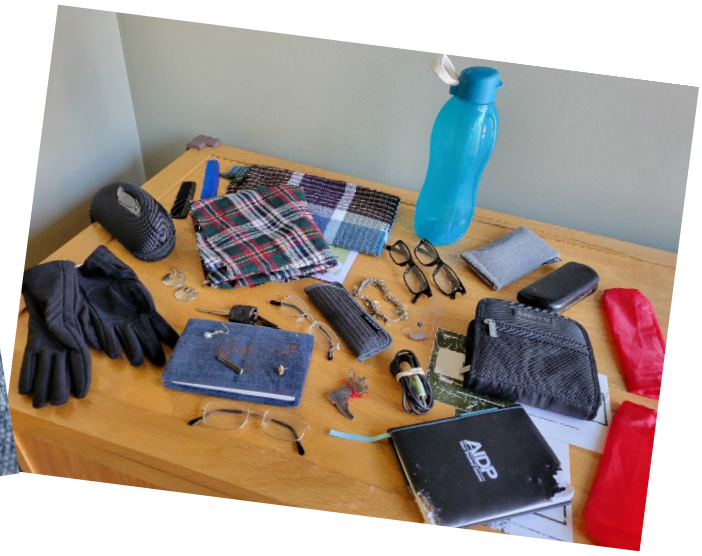
The Searchers Class does Bible Study based on one of the scriptures assigned for the week in the Lectionary*. The Christian community, over many centuries and in various cultures, has learned that Bible Study in a group can be a heart expanding and spiritually strengthening experience. The focus each week is on hearing God's message for us today, by exposing ourselves to the Bible and learning from each other's sharings. All are invited to share, and a volunteer facilitator aids the process but does not present a formal "lesson." Newcomers are always welcome to come and participate to the extent they wish. (*The Lectionary is a three-year cycle of four scripture selections that many churches use as a basis for study and sermons. Usually, this includes a passage from the Old Testament, Psalms, Gospel, and epistle.)

WOW – **Starts back up on January 10th**

JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	4 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle, 1 pm	5	6 Black Mountain Home's Thrift Store Truck Here from 10 - Noon
7 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am Communion	8 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 pm	9 Worship MT, 10 am Publicity MT 11 am PWP MT 12:30 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	10 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Christian Ed., 4:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	11 Finance MT 2:30 pm	12 Church Family Fellowship MT 9:00 am	13
14 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am	15	16 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	17 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	18	19 Session Stated Meeting 9:00 am	20
21 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am Daily Change Offering Deacons Meeting, after 11 AM Service	22 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	23 Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	24 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am	29	30 Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	31 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	MT = Ministry Team		

- Candice Burchill – Jan. 1st
- Carol Hall – Jan. 2nd
- Carter Kelley – Jan. 2nd
- Nita Porter – Jan. 6th
- Mike & Jo Stewart – Jan. 8th
- Dori Miller – Jan. 10th
- Martha Spencer – Jan. 10th
- Paul Polito – Jan. 11th
- Les Saucier – Jan. 11th
- Eddie & Mandy Wade – Jan. 11th
- Fred & Beth Schenberg – Jan. 12th
- Ralph Tilly – Jan. 13th
- Jay Hinze – Jan. 14th
- Elaine Long – Jan. 15th
- Charles Whitmire – Jan. 15th
- Eric & Lavonne Ellis – Jan. 17th
- Larry Sitton – Jan. 20th
- Dave Crandall & Penny Colman-Crandal – Jan. 22nd
- Anita Dorfman – Jan. 23rd
- Richard & Sharon Black – Jan. 24th
- Lisanne Masterson – Jan. 24th
- Bobbie Jean Whitmire – Jan. 24th
- Jack Britt – Jan. 25th
- Kathy Kelley – Jan. 26th
- Sharon Nunnelee – Jan. 27th
- David Kelley – Jan. 27th
- Madison Baldridge – Jan. 30th
- Treese Lawlis – Jan. 31st
- Susie Purdy – Jan. 31st



If You're Missing Something Check In The Office Suite! Our Lost & Found Drawer is under the Office Mailboxes – First drawer closest to the Back Door in the Office Suite.

Remodeling Your Spiritual House

There are tons of television shows centered around the idea of remodeling your home, and most of them operate on the same principle: helping a homeowner improve their living environment. Without proper care, houses deteriorate, or residents simply tire of the old furniture, paint and decorations around them. They need to remodel!

Sometimes we need the same thing spiritually! James 1:21-25 gives us a blueprint to do an "extreme makeover" on our spiritual houses, and it all centers around the powerful word of God (James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; John 17:15-17; Acts 20:28-32).

MAKE ROOM for the Word! The first thing that happens in a remodeling job is tearing out the old walls, furniture, etc. You can't bring in the new unless you get rid of some old! Likewise, in order to remodel our spiritual houses, we have to lay aside "filthiness and overflow of wickedness" (James 1:21). That means we have to throw away the sin that is in our lives and put on the "new man" (Col. 3:1-10). Sin is heavy (Heb. 12:1) and it clutters our environment. Get rid of it!

RECEIVE the Word! The next thing to do is bring in the new, useful material. For our spiritual houses, that useful material is the word of God. James says to receive it with "meekness" (James 1:21). We should have the same mind as David in Psalm 119:11 and the Christians in 1 Thess. 2:13. God's word must be "implanted" or "engrafted" into our hearts, which is God's plan (Heb. 8:6-13).

DO the Word! If you are remodeling a home, it doesn't do any good to have a bunch of lumber and uninstalled fixtures laying around. You have to actually put the stuff to work! The same goes with God's word (James 1:22). We can't be hearers only. Jesus teaches this same lesson (Luke 6:46; John 14:15).

CONTINUE in the Word! You have to take care of the new remodel! Remember Paul's words in 1 Cor. 10:1-13.

If you follow God's blueprint, you can have a successful spiritual home makeover! But make sure your house has a strong foundation first (Matt. 7:24-27; John 8:24; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 13:3,5; John 3:3,5; Mark 16:16).

Matt Clifton, BulletinDigest.com

JUST FOR FUN

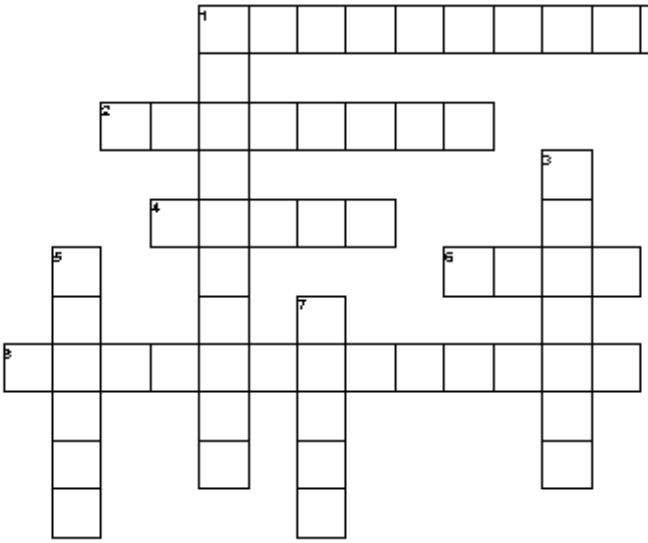
RIDDLE:

What kind of keys are sweet?

AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THIS YEAR AND WELCOME THE NEW YEAR, LET'S JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER FOR OUR BELOVED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. MAY THE COMING YEAR BRING ABUNDANT BLESSINGS, HEALTH AND JOY TO EACH ONE OF THEM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Beatitudes



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ACROSS

1 Blessed are the _____: for they shall be called the children of God
2 Blessed are the _____: for they shall obtain mercy
4 Blessed are the pure in _____:for they shall see God
6 Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth
8 Blessed are those that hunger and thirst after _____: for they shall be filled

DOWN

1 Blessed are they which are _____ for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
3 _____ are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
5 Blessed are the poor in _____: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
7 Blessed are they that _____: for they shall be comforted

ANSWER:
COOKIES!