The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

MAY 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

May Preaching Schedule

May 5	Matthew 18:21-35	Communion Sunday
May 12	Mark 6:30-44	Steve Eason Preaching
May 19	Acts 2:1-14	Pentecost/Daily Change Offering
May 26	John 3:1-10	Memorial Day Weekend

Our **Pentecost Special Offering** will be collected on May 19th.

Monthly Scripture: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:2-4

2024 Pentecost Offering

"I Am Coming to You" (John 14:18)

Minute for Mission

Do you ever feel — just *off*? Lost, disconnected or maybe even … a little defeated?

Truth be told, we all feel this way once in a while. Yet we do the best we can to live every day to its fullest, and always with the reality that God's love, God's grace, which is the very essence of God, will never leave us.

Many of us have seen studies or polls that seem to come out every day reporting that the church is dying, its influence waning, and that people would rather spend their weekend doing things other than worshiping God and serving together in the name of Jesus Christ. Yet I know that for many of us, one of the primary places we return to — week after week to regain a sense of connection or realignment with ourselves and the world — is right here. In Church.

Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. We know that God continually comes to us and that we will never be forgotten by the God whom we know is here with us in the person of Jesus Christ.

In a world that so desperately needs to hear that God is right here with us, coming to us, and calling us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God, it is our call as a congregation and as believers to share this Good News with the world.

The Pentecost Offering helps us live this call. Through our giving we are able to tell the story of God, who is always there for us, coming to us. The Offering supports children at risk through the *Educate a Child, Transform the World* initiative and high schoolers attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which shows them the inescapable loving presence of God. It also enables young adults to share Christ's light while living in solidarity with those on the margins of society and preparing themselves for a life of service through the Young Adult Volunteers program.

Our gifts, no matter how big or small, when combined with those from other congregations show the world the ways God comes to us every single day. So please give generously to the Pentecost Offering, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Let us pray ~ *God of grace and glory, wing your flight right here. Come to us again like you did in the person of Jesus. Help us be transformational in our ministry, and may our gifts transform the world to be more like your reign of justice, love and peace. In Christ's name we pray,* ***Amen.***

https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/resource/2024-po-m4m-theme/

Our B-DRPC May Flowers!

April Showers bring May Flowers: A History

The poem as we know it today originated all the way in 1157, in the form of a short poem written by Thomas Tusser. The poem can be found in the April section of a collection of his writings titled, "A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry." The poem goes as follows:

"Sweet April Showers Do Spring May Flowers."

Check out Geoffrey Chaucer's version in his "*The Canterbury Tales." By following the link below:*

https://www.1800flowers.com/blog/flowers-in-art/april-showers-bring-may-flowers-origin/

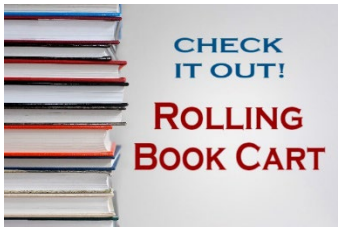
2024 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

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

Team Updates . . . The Christian Education Ministry Team has been hard at work on our usual business and on planning some exciting updates to our programming!

- Children's Church is happening weekly during worship, and uses a wonderful curriculum created by Lexi Hancock, that is interesting and educational for children, ages 4 and up. The topics covered in Children's church are coordinated with the Children's Message during worship. The materials are pre-prepared by Lexi with a routine and "flow" that makes it fun and easy for volunteers to step in and lead. CEMT would like to thank our 10 wonderful Children's Church volunteers who have been working in pairs, rotating Sundays since last fall. They are: Sharon Black, Pat Crawford, Zoob Gentle, Lexi Hancock, Dorothy Knowles, Treese Lawlis, Hayden Pollack, Beth Schenberg, Jo Stewart, and Nancy Stricker. Thank you, ladies! June begins a new calendar rotation for Children's Church volunteers. If you are interested in learning more or being added to the roster of Childrens Church volunteers, please speak with one of our current volunteers or call or email Hayden Pollack at 828-275-4990, haydenpollack7@gmail.com.
- The Resource Center has been an agenda item at our recent CEMT meetings as we look for ways to update and promote its use among congregants. August Nye, who is a librarian at Brevard College, has been providing the CEMT with invaluable guidance and consultation in this area. Bringing back the rolling book cart, forming a book club, and having a "features" section with carefully selected contemporary and classic books on a particular topic that rotates monthly are all in the works for 2024. If you are a lover of books and libraries, are interested in being in a book club, or have ideas for how to make our Resource Center a great resource for Christian education, please talk with someone on CEMT about how you can get involved.



- The two adult Sunday School classes (the Faith and Life class and the Searchers class) continue to be popular and well-attended. We are also in the early planning stages of developing a new Sunday School program for parents of young children. We are working with members from the Personnel and Church Family Fellowship Ministry Teams on adding Sunday programming for youth education and fellowship. Check out the CEMT bulletin board in Davidson River Hall during May for more info and updates on Sunday School.

Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team

BUILDING COMMUNITY AROUND THE TABLE: Our next Community-Wide Dinner will be May 21st from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited!

Menu for May Dinner

Roasted Chicken Thighs and Legs
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad & Dessert

Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team *Cont*.

Church Family Fellowship – Mark your calendars for a special celebration on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th! The Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to enjoy an enhanced coffee hour following both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services. Let's gather together for fellowship and celebrate the Holy Spirit's gift to the Church.

Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN celebrate the Annual Birthday Offering with a Brunch (in place of Meetings) on Thursday, May 2nd, at 10 AM in the Church Lounge. Kathleen Norman, Sue Barrett, and Ellen Dozier will share their experiences of their recent trip to Guatemala. Women of the church are invited to attend. For more information contact Ellie Mercer.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ATTEND THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SPRING GATHERING

Eight Presbyterian Women attended the Presbyterian Women in Western North Carolina's Spring Gathering on April 20th in Montreat. The group enjoyed a comfortable ride there and back in the church van driven by Elder Mike Stewart, and they joined with women from other WNC churches in hearing a report from the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Ministry, as well as an interesting report about a recent Presbyterian Women's mission trip to Guatemala where the delegates visited microloan recipients in different places around that country.

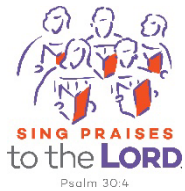
During the business meeting, officers were elected and installed, and Sue Barrett from B-DRPC was recognized for her ministry as Prayer Partner Coordinator for the Guatemala Microloan Project for several years. The Reverend Sue Hyde from our church was commissioned to attend the Churchwide Presbyterian Women's Gathering in St. Louis this summer. The names of the ten women from B-DRPC who entered the Church Triumphant in 2023 were read during the annual Necrology Report. Two young people were recognized as scholarship recipients.

Nancy Midgette from the Presbyterian Heritage Center spoke about Hallie Paxson Winsborough*, a founder of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church US. After lunch in the Assembly Inn, the group enjoyed a brief tour of the Heritage Center and a visit to the Ten Thousand Villages Gift Shop.

*Hallie Paxson was born in Mason City, Illinois, and raised in St. Louis, the daughter of William P. Paxson and Harriet Missouri Swing Paxson. Her father was an ordained Presbyterian minister from a family active in church work. She attended Fulton Female Synodical College, a church-run women's college in Fulton, Missouri. Winsborough, "an organizational whirlwind," taught school as a young woman. In 1908, she investigated living conditions among the Italian immigrants in Kansas City and wrote a report that led to the founding of the Italian Mission and the Slavic Mission, Presbyterian outreach programs.

From 1912 to 1929, Winsborough was the first Secretary (or Superintendent) of Women's Work for the PCUS, the Southern body of Presbyterians after the American denomination's split over slavery in 1861. (Find out more at the link below.)

From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hallie_Paxson_Winsborough

GLIMPSES FROM OUR B-DRPC HISTORY

Choir Recognition Sunday – from "The Church at Worship Bulletin May 22, 1960" in our Church Bulletins 1960-1961

Do You Recognize Any of The Following Names?

Today has been designated as Choir Recognition Sunday by the Session of our church. We wish to take this opportunity to express our heart thanks to all those who have taken part in the music of our church, and especially those who are choir members. We regret to announce that Ralph Reed, our Director, will be leaving June 10 to join the faculty of St. Petersburg Community College, St. Petersburg, Florida.

The following are enrolled in the Primary Choir:

Gloria Brannen	David Hiley	Patsy Smart
Ann Cook	Susan Hiley	Barbara Wauchope
Beth Davidson	Gail Masterson	Mary Weiss
Rebecca Fluke	Jane Nicholson	Genny Wemyss
Carolyn Glynn	Carolyn Reidinger	David Wheeler
Sandy Fowler	Carolyn Russell	

The following are enrolled in the Junior Choir

Jerry Allison	Lee Galloway	Sammy Norwood
Polly Camenzind	Jimmy Macfie	Pat Sawyer
Tommy Dechant	Tommy Macfie	Stephen Straus
Marshall Feaster	Thomas Munro	Elaine Wemyss

The following are enrolled in the Youth Choir

Randy Alexander	Ann Garrett	Janet New
Mary Allison	Donald Haehnel	Teddy Ormand
Betty Combs	Mike Hunter	Connie Poor
Janice Cook	Tommy Lance	Sharon Richards
Jimmy Davidson	Sandra Kilpatrick	Dickie Roberts
Judy Dechant	Spencer Macfie	David Russell
Dickie Dixon	Susan McMinn	Sally Sawyer
Diane Galloway	Jennie Munro	Bruce Wauchope

The following are enrolled in the Adult Choir

Mrs. Perry Allison	Miss Sue Ellen Hunter	Mrs. W. H. Purnell
W.C. Bangs	Earle Johnson	Mrs. Jack Richards
Mrs. R.G. Fluke	Mrs. David Kirk	Mrs. James Sanders
Taj Hanna	Arthur Lindley	Wolfgang Selle
David Hiley	Mrs. Tom New	Miss Thea Schulze
Arthur Jenkins	Mrs. James Nichols	Ray Winchester
Mrs. Alice Johnson		

MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	PRESCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR May 1 – 10 – All Day - Mondays thru Fridays.		Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Christian Ed. MT 4:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	Presbyterian Women's Annual Birthday Offering Brunch (in place of Meetings) 10 AM		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am Communion		Westminster Ringers, 5:00 pm	Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	Outreach MT 9:30 AM	Church Family Fellowship MT 9:00 am	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship–8:30 & 11 am *Dr. Steve Eason* *Guest Preacher*	Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 pm	Preschool MT 12:30 pm Worship MT, 1 pm Publicity MT 2 pm Westminster Ringers 5:00 pm	Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Day of Pentecost Daily Change Offering		Westminster Ringers 5:00 pm Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm		Session Stated Meeting 9:00 am	
26	27	28	29	30	31	**MT = Ministry Team**
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MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Chip & Debbie Webb – May 5th
- Patti Jerome – May 6th
- Scott Kelley – May 6th
- Cathie Odom – May 6th
- Mark Ellenberger – May 7th
- Elly Leidner – May 9th
- Gregg Hall – May 10th
- Travis & Alexis Hancock – May 11th
- Annette Campbell – May 12th
- Hannah Thompson – May 14th
- Art Cole – May 14th
- Richard & Barbara Ambler – May 15th
- John & Lora Allemeier – May 16th
- Gary & Tammy Nye – May 16th
- Keith & Debbie Thompson – May 16th
- Louise Stroup – May 17th
- J.J. Colombo – May 17th
- Jake Trowbridge – May 17th
- Paul & Judy Welch – May 17th
- Mandy Wade – May 18th
- Bob Bryant – May 20th
- Hadley Gerring – May 21st
- Julia Colombo – May 22nd
- Carlton & Sharon Ward – May 22nd
- Celia Ansley – May 23rd
- Nancy Stricker – May 23rd
- Ruth Powers – May 24th
- Luke McLauchlin – May 24th
- Faye Paden – May 25th
- Gloria Sanders – May 25th
- Emilie Johnson – May 25th
- Carlene Jerome – May 26th
- Tina Benson – May 27th
- Ginny Simpson – May 28th
- Linda Goodwin – May 29th
- Gary and Gretchen Greene – May 29th
- Noah McLauchlin – May 31st

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

Why Did The Chicken Cross The Playground?

Differences: *Golden Calf* ***(see Exodus 32)***

There are ten (10) differences between Image 1 and Image 2. See if you can find all of them. A few are rather easy to notice, a few are rather difficult to find, and a couple might be a little frustrating. May fortune be with you as you learn more about the Golden Calf. *(Note the color tone is a bit off on 2nd pic and that's not one of the 10 differences.)*

https://www.cob-net.org/bible/difference/golden-calf.htm

ANSWER:

To Get To The Other Slide!