The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

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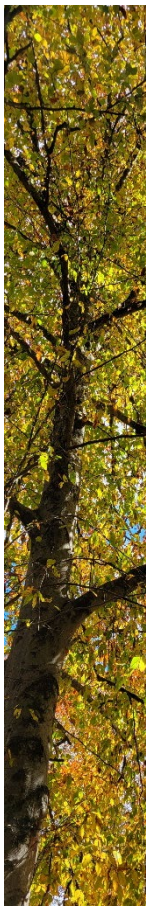
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others



Dear Friends in the Lord,

A huge 'thank you' to all those who have pitched in as we recover from the recent storm. Your generosity is most appreciated.

In the earliest days after Helene pummeled Western NC, we worked closely with Yesica Rosales Miranda, the wonderful director at El Centro. The trailer in our back parking lot is full, as supplies are still being collected and distributed. The Preschool received and distributed all kinds of supplies that were graciously donated. Member Cassie Gerring began a clothing closet in one of our Sunday School rooms. Our Community-Wide Dinners also became weekly because of the need around us. Every Tuesday, Davidson River Hall is filled with good food and lively fellowship as some of our neighbors enjoy a rare warm meal. Since the storm, we have served almost 600 meals and have met many kind-hearted and grateful members of our community.

Our Session has met twice, establishing a Disaster Contingency Fund that continues to grow. Currently we have $39,825.50. This fund will be administered by our Outreach Ministry Team and will be spent on local relief plus Black Mountain Home. We continue to work closely with our current ministry partners: El Centro, Habitat, Sharing House, Black Mountain Home and Whitewater Cove, as well as The Haven and Bread of Life. Given that food relief seems both widely available and plentiful across the county, our priority will be on housing, and $25,000 has already been sent to Habitat for Humanity, Transylvania County.

What a wonderful, caring congregation you are! Thanks be to God for the depth of your Christian commitment.

In Christ,

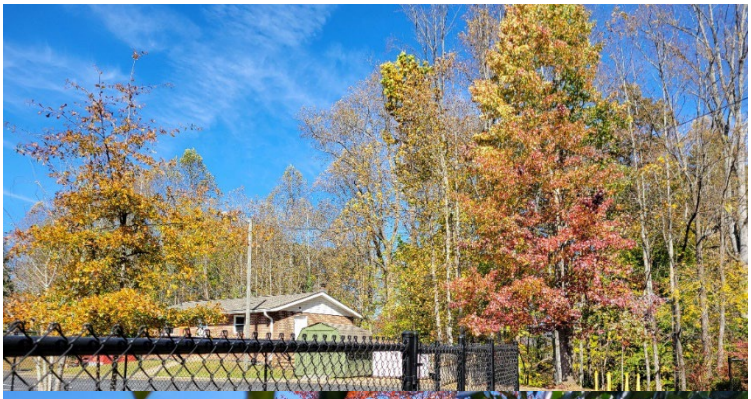
Keith

Monthly Scripture:

I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely how you walk in the truth. (*3 John 1:3*)

November Preaching Schedule

Nov. 3	Matthew 7:24-29	All Saints' Sunday, Communion, Steve Eason preaching "The Freedom to Choose"
Nov. 10	Ephesians 2:11-22	Keith Thompson
Nov. 17	1 John 1:1-3	Firsthand Faith, Daily Change Offering, Keith Thompson
Nov. 24	Proverbs 9:10	Keith Thompson



AUTUMN COLORS AT B-DRPC!

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 Design Subcommittee
Janet Saucier, 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
Hayden Pollack, 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

Music Ministry Update

B-DRPC 2024-25 Concert Series

Here is the line-up for our 2024-25 Concert Series:

B-DRPC CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 am – Carols of the British Isles

B-DRPC Chancel choir with chamber orchestra will present a program of well-known, traditional English, Irish and Welsh Christmas carols. The program will include Sussex Carol, Rejoice and Be Merry, and a medley of carols arranged by Mark Hayes. Be sure to bring a friend to this joyous concert of carols from the British Isles.

Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 pm – Four Hands in Motion

Michael Helman and Tim Shepherd will present a program of keyboard music for two players. Music will include selections for four-hand piano, organ and piano duets as well as four-hand organ.

Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm – Blue Ridge Ringers

The Blue Ridge Ringers is an auditioned community handbell ensemble founded in 1995. The ringers are from western North Carolina and upper South Carolina. They will be presenting a varied program of arrangements, transcriptions, and original compositions for handbells. They ring with five octaves of bells and chimes.

To keep our concerts free for our members and the public, we are asking you to be a sponsor of the series. Sponsorship levels can be found below. Consider being a patron of the arts here at B-DRPC.

Concert Series Sponsorship

Bronze Level - $50 - $100 Silver Level - $101 - $250

Gold Level - $251 - $500 Platinum Level - $501 - $750

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet this Thursday, November 7th. The **Sarah Ruth Circle** will meet at 10:30 AM in the Activities Room at College Walk. They will be studying the second lesson in this year's study guide, Let Justice Roll Down. The **Mary Martha Circle,** a small group Bible study and fellowship, will meet at 1:00 PM in the Church Lounge.

Presbyterian Women
CIRCLES

Both circles will have a short program and celebration of our Thank Offering. We'd love for all women to join us!

Outreach Ministry Team

The Salvation Army Bells will once again be ringing at Ingles. Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian has signed up to ring the first day possible. We'll begin on Saturday, November 30th, and ring on December 2nd & 3rd as well. Ringing will be in two-hour shifts at both doors if we have enough volunteers. Shifts will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 6:00 PM.

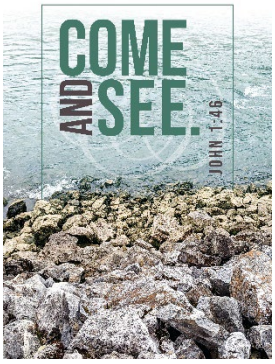
Fun attire **is a must!**

This year we will have two methods to sign up. As in the past, you can sign up at church before and after the two services on Sunday, November 17th and November 24th. We will also be offering a virtual sign up like last year. Virtual sign-up will be available beginning Friday, November 15th. You will be able to find the link on the church web site at bdrpc.org.

So, check your calendars and all your friends. This has always been a fun way to give back to our community. Please remember all funds raised here stay here . . . and that's even more important this year. In the past we've raised more money than any other organization! Let's keep up our tradition!!!

Christian Education Ministry Team

Women and Jesus in John is a study led by retired pastor, Bob Edmunds. Women in the first three Gospels are generally seen but not heard. They are in the background, often times secondary and not central to what is happening. In John's version of the Good News they talk to us, interact with Jesus, teach us lessons, witness to events and play significant roles in the New Testament story.



Over six sessions on Sundays at 9:45 AM, beginning on November 3rd in Davidson River Room, we will listen to what they say and note what they saw and discuss what they did and learn from their lives as they encountered and interacted with Jesus. Visitors are welcome.

GLIMPSES FROM OUR B-DRPC HISTORY

A DREAM VACATION

In the May 11, 1958, bulletin a letter was addressed to Membership by our own Rev. Benjamin F. Ormand, former Pastor at B-DRPC who passed away in March of 2003. He speaks about his upcoming visit to Scotland through an exchange with Rev. David Smith.

"It is a 'dream' of every Presbyterian minister to visit Scotland (the home of Presbyterianism). I had always thought of it merely as a 'dream'; but 'dreams' do come true sometimes!! Through a contact with Mr. Horace Holden (Horace married Jody Newland – our own Dr. Newland's daughter) who has studied in Edinburgh for two years, we have arranged an exchange with Rev. David Smith. The Session kindly consented to this exchange for three months."

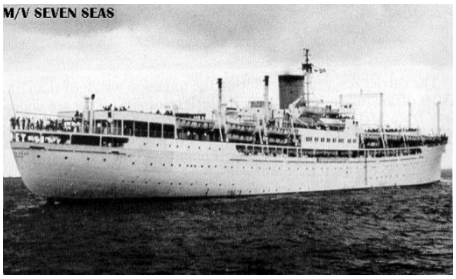


Figure 1 - This is a SEVEN SEAS SHIP. This is from 1958 - Could Rev. Ben F. Ormand have been on this very ship?

He, Benny and Teddy who joined him left Brevard on Thursday, May 29th on their ship, THE SEVEN SEAS which sailed from Montreal, Canada on Monday morning June 2nd to return on the same ship Monday, September 15th of 1958.

"Rev. David MacIntyre Bell Armour Smith (that's his <u>full name</u>) arrives in Brevard on Friday, June 6th and will preach his first sermon on Sunday, June 8th. We hope <u>every</u> member will be present to give him a warm greeting." *He continues later with a description of Rev. Smith:* "Dr. James S. Stewart, the outstanding Professor of New Testament at Edinburgh University, writes this about Rev. Smith: 'He is an excellent preacher, forceful and evangelical in the best sense. He has taken a leading part in many evangelistic efforts in Scotland and is well-known and beloved by all the churches.'"

Rev. Ormand continues to let the congregation know that they will "Exchange cars, manses, congregations and salaries." *He also explained that they will work full time in June and July but during August they both would be relieved of all duties <u>except</u> conducting the Worship Service on Sundays. Rev. Ormand's address while in Scotland was 35 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh 10, Scotland.*

In a letter to the Membership within the Bulletin of September 7th was a letter regarding the Annual Davidson River Day and the following paragraph speaks of Rev. Ormand's return.

Figure 2 - Could be where Rev. Ormand stayed??? I "Googled" the address above and this came up.

"Every member, new and old, is especially invited to join in the fellowship that is always present on this occasion. *(River Day)* Each of us will have the opportunity to welcome back our Pastor and his family who have been in Scotland for the past three months. The Reverend Ben F. Ormand will return to the pulpit on the morning of this annual celebration." *September 21 bulletin announcements:* "It is with greatest pleasure the congregation welcomes home our beloved Pastor, Ben F. Ormand, and his family from a three-month visit to Edinburgh, Scotland. We are grateful for their safe return and trust that the experiences they have had will prove a blessing to all of us." *And finally in the October 5th bulletin announcements:* "The Men of the Church will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Reverend Ormand will speak to the men about his trip to Europe and the World's Fair and, also show colored slides he made while there."

Figure 3 Is that Ben in Brussels?

So…I wish we knew more…Could see more! Do any of our longtime members remember hearing about this trip? Do any of you remember Reverend Smith? Did you see the slides? Let us know if you have further information about this "dream" trip and maybe we can share in December's Newsletter. Photo credits: http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/marville/photos, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expo_58, https://espc.com

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MT stands for Ministry Team, WOW – Women on Wednesdays					**Photo Make Up Date**	***Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour!***
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **All Saints' Sunday/ Communion** **Daylight saving time ends.**		Preschool MT, 12:30 pm **Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm** Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	WOW – 9 am Christian Ed MT 4:30 pm *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle 1:00 PM	Church Family Fellowship MT 9 am	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	Property MT, 9:30 am Preschool MT 12:30 pm Worship MT, 1 pm Publicity MT pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm **Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm**	WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	Outreach MT, 9:30 am		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Daily Change Offering**	Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	**Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm** Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*		Session Stated Meeting 10 am (Lounge)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	**Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm** Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	WOW – 9 am	**Happy Thanksgiving** Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	

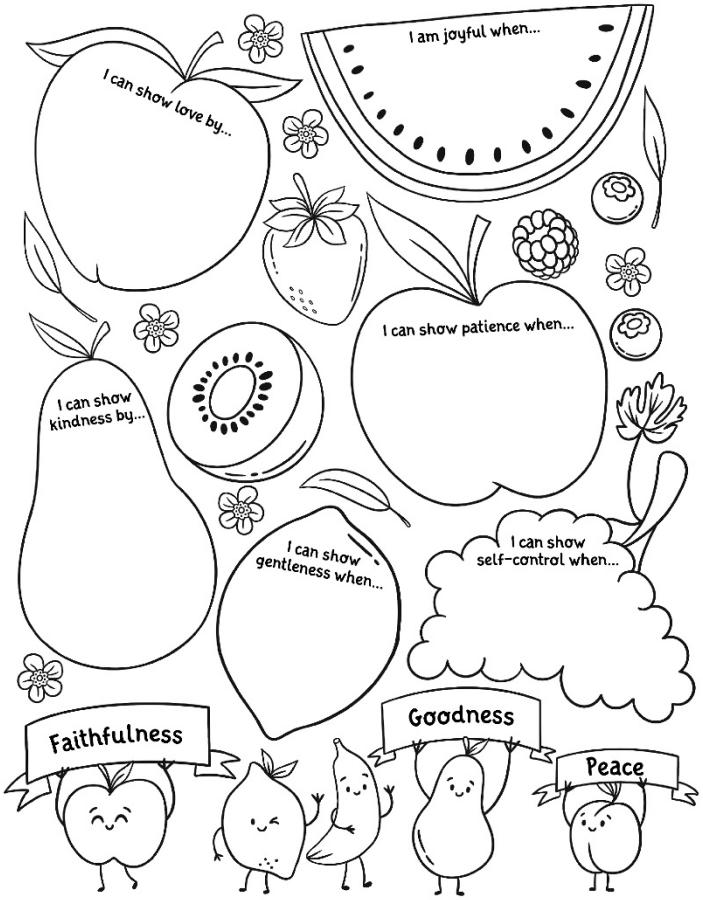
November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Carla Hill – November 1st
- Parker Winston – November 2nd
- Marilyn Baldrige – November 2nd
- Carolyn Mills – November 3rd
- Steve & Chris Bergner – November 4th
- Jim Phillips – November 4th
- Scott Carpenter – November 10th
- Mary Jane Bennett – November 11th
- Harper Wade – November 12th
- Bill Riecke – November 13th
- Lora Allemeier – November 14th
- Gene Baker – November 15th
- Cassie Gerring – November 15th
- Izzie Gentle – November 16th
- Kathleen Norman – November 17th
- Caroline Ramsey – November 17th
- Julia Trowbridge – November 17th
- Catherine Nielsen – November 17th
- Dottie Reid – November 20th
- Tanner Ellenberger – November 22nd
- Hollis Thompson – November 23rd
- Missy Seacat – November 23rd
- Frank & Cindy Anderson – November 24th
- Gary & Nita Padgett – November 24th
- Jerre Kennedy – November 25th
- Pat Crawford – November 26th
- Carol Bryant – November 26th
- Dick Stricker – November 27th
- Bill Jennings – November 27th
- Rich Warwick – November 28th
- Sharon Black – November 28th
- John Hachbold – November 30th
- Travis & Gail Rockey – November 30th

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

What do you call Cheese that belongs to someone else?



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Fruits of The Spirit

From Church House Puzzles,

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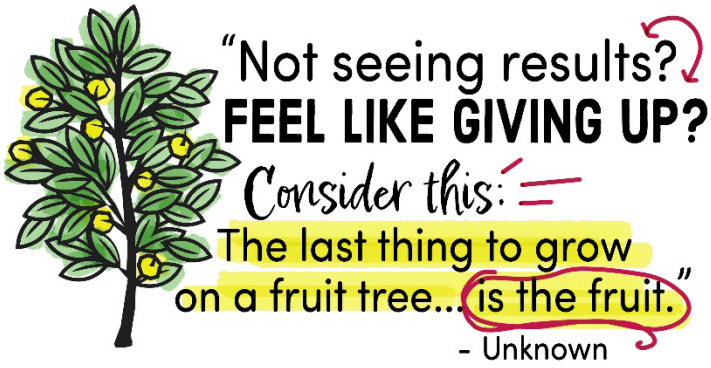
Long Suffering
Meekness
Gentleness
Joy
Love
Peace



ANSWER:
NACHO CHEESE!