The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 2024
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

From the Clerk of Session

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Black Mountain Home Thrift Store on August 17th and for everyone who continues to bring items to the church. Richard and Sharon Black are our liaisons with Black Mountain Home, and we thank them for organizing this event. Thanks also to our members who have made an appointment and scheduled the truck to come to their homes for furniture and other heavy items. All the proceeds from the sales go to support Black Mountain Home's youth and children. Thank you so much!

Our Community Dinners continue to be a big success! We now welcome 80 to 95 guests each month. Thanks to all the volunteers who work hard to make this possible.

We are in the process of improving our Wi-Fi internet connection and have found some areas that need attention. We are working towards live streaming the worship service.

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 703 Eagle Project in designing and building a new trash receptacle for the church. This was much needed, and this scout and his work crew did a fabulous job.

Monthly Scripture:

[11] As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, [12] urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

[13] We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-13

September Preaching Schedule

Sept. 1	1 Corinthians 3:12-15	Communion Sunday, with Guest Preacher Rev. James Mosley, "The Three Little Pigs"
Sept. 8	Luke 9:23-24	"How Can I Get Right with God?" Keith Thompson
Sept. 15	James 3:1-10	"The Taming of the Tongue" Keith Thompson
Sept. 22	Philippians 3:3-14	"Marching without a Map Keith Thompson
Sept. 29	1 John 1:1-3	"You Can't Borrow Belief" Keith Thompson

August 24th Community-Wide Dinner

Join us September 17th for our next Community-Wide Dinner from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

The Menu will be: Smoked sausage pieces, smashed roasted potatoes, coleslaw and/or red cabbage sauerkraut, rolls, tossed salad, apple/blueberry dump cake with whipped cream.

Everyone is invited!

THE PIPES ARE COMING! The Kirkin' o' the Tartans will take place on Sunday, October 13th, during both worship services. We need tartan carriers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the west foyer between the narthex and Davidson River Hall starting September 22nd and ending October 6th. If you have any questions or cannot sign-up to carry a tartan in person, please contact Mary Johnson by phone at (828) 877-4317 or by email at majohnson2@comporium.net. A rehearsal for the tartan carriers will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at 9:00 AM in Davidson River Hall and the sanctuary.

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** Richard Ambler, Chair/Lead Elder Hayden Pollack, 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

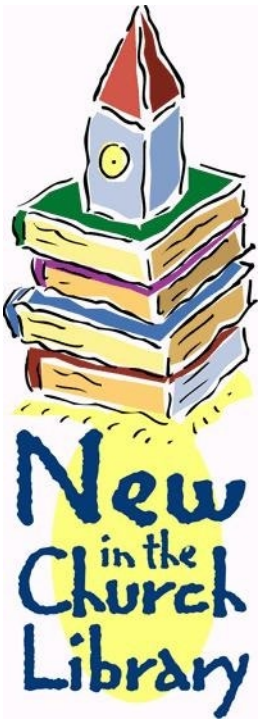
Christian Education Ministry Team

UPDATES:

Ministry Fair: CEMT along with the other ministry teams will hold a Ministry Team Fair in the Davidson River Hall following each service on September 15th. Please plan to stop by and see what the ministry teams have been working on and have planned for the coming year!

Library: *Coming soon – new books for the church library!* See the below titles and descriptions of the 10 newest books. CEMT would like to thank August Nye who helped guide the selection process over two meetings this summer with Hayden Pollack and Edwin Jones of CEMT. We chose books that were highly rated/reviewed, not easily available at the Transylvania County Library, and contemporary with a majority having publication dates in the last ten years. Be on the lookout for these new books to make an appearance in the library and on the rolling book cart in September! If you have book suggestions for our library or would like to be involved in helping with some updates we are planning, please email Hayden Pollack, haydenpollack7@gmail.com

The Prophet, Kahlil Gibron, 2012.
"The book is made up of 26 prose poems, delivered as sermons by a wise man called Al Mustapha. He is about to set sail for his homeland after 12 years in exile on a fictional island when the people of the island ask him to share his wisdom on the big questions of life: love, family, work and death. The book suggests that we should be glad of the experience of coming into the world, even if it seems full of pain, because after death we will see that life had a pattern and a purpose, and that what seems to us now as 'good' and 'bad' will be appreciated without judgment as good for our souls" (Wikipedia.)



Tacky the Penguin, Helen Lester and Lynn Munsinger 1990.
"Tacky the Penguin is a delightful tale about being true to yourself—even when it means being a little different from everybody else." (Amazon)

Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers: Exploring Christian Faith, Donald K. McKim, 2004. Presbyterians often have questions about Presbyterian theology and beliefs that are basic to Christian faith itself. Featuring a unique question-and-answer format, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* is an accessible and concise treatment that provides a sampling of these questions on important topics and brief but complete answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologians. Arranged according to doctrinal topics, the book is ideal for individual and group study, church officer training, new member and confirmation classes, and all those who are interested in Presbyterian theology (Amazon).

When We Walk By: Forgotten Humanity, Broken Systems, and the Role We Can Each Play in Ending Homelessness in America,
Kevin F Adler, Donald W. Burns, Amanda Banh, and Andrijana Bibija, 2023.
When We Walk By takes an urgent look at homelessness in America, showing us what we lose—in ourselves and as a society—when we choose to walk past and ignore our neighbors in shelters and insecure housing or on the streets. And it brilliantly shows what we stand to gain when we embrace our humanity and move toward evidence-based, people-first, community-driven solutions (authors website.).

Grieving Room: Making Space for All the Hard Things after Death and Loss, Leanne Friesen, 2024. Friesen writes with vulnerability, wisdom, and somehow even wit about the stark and sacred lessons learned at deathbeds and funerals. When someone dies, we need room for imperfect goodbyes, she writes, and room for a changing faith. We need room for regret and room to rage at the world. Room for hard holidays and room in our schedules. We need room for redemption and room for resurrection--and we also need room to never "get over it." (Broadleaf Books.)

Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life, TISH HARRISON WARREN, 2016. Evangelicalism is replete with calls for a "radical" or "extraordinary" or even "revolutionary" approach to the Christian life that turns the world upside down. These sorts of exhortations are never as groundbreaking as their titles and press releases imply, but they can still leave the

impression that your spiritual walk is going nowhere if you are not changing the world. Tish Harrison Warren is far more concerned with everyday faithfulness than heroic spirituality. And everyday faithfulness does change your world, moment-by-moment, day-by-day, over the long haul of the Christian life (The Gospel Coalition).

In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character, Jen Wilkin, 2018. Sometimes we ask *What is God's will for my life?* when we should really be asking *Who should I be?* The Bible has an answer: *Be like the very image of God.* By exploring ten characteristics of who *God* is—holy, loving, just, good, merciful, gracious, faithful, patient, truthful, and wise—this book helps us understand who God intends for us to be. Through Christ, the perfect reflection of the image of God, we will discover how God's own attributes impact how we live, leading to freedom and purpose as we follow his will and are conformed to his image.

Jesus Calling, Sarah Young, 2004. Experience a deeper relationship with Jesus as you savor the presence of the One who understands you perfectly and loves you forever. With Scripture and personal reflections, New York Times bestselling author Sarah Young brings Jesus' message of peace—for today and every day (Amazon.)

God Will Carry You Through, Max Lucado, 2013. New York Times bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado has discovered that at any given point, almost everyone is dealing with something difficult. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, marriage issues, illness, job loss, or the stress of everyday life, you need the assurance that God will be there for you during tough times. In God Will Carry You Through, Max teaches through the life of Joseph in his no-fluff, casual storytelling style, inviting you to let God's words guide you through loss and uncertainty.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents, Isabel Wilkerson. 2020. "As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not." In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched, and beautifully written narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Faith & Life Sunday School Class: The Faith and Life Sunday School Class will meet on Sept. 1st at 9:45 a.m. in the Davidson River Room, just off the Davidson River Hall. There's room around the table for others to join this welcoming group as they begin their fall Bible studies.

Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER:

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES: SARAH RUTH CIRCLE meets in the College Walk Activity Room on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. MARY MARTHA CIRCLE meets the first Thursday of each month, as well, at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. All women are invited to join this fellowship of women participating in Bible Study and mission outreach.

"Let Justice Roll Down...God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" by Patricia K. Tull is a 9-month study with guides and a DVD of the author presenting each lesion. Extra Study Guides are available for new members. JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 5TH at the Circle of your choosing. Call Ellie Mercer 828-885-7276 or email at eleanormercer@outlook.com for more information.

WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS WOW is an ecumenical group of women who meet weekly for Bible Study. The first gathering is Wednesday morning, September 11th at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Church Lounge. Studies, using materials from our church media center, are led by volunteers. Guests are also invited to provide leadership in a wide variety of topics. Spirited discussion is a hallmark of WOW as well as the prayerful support for each other, the community and our world. Call Ellie Mercer 828-885-7276 or email at eleanormercer@outlook.com for more information.

Music Ministry Update

Chancel Choir has begun weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Choir Rehearsal Room. There is always room for more people in our Choir!

Westminster Ringers will begin weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, September 10 at 5:15 pm in the Choir Rehearsal Room. If you have an 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.

B-DRPC 2024-25 Concert Series Line-UP

Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 pm – Winthrop University Chorale
The Chorale, the principal touring choir among the ensembles in the Department of Music, consists of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, more than half of whom are music majors and minors. The Chorale has given invitational performances at state and Southern Division conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and the South Carolina Music Educators Association. This year the Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform a concert entitled The Road Home, centering on traveling through the journey of life. (*Please see below for an opportunity to help.)*

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.

Concert Sponsorship

To keep our concerts free to 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 Lever - $101 - $250
Gold - $251 - $500 Platinum - $501 - $750

HOSTS NEEDED: We are looking for people to host the singers of the Winthrop Chorale on Thursday night, October 17th. You would need to house them overnight and give them breakfast the next morning. If you would be willing to open your home to a couple of these students, please call Michael Helman at the church office or email him at music@bdrpc.org.

GLIMPSES FROM OUR B-DRPC HISTORY

THE "BERLIN CRISIS" IN OUR B-DRPC HISTORY

Just a small announcement in our B-DRPC Bulletin Insert for May 10, 1959, showed that B-DRPC felt it was important to come together to pray over a serious world situation in 1959 that would result in the building of a wall . . .

"Tonight, at 8 o'clock, the Session is calling a special prayer service for the purpose of uniting in prayer for the Berlin Crisis. Every member is urged to attend this thirty-minute prayer service."

Background of the Berlin Crisis:

In May 1959, the Berlin Crisis was in the middle of a foreign ministers' conference between the United States, United Kingdom, France, and the Soviet Union. The conference took place from May 11–June 20, 1959, with a recess from June 21–July 12, and a second part from July 13–August 5. The conference was a result of preparations that began in March 1959, and was a response to an ultimatum issued by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in November 1958. In his ultimatum, Khrushchev demanded that the Western powers withdraw their forces from West Berlin within six months, or he would make a separate peace agreement with East Germany. The Western powers interpreted this as an ultimatum and responded by asserting their right to remain in Berlin and maintain access to it.

The conference failed to reach any agreements or make any significant concessions. However, it did lead to Khrushchev visiting the United States in September 1959 for talks with Eisenhower at Camp David. Although no agreement was reached at Camp David, Khrushchev left with the impression that a deal was possible, and the two sides agreed to continue talks at a summit in Paris in May 1960. However, the Paris Summit was canceled in the aftermath of the failed U-2 spy flight on May 1, 1960. The Berlin Crisis lasted three years and culminated in the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961. *Generated by AI Overview*

The Berlin Wall was a guarded concrete barrier that encircled West Berlin of the Federal Republic of Germany from 1961 to 1989, separating it from East Berlin and the German Democratic Republic. Construction of the Berlin Wall was commenced by the government of the GDR on 13 August 1961.
Wikipedia

November 9, 1989 - The fall of the Berlin Wall was the first step towards German reunification. In 1989, political changes in Eastern Europe and civil unrest in Germany put pressure on the East German government to loosen some of its regulations on travel to West Germany.
https://www.iwm.org.uk/history

SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Guest Preacher Rev. James Moseley** Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Communion**	2	3	4 Christian Education MT 4:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	5 Outreach MT 9:30 am	6 Church Family Fellowship 9:00 am	7
8 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	9 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 PM	10 Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Worship MT, 1 pm Publicity MT, 2 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	11 WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	12	13 Church Family Fellowship MT 9 am	14
15 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Daily Change Offering** **Ministry Team Fair**	16	17 Property MT 9:30 am Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	18 WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	19	20 Session Stated Meeting 9 am (Lounge)	21 **Scout BBQ Fundraiser**
22 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	23 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	24 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	WOW – 9 am *Chancel Choir 6:30 pm*	26	27	28
29 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	30	**MT stands for Ministry Team, WOW – Women on Wednesdays** I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. *Psalm 50:11*				

- Ethan Huggins – Sept. 1st
- John Winston – Sept. 2nd
- Pat Crosby – Sept. 2nd
- Lynn McManus – Sept. 3rd
- Beth Schenberg – Sept. 3rd
- Sue Carter – Sept. 4th
- Charles & Bobbie Jean Whitmire – Sept. 4th
- Joan Musgrove – Sept. 4th
- Penny Colman-Crandal – Sept. 5th
- Don & Bred Monk – Sept. 5th
- Barbara Schroeder-Buck – Sept. 5th
- Marty & Martha Spencer – Sept. 8th
- Nancy Plummer – Sept. 9th
- Sandy Gustafson – Sept. 10th
- Laura Lane – Sept. 10th
- Michael Helman – Sept. 12th
- Seth & Cassie Gerring – Sept. 13th
- Kathe Harris – Sept. 13th
- Christian McLauchlin – Sept. 13th
- Bill Hale – Sept. 14th
- Walker Huggins – Sept. 14th
- Grace Gentle – Sept. 15th
- Larry Jennings – Sept. 15th
- Ann Hollingsworth – Sept. 17th
- Gretchen Greene – Sept. 17th
- Sara Champion – Sept. 18th
- Tom Smith – Sept. 18th
- Sally Baker - – Sept. 19th
- Chuck Gerlach – Sept. 19th
- Mary Kay Jennings – Sept. 20th
- Chase Hancock – Sept. 20th
- Chip Webb – Sept. 20th
- Janice Hiner – Sept. 21st
- Don Bieger – Sept. 22nd
- Bob Mertens – Sept. 23rd
- Sue Barrett – Sept. 27th
- Lee Collins – Sept. 27th
- George Robbins – Sept. 27th
- Rick Clark – Sept. 27th

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

How Do Bees Brush Their hair?

Joseph

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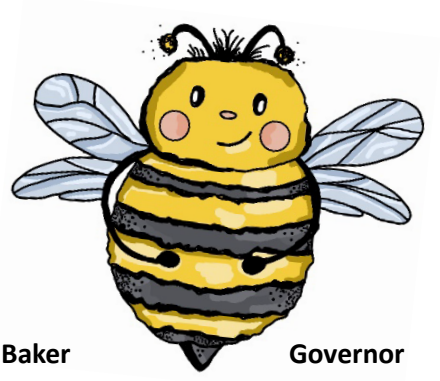

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