Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

The Communicator

NOVEMBER 2025
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

Commitment Sunday

Keep Your Eyes Open For Your Pledge Card!

2026 Pledge Cards have been mailed. You may bring your pledge to the worship service on Commitment Sunday, November 9, put it in the mail, bring it by the church office, or make your pledge online at BDRPC.org.

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Urgent Sharing House Needs! – see page 5

For a Ringing Opportunity! – see page 5 & 6

For A Glorious Musical Opportunity! – see page 4

It's Before Bed - Tick, Tick, Tick...It's Time! – see page 9 (Nov. 1st)

2025

MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION **Personnel Ministry Team** Freddie Hart, Chair/Lead Elder Richard Black, Elder Frank Porter, Elder Keith Thompson, Staff **Property Ministry Team** Richard Black, Chair/Lead Elder Carlton Ward, Elder Gregg Hall, Staff **Interior Design Subcommittee** Janet Saucier, Chair	**CHURCH FAMILY DIVISION** **Membership Ministry Team** Richard Clark, Chair/Lead Elder Freddie Hart, Elder **Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team** Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder **Kitchen Subcommittee** Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder	**OUTREACH DIVISION** **Outreach Ministry Team** John Allemeier, Chair/Lead Elder Gary Seacat, Elder Richard Black, Elder
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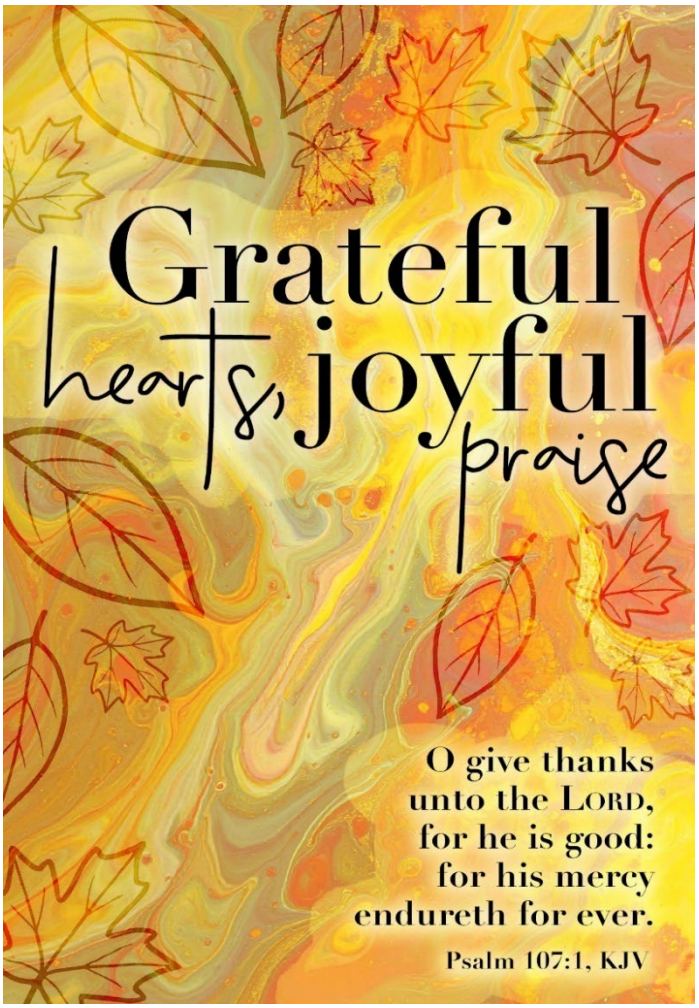
Monthly Scripture:

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. *Psalm 42:4*

November Preaching Schedule

November 2, 2025	Dr. Keith Thompson	Luke 19:1-10 *Communion*
November 9, 2025	Dr. Keith Thompson	Jeremiah 18:1-5
November 16, 2025	Dr. Keith Thompson	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *Daily Change Offering*
November 23, 2025	Dr. Keith Thompson	Hebrews 11 (selected verses) *Focus on Trust*
November 30, 2025	Dr. Keith Thompson	Luke 3:1-6 *1st Sunday of Advent*



The Church Office will be Closed for Thanksgiving, on Thursday, November 27th, and Friday November 28th. May you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Music Ministry

On Sunday, December 7 the B-DRPC Chancel Choir will present a program entitled "A Glorious Christmas." The Choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The angel's message of "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" will be in each of the pieces they will present. Music by Haydn and John Rutter as well as carol arrangements by Lloyd Larson, Douglas Wagner, and Michael Helman will be included. Please note that there will be **only one worship service on Sunday, December 7 at 11:00 am** and the service will include the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to this special music presentation and be sure to bring a friend!

Michael Helman, Director of Music at B-DRPC

B-DRPC

2025-2026 Concert Series

Asheville Jazz Orchestra - Sunday, February 15 at 3:00 PM

For almost 20 years the Asheville Jazz Orchestra (AJO) has brought the energy and excitement of live jazz to western North Carolina! From the dance-floor favorites of the Swing Era to timeless classics by legends like Count Basie and Buddy Rich, the AJO's performances are a celebration of jazz at its finest. Adding a modern twist, the band also showcases fresh, original compositions crafted by its talented members. Whether you're a jazz enthusiast or a newcomer to the genre, the AJO promises an unforgettable musical experience.

Furman University Ensembles - Sunday, April 12 at 4:00 PM

Belle Voci (Beautiful Voices) is a treble choir that seeks to share music that not only expresses the art of beautiful singing but hopes that the language of music can be a connection to help find our common humanity, and to create a supportive and nurturing community of artists and scholars. They are conducted by Dr. Stephen Gusukuma, Director of Choral Activities at Furman University.

Hartness and Gladden String Quartets are the flagship ensembles of the Furman University Department of Music's Chamber Music Program. Generously supported by the Hartness and Gladden families, these quartets are selected each fall through a competitive audition process. Members perform together throughout the academic year, receive scholarships in recognition of their commitment and artistry, and are coached by Stephan Fillare, Director of Orchestral Activities at Furman University.

Concert Sponsorship

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.

Bronze Level - $50 - $100 Silver Level - $101 - $250
Gold Level - $251 - $500 Platinum Level - $501 - $750

***An Additional Concert Opportunity** **Brevard Philharmonic Strings** - Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 PM The annual chamber music concert is a cornerstone of every Brevard Philharmonic season. Past year's concertgoers have delighted in the unique intimacy this accessible musical experience provides for both audience and musicians. This year's concert, Chamber Orchestra, held at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, promises to be even more awe inspiring. This is a ticketed event and tickets can be purchased by going to the Philharmonic's website: brevardphilharmonic.org.

Outreach Ministry Team

Federal Government Shutdown Increases Local Food Insecurity

The federal government shutdown that began on October 1, 2025, has significantly impacted key nutrition programs, particularly the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). While October SNAP benefits were distributed as usual, November benefits are at serious risk due to the lapse in federal appropriations.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has instructed states to hold off on distributing November SNAP benefits, which 42 million Americans rely on, due to insufficient funds.

WIC is also in a precarious position. Some temporary measures are being explored, but funding is expected to run out within days, potentially cutting off food and formula for 7 million participants.

School meal programs and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), which supplies food banks, may experience disruptions, if the shutdown extends into November, just as demand increases.

Sharing House
Transylvania Christian Ministry, Inc.

The impact of the government shutdown is already being felt locally. Sharing House reports that they have experienced a 34 percent increase in foot traffic in the last few days and are working closely with other food pantries to meet the increased need. Sharing House, an important and longstanding outreach partner of B-DRPC, has published a list of current critical food needs.

Here are some highlights from that list:

- Breakfast cereals (all types)
- Rice mixes
- Soups & Stews
- Peanut butter
- Pinto & Kidney Beans
- Canned meats

Donations can be deposited in the collection bins at the church or delivered directly to Sharing House. "Giving to Others" is one of the most important missions of this church. Assistance to vulnerable neighbors in our community in this time of increased stress and uncertainty is sincerely appreciated.

Ring the Bells!

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat. I know Thanksgiving first and yes; we have much to be thankful for. Blessings on you and your family this holiday season!

The Salvation Army Bells will be ringing this Christmas Season, and we need people willing to brave the cold, wear the aprons or dress up in your holiday cheer. *Cont. pg.6*

Ring the Bells, continued

Choose to join us for fun while we ring bells for a couple of hours. We've been helping this worthy organization for many years and hopefully for many years to come.

Why ring a bell? *(Borrowed from AI Overview)*

- **Make a direct impact:** Your time helps fund vital year-round services for your neighbors, such as emergency food and shelter.
- **Spread Christmas joy:** The sound of the bell is an iconic symbol of the season and ringing is a festive way to share holiday spirit.
- **Have fun:** Bell ringing can be a fun experience. You can sing carols, dress up, and even bring friends, family, or coworkers with you.
- **Be part of a legacy:** The Red Kettle campaign has been a holiday tradition since 1891.
- **Contribute to a worthy cause:** Your efforts help the Salvation Army continue its mission of providing "soup, soap, and salvation" to those who need it most.

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church will be ringing at Ingles at both doors Thursday, December 4, Friday, December 5 & Saturday, December 6! We will be ringing in two-hour shifts from 8 am to 6 pm. Sign up after both services on November 16 and November 23 or sign up online today HERE!

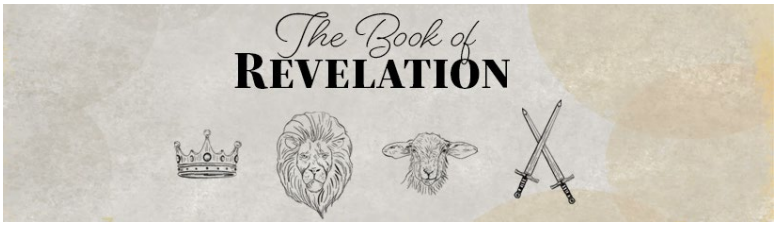
Christian Education Ministry Team

Our Sunday School Offering For November goes to Sharing House

Unraveling Revelation

The Faith and Life Adult Sunday School Class continues their study of the Book of Revelation, led by retired pastor, Bob Edmunds.

We're unravelling the rich symbolism, bizarre images and raw history behind Revelation. This isn't a verse-by-verse study but a look at broad Bible themes and topics.



Reading between the lines, we are taking a look at some very unexpected things such as: Christmas in Revelation, the Last Judgment as something good, the Second Coming (the "Rapture" and Armageddon) as being "Already but Not Yet."

Finally, we're seeing how, when fully unraveled, the study reveals Genesis at the heart of it!

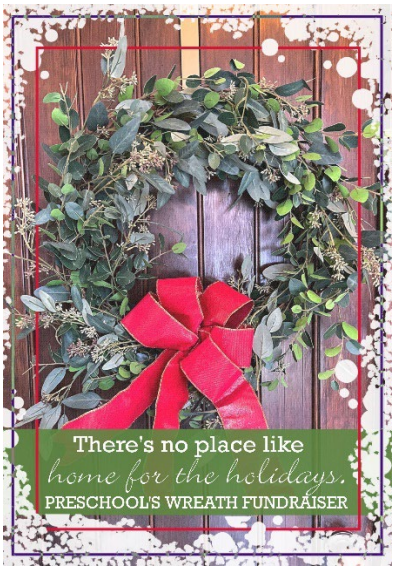
Join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 am in Davidson River Room, just off Davidson River Hall. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome to join the group on a temporary basis during this study or join us every Sunday!

Attention Presbyterian Women

WOW (Women on Wednesdays)

Women on Wednesdays Bible Study meets Wednesdays from 9-10 AM in the Church Lounge. Women of all denominations are welcome to join this weekly opportunity for study, prayer, and fellowship. For further information, call Ellie Mercer at 828-577-4949.

Please note there will be no WOW Thanksgiving Week on November 26th.



The Preschool is once again having a Wreath Fundraiser. To support the Preschool Ministry, please consider purchasing a wreath at the Church on Sunday, November 9th or on Sunday, November 16th.

Please See Flyer Below for Prices

Preschool Fundraiser

Holiday Greenery Sale

Preorder your Holiday greenery while supporting Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Preschool

Fraser Fir Wreath

Approximately 18"	**$25**
Approximately 24"	**$40**
Approximately 28"	**$50**

Fraser Fir Trees

6-7' Tree	**$80**
7-8' Tree	**$100**
8-9' Tree	**$140**
9-10' Tree	**$190**

Mixed Green Wreath
(Fraser Fir, Blue Ice, & other Evergreens)

Approximately 18"	**$30**
Approximately 24"	**$45**
Approximately 28"	**$60**

Orders are due by Sunday, November 16th

Order pick up will be available at Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, November 30th & Monday, December 1st.**
A delivery option is available for tree orders.
Greenery is from a WNC supplier in Elk Park.

scan to order

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MT = Ministry Team **Bell Choir = Westminster Ringers**						1
2 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Communion**	3 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	4 Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	5 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Christian Ed 3 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	6 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle 1 pm	7	8
9 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Commitment Sunday**	10 Finance MT, 2 pm Membership MT 3 pm	11 Earth Care Sub Comm.,11 am Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Worship MT, 2 pm Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	12 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Outreach MT 10:30 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	13	14	15 Chancel Choir Saturday Rehearsal 10:00 am
16 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Daily Change Offering**	17 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	18 Bell Choir, 5:15 pm Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	19 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	20	21 Session Stated Meeting, 10 am	22 Blue Ridge Chapter AGO Meeting 11 am
23 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	24	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving! **Office Closed**	28 **Office Closed**	29
30 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **1st Sunday of Advent**						

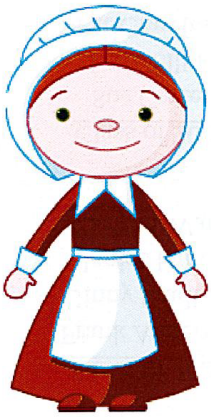
ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- Lora Allemeier – November 14th
- 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:

Where would you take a sick boat?



The Pilgrims

Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid.
Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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Answer:
The Dock

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