Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

The Communicator

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Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

2026 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION

Personnel Ministry Team
Freddie Hart, Chair/Lead 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; Janice Hiner, Lavonne Ellis

CHURCH FAMILY DIVISION

Membership Ministry Team
Richard Clark, Chair/Lead Elder
Freddie Hart, Elder

Nursery Subcommittee
Nursery Coordinator TBA

Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

Kitchen Subcommittee
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

OUTREACH DIVISION

Outreach Ministry Team
Gary Seacat, Chair/Lead Elder
John Allemeier, Elder
Richard Black, Elder

FINANCE DIVISION

Finance Ministry Team
Frank Porter, Chair/Lead Elder
John Allemeier, Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder

Generosity Ministry Team
Frank Anderson, Chair/Elder
Keith Thompson, Staff

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Publicity Ministry Team
Carlton Ward, Chair/Lead Elder
Hayden Pollack, Elder
Tammy Nye, Staff

Information Technology Subcommittee
Website: Frank Anderson
Photographer: Frank Porter
Live Steaming: Janice Hiner, Frank Porter

PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL DIVISION

Preschool Ministry Team
Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
Casey Barrow, Director
Emily Worley, Assistant Director
Keith Thompson, Staff

Scholarship Subcommittee
Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
Ann Hollingsworth, Kathi Clark

CARE GIVING DIVISION

Board of Deacons
Missy Seacat, Chair

Memorial Reception Chairs
Ann Hinze, Peggy Padgett, Janet Saucier

SPIRITUAL LIFE DIVISION

Worship Ministry Team
Mary Johnson, Chair/Lead Elder
Gary Seacat, 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
Judith West, 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
Mary Johnson, Elder

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Monthly Scripture:

> [4] I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. [5] But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment but one we have had from the beginning: let us love one another. [6] And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning—you must walk in it.
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> *1 John 1:4-6*

January Preaching Schedule

January 4, 2026	John 1:1-9	Light in Every Night?
January 11, 2026	Bob Edmunds	---
January 18, 2026	John 1:35-42	Introducing Others to Christ *Daily Change Offering*
January 25, 2026	Matthew 6:24-34	Waiting to Worry

Happy New Year!
From Your B-DRPC Staff:

Deacons Den

Greetings, this is the first of monthly notes from your deacons.

Deacons serve as ministers of compassion and care, focusing on the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the congregation and community. We are here to help spread kindness and compassion to our parishioners.

Each month a different deacon will be featured, so you can get to know us a little better.

Meet Missy Seacat, your new Deacon Chair.

Missy is married to Gary Seacat. She and Gary moved to Brevard in 2017 and became members of the church on Christmas Eve of 2017. Missy was born and raised in Manheim, PA which is a little town in Lancaster County, PA. She grew up and was confirmed in the Lutheran church.

Missy went to college in Delaware where she met her first husband. They moved to New Orleans and had their son, Eric in 1984. They moved back to Delaware and in 1988 they welcome their daughter, Daniella. Both Eric and Daniella live in Brooklyn, NY.

In 1999 her family moved to Fort Myers, FL where in 2009 her husband passed away. Missy attended a Presbyterian church after his death, and, it was in the Presbyterian church where she and Gary met.

Missy was in media sales most of her career. When she moved to Brevard, she was a legal assistant for Gayle Ramsey at Ramsey and Pratt. She has since retired and is enjoying a life filled with travel and spending time with family and friends.

Missy's favorite bible verse – Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Missy can be reached at mlagaccia@gmail.com or 239-898-4681.

Are you praying for someone you know to get better, to find peace, or just thinking about them? Please let us know the name and address of the person, as well as the reason, and our deacons will send them a card. Call or email Missy Seacat with requests and she will pass them on to the deacons.

Music Ministry

2025-2026
Concert Series

Asheville Jazz Orchestra - Sunday, February 15 at 3 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 p.m.

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.

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 p.m.* 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

B-DRPC Ringing the Bells!

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church rang the bells this year through rain, cold, and some nice weather. Fun had by all! This year we raised $2,825! Thanks to all who rang! We look forward to ringing again next year!

This Past Year's Sharing House Giving!

From Sharing House Director, Shelly Webb: In 2025, Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church collected and donated 1,015 pounds for the pantry! Thank you, friends!!!

Community Dinner Recipe

Italian Sausage Vegetable Soup

(Check this soup out at our January 20th Community-Wide Dinner!)

Ingredients:

1 lb. sweet Italian sausage (look for the bulk pkg., not in casing, a lot easier)
1 med. Onion finely chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 carrots, peeled/diced (I add more.)
2 small zucchinis, diced (I add more.)
1 green pepper, diced
½ cup dry white wine

5 cups chicken broth
1 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes, in tomato puree
1 tsp. dried basil
½ tsp. dried oregano
Salt to taste
½ cup uncooked orzo pasta
2/3 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

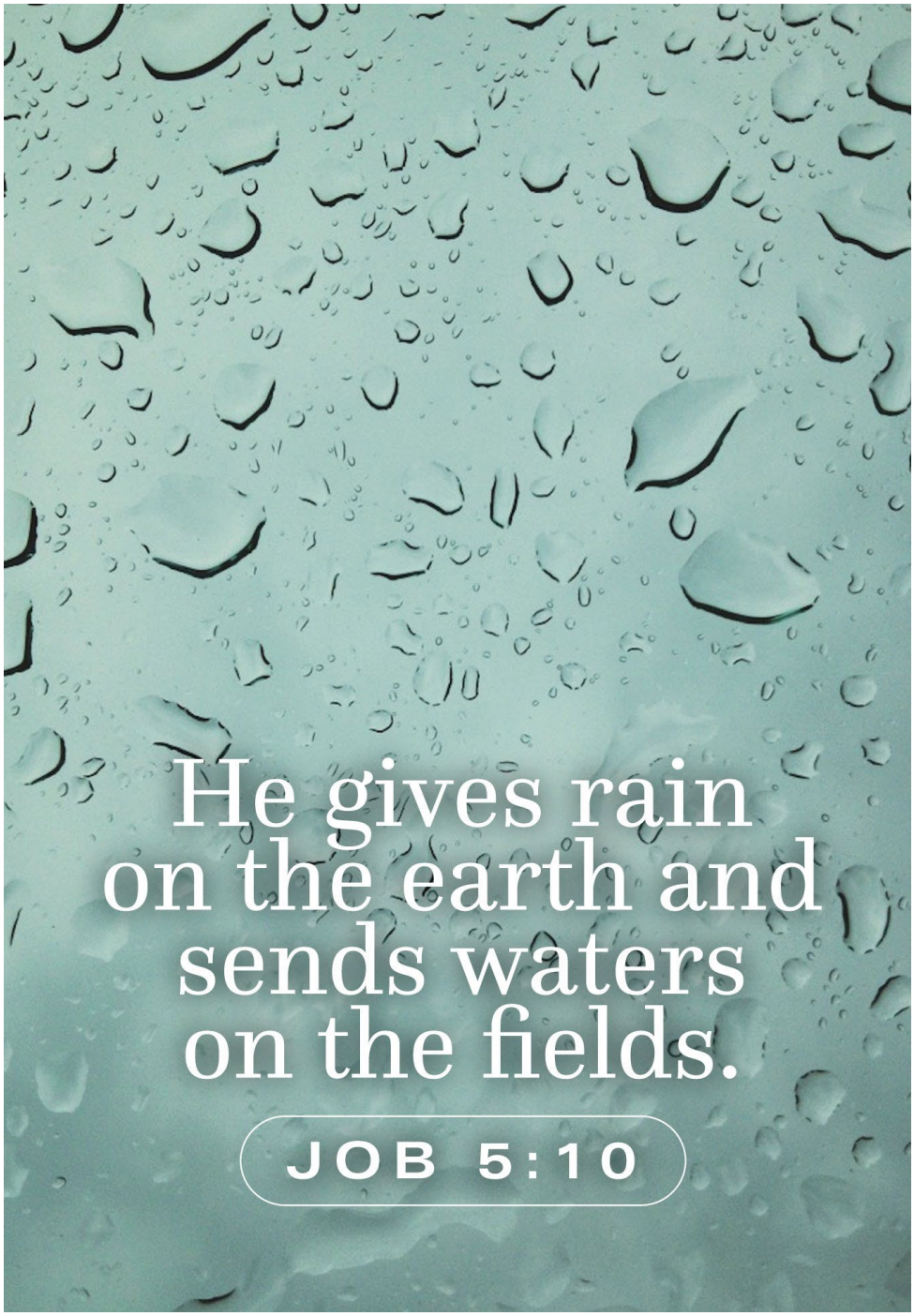
Directions:

1. Brown sausage in a heavy Dutch oven or large saucepan, mashing it with the back of a spoon until the meat is no longer pink and has rendered most of its fat, spoon most away.
2. Add the onions, garlic until soft but not browned.
3. Add carrots, zucchini, pepper, wine, chicken broth, tomatoes, basil, and oregano, and bring to a boil.
4. When soup is boiling, add the orzo, and cook for 20 minutes.
5. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
6. If desired, sprinkle Parmesan cheese over each serving.
7. To prepare in advance: like most hearty soups, this tastes best if it is cooled, refrigerated overnight and then reheated.
8. This soup may be frozen.

Earth Care Subcommittee

The Preschool now has this water cooler for staff to use instead of bottled water! The director and staff decided to reduce the use of single use plastics by using this water cooler and ditching plastic bottles!

Thanks to our Preschool director and staff for taking this EARTH CARE action.



Job 12:7-10
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

7 "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; **8** ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. **9** Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? **10** In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

WOW (Women on Wednesdays)

Women on Wednesdays will begin a new study in the new year beginning January 7. Bob Edmunds will lead us in an 8-week study: "Trouble: Right Here In River City: The Seven Churches Of Revelation Then And Now". WOW is an ecumenical group of women, meeting Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Church Lounge. All women are invited to attend. Call Ellie Mercer 828-577-4959 for more information.

All women in the church are invited and encouraged to attend WOW & our Women's Circles which meet the first Thursday of each month!!!

Christian Education Ministry Team

Our Sunday School Offering For January goes to El Centro

A Special Opportunity in the New Year – "The Wisdom of World Religions"

Dr. Rob Field, director of the Center for Spiritual Wisdom in Brevard, will lead a five-week series created for Christians to learn about five other religions: Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. The classes will be in the Davidson River Fellowship Hall, beginning January 11 at 9:45 am and continuing for the next four Sundays.

An ordained minister, Dr. Field taught World Religions at Brevard College after leading St. Philip's Episcopal Church for 19 years. In introducing **"The Wisdom of World Religions,"** he said, *"There are many reasons to explore non-Christian religions. We live in a world inhabited by people with a variety of religious beliefs, even here in our community. By learning basic information about other religious traditions, we can be better informed neighbors, even as we continue to follow Christ. Learning about other religious traditions can clarify and strengthen our own spiritual understandings. In the end, we may be surprised to discover that certain non-Christian teachings and practices are not so different from our own."*

Each week, Dr. Field will offer an overview of a different religion, using a variety of resources. Questions and group participation will be welcome and heartily encouraged.

Jan. 11 - Intro / Judaism
Jan. 18 - Islam
Jan. 25 - Hinduism
Feb. 1 - Buddhism
Feb. 8 - Sikhism / Wrap up

Everyone is welcome to attend. Come to one class, or to all of them, and invite your neighbors and friends!

JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2026					2	3
4 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Communion	5 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	6	7 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Christian Ed, 3 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	8 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle 1 pm	9	10
11 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Deacon's Meeting After 11 am service	12 Finance MT, 2 pm Membership MT 3 pm	13 Earth Care Sub Comm.,11 am Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Worship MT, 2 pm Publicity MT, 2 pm Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	14 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Outreach MT 10:30 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Daily Change Offering	19 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	20 Community-Wide Dinner, 5:00 pm Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	21 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	22	23 Session Stated Meeting, 10 am	24
25 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	26	27 Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	28 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	29 Attention Leaders: If your MT Meeting times/days are changing from last year, please notify the church office at 884-2645 or email: churchoffice@bdrpc.org.	30	31

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Candice Burchill – January 1st
- Carol Hall – January 2nd
- Carter Kelley – January 2nd
- Nita Porter – January 6th
- Mike & Jo Stewart – January 8th
- Dori Miller – January 10th
- Martha Spencer – January 10th
- Paul Polito – January 11th
- Les Saucier – January 11th
- Eddie & Mandy Wade – January 11th
- Shirley Holler – January 12th
- Fred & Beth Schenberg – January 12th
- Ralph Tilly – January 13th
- Jay Hinze – January 14th
- Rosalind Nielsen – January 14th
- Charles Whitmire – January 15th
- Elaine Long – January 15th
- Lavonne & Eric Ellis – January 17th
- Ellen Stinchcomb – January 19th
- Larry Sitton – January 20th
- Grey Hollingsworth – January 21st
- Dave Crandal & Penny Colman-Crandal – January 22nd
- Anita Dorfman – January 23rd
- Richard & Sharon Black – January 24th
- Lisanne Masterson – January 24th
- Bobbie Jean Whitmire – January 24th
- Jack Britt – January 25th
- Kathy Kelley – January 26th
- Sharon Nunnelee – January 27th
- David Kelley – January 27th
- Madison Baldridge – January 30th
- Treese Lawlis – January 31st

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Word Search

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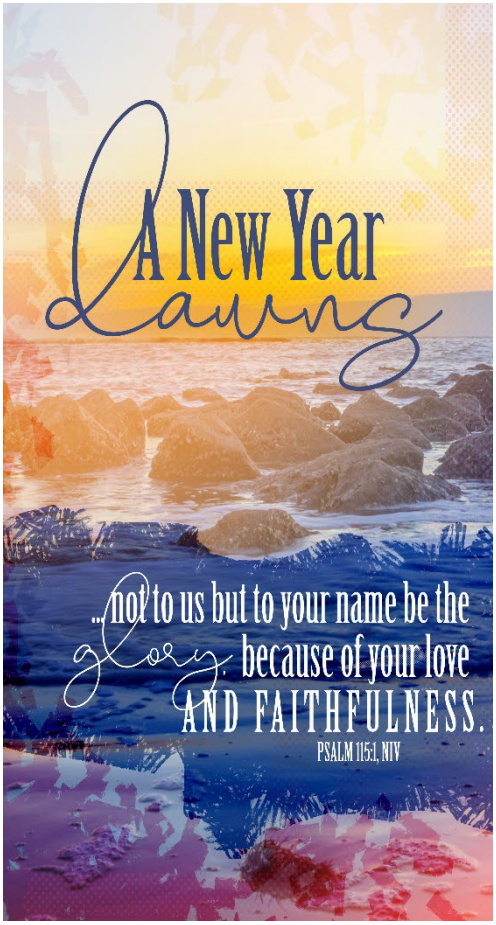

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