The Communicator

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Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

See Page 4 for a biography of one of our new Deacons, Shirley Holler!

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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:

And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. 1 John 3:23

February Preaching Schedule

February 1, 2026	Matthew 6:25-34	Keith preaching
February 8, 2026	Matthew 5:13-20	Keith preaching
February 15, 2026	Jeremiah 29:11-14, Luke 11:1-13	Steve Eason preaching *Daily Change Offering*
February 22, 2026	Luke 11:1-13	Keith preaching

Deacons Den

Deacon Biography – Shirley Holler

Shirley's favorite Bible Verse is Luke 11:9

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Shirley Holler was born and raised in Southern and Central Indiana and feels blessed that she was brought up in the Disciples of Christ Christian Church, where she was baptized by confession of faith at age 12.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and in 1974 became one of the very first females in the industry of medical sales, calling directly on hospital staff.

Music has always been a major part of her life. She has been a member of church choirs wherever she has lived since the age of 11; singing in secular groups from trios (The Three Sopranos) to quartets (Nautilus Chamber Singers) to Octets+ (Tri-County Express) to choral societies to solo work.

In 1981 she and her husband, Dan, were married in the Presbyterian Church in the Tidewater region of Virginia. Later they moved their membership to a local Episcopal Church for a closer community geography. In 2012 they came back to the Presbyterian Church in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

In early 2019, she and Dan moved to Brevard to be much closer to their children and grandchildren which she said was "a wonderful decision." They "churched around" for several years looking for the right place for them. When they found Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church they knew and agreed that B-DRPC would be their church home. Sadly, Shirley lost Dan to cancer before they could take that step together. So, by herself, she said she "joined this most welcoming church in August 2024."

Shirley is on the Membership Ministry Team and sings in our Chancel Choir. She also participates in the Mary Martha Circle. Shirley said that she is honored that, now, she is a deacon. She thanks our congregation for taking her in!

DEACONS Note

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. Email Missy Seacat, Deacon Chair, mlagaccia@gmail.com or call her at 239-898-4681 with requests and she will pass them on to the deacons.

Music Ministry

B-DRPC
2025-2026

Asheville Jazz Orchestra- Sunday, February 15 at 3 PM
Founded in 2005, The Asheville Jazz Orchestra is dedicated to preserving and advancing the Big Band jazz tradition through performance, composition and education outreach. The AJO's repertoire ranges from Swing era classics to original charts by band members and other contemporary writers. Supported by the non-profit, Asheville Jazz Council, the AJO performs twenty concerts in Western NC annually. Join the AJO as they pay tribute to jazz royalty: Duke Ellington and Count Basie in our own B-DRPC Sanctuary.

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.

Worship Ministry Team

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshippers.

Join us for worship on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service, and we will offer an imposition of ashes for those who desire them. This will be an evening of worship as we enter the Lenten season.

A nursery will not be provided.

Attention Presbyterian Women

Sarah Ruth Circle
February 5, at 10:30 a.m.
College Walk Activity Room

Mary Martha Circle
February 5, at 1:00 p.m.
In the Church Lounge

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

WOW (Women on Wednesdays)

Bob Edmunds continues a study of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse which began on January 7. Be prepared for some interesting highlights as found in the book of John. For more information, call Ellie Mercer, 828-577-4959. WOW meets Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Church Lounge.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

Presbyterian Women offer a scholarship for a four-year college or university. It is available for a student who is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The applicant may be enrolling for the first time, or a continuing student. Age is not a factor.

To access the information, go to Presbyteriywnc.org, click on Ministries, then to Presbyterian Women, then to Scholarship Information, Application and Instructions. The deadline to apply for the Presbyterian Women Scholarship is February 15. For further information contact Ellie Mercer, eleanormercer@outlook.com or 828-577-4959.

A Year with our Ministry Partner, Scout Troop 703!

2025 Year in Review - Troop 703

2025 was a great year with lots of excitement and accomplishment. The work the Scouts put into 2025 led to:

5 Service and community help projects
7 Campouts (22 nights)
20 Rank Advancements
48 Merit Badges & 14 Special Awards
4 New Scouts! bringing our Active Scout total up to 18 to end the year

2025 Campouts

Camp Daniel Boone - 1 night (April)
Black Balsam Knob - 1 night (June)
Camp Daniel Boone - 6 nights (June)
Troop Mixer - 1 night (September)
Butter Gap - 1 night (May)
Shining Rock - 1 night (June)
Philmont Scout Ranch - 12 nights (July/August)

Events

Ski Trip for Snow Sports merit badge - February (Sugar Mountain, Boone, NC)
Winter Court of Honor - March (Brevard Davidson-River Presbyterian Church)
Butter Gap Hike to Camp - May (Pisgah National Forest)
Spring Court of Honor - June (Brevard Davidson-River Presbyterian Church)
Annual Hike-in to Camp Daniel Boone 2025 - 16 miles & 2 camping nights - June (Art Loeb Trail)
Summer Camp - 6 camping nights - 10 Scouts and 4 Adult leaders - June
(Camp Daniel Boone, Canton, NC)
Philmont Trek - 53 miles & 12 camping nights - 6 Scouts, 3 Adult leaders - July/August
(Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM)
French Broad River canoe & cleanup - August (Rosman/Brevard, NC)
Annual Troop Mixer - September (Lake Toxaway, NC)
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Scouts Training - September (Camp Daniel Boone, Canton, NC)
Fall Court of Honor - October (Brevard Davidson-River Presbyterian Church)
City Hike - 20 miles - Scout Hut to Estatoe Trail round trip - October (Brevard, NC)
University of Scouting - November (Mars Hill, NC)
Brevard Holiday Parade - December (Brevard, NC)

Service Projects and Community Help

Camp cleanup and service (Camp Daniel Boone - Canton, NC)
French Broad River cleanup
Flag Placement for Veterans (Davidson River Cemetery; Evergreen-Gillespie Cemetery)
Friends of the Library Book Sale (Brevard, NC)
Ham Fundraiser with 150lbs of Ham donated to Sharing House, The Bread of Life, and The Haven

Goals for 2026:

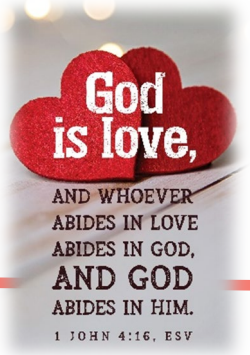
- Continue Membership Growth
- Rank Advancement for every Scout
- 3 Life Rank achievements
- Plan High Adventure Trip for 2027
- 6 Service/Community Help Projects
- 3 Eagle Scouts***

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Bell Choir = Westminster Bells

MT = Ministry Teams



- Brandon Holmes – February 1st
- Bill Buchler – February 1st
- Ann Gerlach – February 2nd
- Sue Stickle – February 2nd
- Anne Jennings – February 2nd
- Jim & Celia Ansley – February 3rd
- Sue Heglar – February 4th
- Ed Baldridge – February 8th
- Jerry Sims – February 14th
- Alexis Hancock – February 15th
- Kim Spencer – February 16th
- Marty Spencer – February 16th
- Davelyn Vinson – February 16th
- John Candler – February 17th
- Brandon & Nora Holmes – February 18th
- Rod & Sharon Nunnelee – February 18th
- John Vanderschaaf – February 18th
- Travis Hancock – February 19th
- Doug & Cathie Odom – February 19th
- Terry Platter – February 20th
- Marcia Born – February 21st
- Richard Ambler – February 21st
- Bob Smith – February 22nd
- Janet Saucier – February 22nd
- Dick & Tina Benson – February 23rd
- Ginny Bradford – February 24th
- Tom Purdy – February 24th
- Lavonne Ellis – February 24th
- Ken Bodenhamer – February 27th

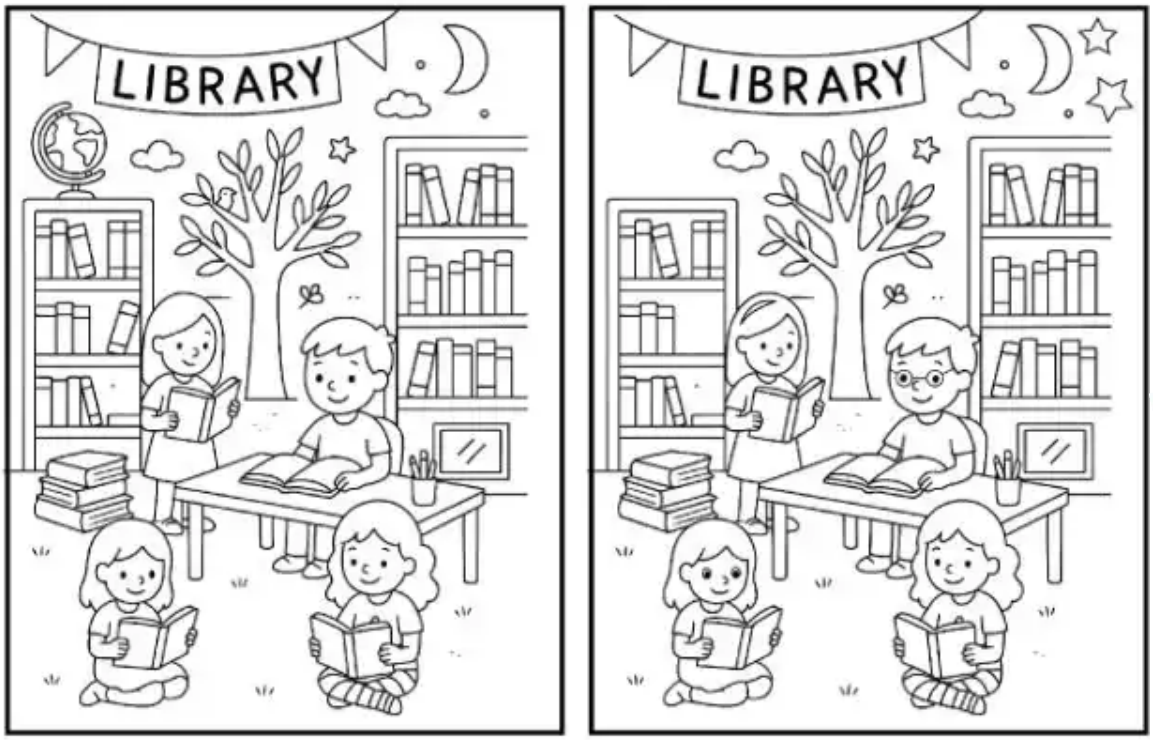
JUST FOR FUN

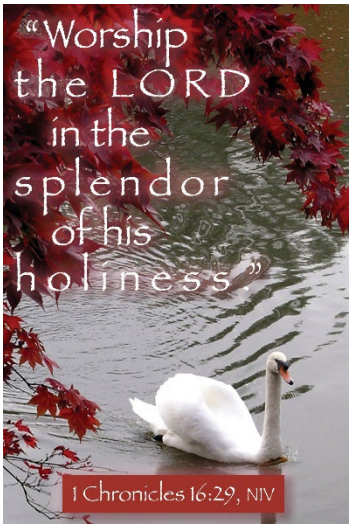
RIDDLE:

What five-letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE AT THE LIBRARY

Try and find the 7 differences between the two scenes below.





Answer Key: More stars on wall, no globe, headband on girl, head, girl's eyes, boy has glasses, missing book on bookshelf, no bird on tree.

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Answer: SWIMS