Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

The Communicator

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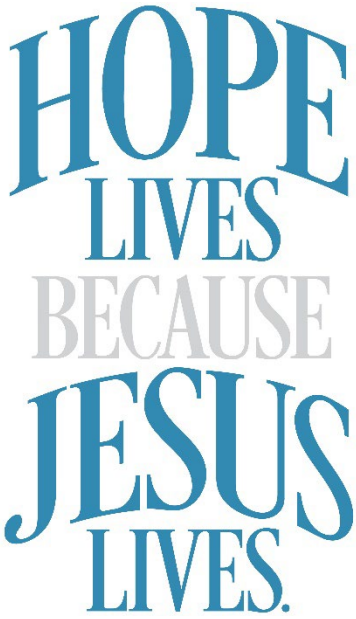
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others



Join us!

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
Communion and Tenebrae

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Easter Sunday with string quartet and Chancel Choir at both services

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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Deacons Den

Pat Crawford was born in New Jersey, and attended Maryville College in Tennessee, where she met and married Tom Crawford in 1964. Following his service in the Navy, they moved to Brevard in late 1965. As Pat had majored in Sociology, she worked with Child Development Services and Adoption and Foster Care Services for the county DSS. In the early 80's, she became interested in pursuing a degree in counseling after working with the original Alternative School students.

She received an MA in Counseling from Western Carolina University and then spent seven years working as a school counselor at Brevard Elementary. When Tom retired in 1997, she left the school and established a private practice, counseling mostly children. She then retired in 2004, but about that time, became very involved with Project Linus, a volunteer organization that provides blankets for children who are ill or traumatized in some way. She's been the Transylvania County contact person for the organization almost from the beginning.

Within days of arriving in Brevard in 1965, she and Tom became involved in Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church where they were warmly welcomed. They started a family, with their son being born in 1967, and their daughter in 1971. Their first "baby", a beagle named Beau, continued to grow up with the children, and was the first of seven beagles to enrich their lives! Pat was a homemaker during that time and didn't go to work until the children were both in school. Pat and Tom were both quite active in the church, serving as Sunday School Teachers, youth leaders, and honored to be elected as deacons and elders. Pat was an original member of WOW, (Women on Wednesday), which started about 26 years ago. There have been ups and downs during their time, but the church has been an amazing support for their whole family.

Starting around 1986, Pat and Tom began to travel, mostly to the West, but also to Europe on occasion. The Caribbean has also been a favorite destination for them, and the wonderful memories of the beautiful places they've visited are often discussed. While there is still a call to the open road, most visits now involve seeing their families, including their four grandchildren who live in other places. Pat feels that they have truly been blessed by God, and her favorite verse is Romans 8:28:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

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. Call or email Missy Seacat with requests and she will pass them on to the deacons. Missy can be reached at mlagaccia@gmail.com or 239-898-4681. Also, if you have any greeting cards, excluding Christmas cards, please consider donating them to the deacons. You can place them in the Deacons mailbox in the Office Suite. Coming soon – Look for a prayer request box that will be located in the narthex. Prayer request cards will be in the pews. If you have a prayer request that is more personal, you will be able to place your request in the prayer box. The deacons will be bringing these prayer requests to God weekly, and your identity and requests will be kept confidential.

One final note: Praise to the God of All Comfort - *2 Corinthians 1:3-4* "Praise be to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2025-2026 Concert Series

Furman University Ensembles - Sunday, April 12 at 4 p.m.

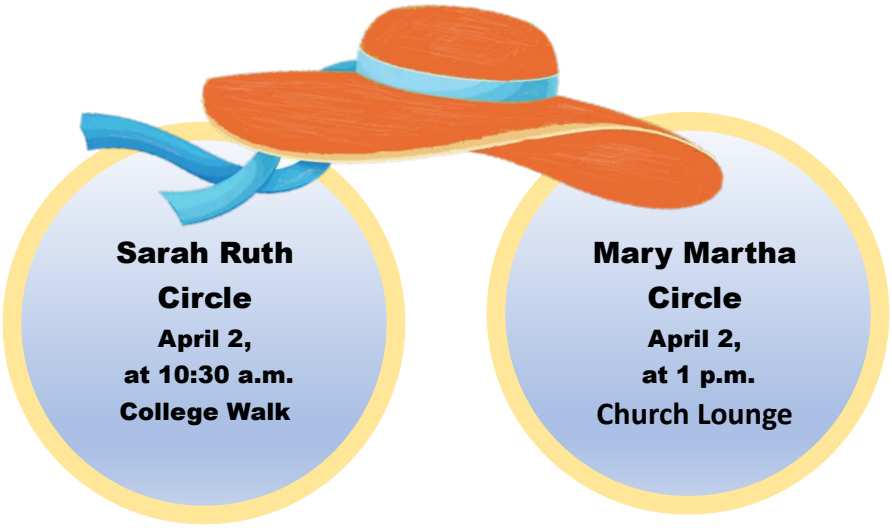
Belle Voci (Beautiful Voices) is a treble choir that seeks to share music that not only expresses the art of beautiful singing but hopes that the language of music can be a connection to help find our common humanity, and to create a supportive and nurturing community of artists and scholars. They are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

Presbyterian Women



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

Our Sunday School Offering For April goes to Habitat for Humanity.

Jesus: The Measure of the Man in Mark

Faith and Life Class – Sundays at 9:45 – Starting April 12

The Gospel According to Mark is the earliest of the portraits of Jesus in the New Testament. Like the other three gospels, Mark is a "character sketch" of Jesus. Mark's focus is on Jesus' suffering messiahship and, therefore, on the difficulties and sufferings of those who would follow Him. It ends, of course, with God's victory over death in Jesus' resurrection and our call to be disciples of this rather mysterious man Mark paints for us. At times, Jesus seems to hide His Messiahship and, at other times, He makes it quite clear who He is. And that's Jesus' point: He wants us to announce who we say He is, what we think He is about, and then whether we will follow Him as well.

Come and explore the answers with us at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Davidson River Room beginning on April 12.

Earth Care Subcommittee

Earth Care Sunday!

April 19 will be Earth Care Sunday! There will be a special worship service and flowers, and John and Louise Stroup will offer a tour of the church grounds following the 11 a.m. service. The tour will last about 20 minutes and will highlight the features of our church grounds that make us an Earth Care congregation, and more recently a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Monthly Scripture:

Gentiles Hear the Good News

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every people anyone who fears Him and practices righteousness[d] is acceptable to Him. **36** You know the message He sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all. **37** That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **39** We are witnesses to all that He did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, **40** but God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

Acts 10:34-43

April Preaching Schedule

April 5, 2026	John 20:11-18	"A Time for Laughter" Keith Preaching
April 12, 2026	John 20:19-29	"Where's the Proof?" Keith Preaching
April 19, 2026	Psalms 24:1-2, 104:24-25	Earth Care Sunday *Daily Change Offering*
April 26, 2026	Guest Preacher	Glen Rainsley Preaching

APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Bell Choir = Westminster Ringers **MT = Ministry Teams**			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 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm	.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am *Happy Easter!*	Church Office Closed	Bell Choir, 5 pm	WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Outreach MT 10:30 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Furman University Ensembles 4 p.m.	Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Membership MT 3 pm	Earth Care Subcomm.,11 am Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Worship MT, 2 pm Publicity MT, 2 pm Bell Choir, 5 pm	WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Daily Change Offering	Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm (Note: Time has returned to previous.) Bell Choir, 5 pm	WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm		Session Stated Meeting, 10 am	
26	27	28	29	30		
Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	Staff Meeting 1:15 pm	Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm			

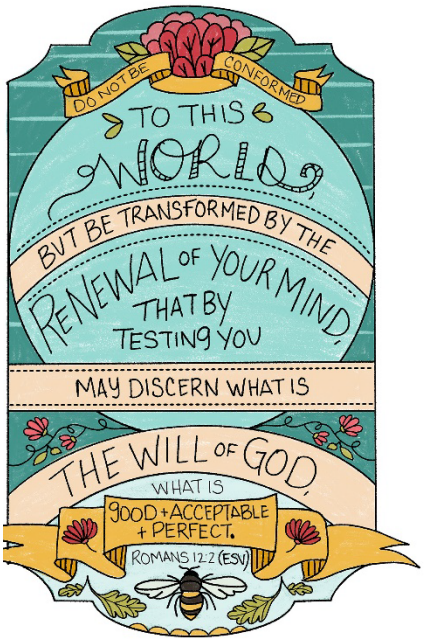
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Ed & Meredith Baldridge – April 1st
- John Campbell – April 2nd
- Thomas Heckert – April 3rd
- Jill Cutler – April 3rd
- Gary Greene – April 3rd
- David Nielsen – April 3rd
- Beverly Thomes – April 4th
- Charlie Landreth – April 6th
- Suzanne Sims – April 8th
- Gary Seacat – April 10th
- Page Masterson – April 10th
- Joyce Davenport – April 11th
- Freddie Hart – April 12th
- Dustin Buford – April 13th
- Gail Macfie – April 14th
- Noah Hancock – April 15th
- Dan Hollingsworth – April 16th
- Dee Dee Perkins – April 16th
- Missy Ellenberger – April 17th
- Corinne Hachbold – April 18th
- Brittany Thompson – April 18th
- Bill & Marcia Born – April 19th
- Jim & Cris Hedgpeth – April 19th
- Sterling Post – April 19th
- Dan Bennett – April 20th
- Jim & Laura Lane – April 20th
- Joan Smith – April 21st
- Phillip Jerome – April 23rd
- Jimmy Perkins – April 24th
- Don Gentle – April 24th
- Amy Winston – April 25th
- Scott & Kathy Kelley – April 26th
- Connor Leidner – April 28th
- Cris Hedgpeth – April 28th
- John & Mindy Buford – April 28th
- Carlton Ward – April 30th
- Kristine Candler – April 30th

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

I am easy to lift but hard to throw; What am I?



MINDFULNESS WORD SEARCH

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CENTER	KIND	RELAX	TRUST
CLEAR	LISTEN	SIMPLE	MOMENT
CARE	MINDFUL	SMILE	PRESENT

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