Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

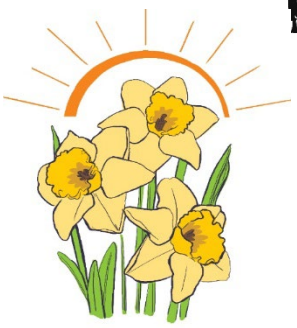
The Communicator

MARCH 2026
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Palm Sunday - Special Music by Westminster Bells and Chancel Choir

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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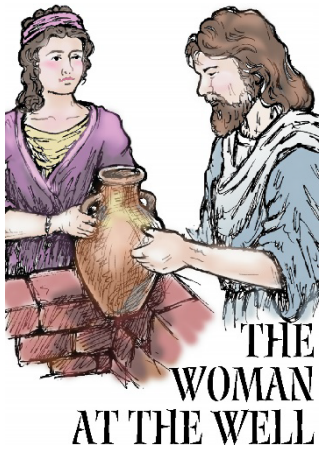
Monthly Scripture:

[39] Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." [40] So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them, and He stayed there two days. [41] And many more believed because of His word. [42] They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." John 4:39-42



March Preaching Schedule

March 1, 2026	John 3:1-10	Keith Preaching
March 8, 2026	John 4:5-30	Keith Preaching
March 15, 2026	John 9:1-41	Shelly Webb, Preaching *Daily Change Offering*
March 22, 2026	2 Kings 5:1-14	Keith Preaching
March 29, 2026	Matt. 27:15-26	Keith Preaching

Big Brothers Big Sisters OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Thank You!!!

Big Brothers Big Sisters OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

February 17, 2026

Dear Members of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church:

The generosity that was shown by you from the alternative gift giving program was nothing short of awesome in the truest sense of the word. Now, Big Brothers Big Sisters in Transylvania County just received another generous donation from a member of the congregation.

On behalf of all the children/youth and volunteers in our program, thank you so much.

Your support truly makes a difference. Because of your kindness, we are able to continue our work and reach more children and families who depend on our services. Your donations help families buy sports uniforms or go toward music equipment rentals. It helps fund outings and cultural enrichment they might never get to experience without being a part of our mentoring program. It goes toward back to school parties and participating in educational worships designed to help them reach future goals. Please know that your support is making a meaningful impact, and we do not take that lightly.

We are continually inspired by the generosity of people like you. Your gift is more than a donation, it is a meaningful show of compassion and commitment to the children facing adversity in our county.

With sincere appreciation from,

Debbie Thompson, Program Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina

Deacons Den

Suzanne Sims is originally from southern Indiana. She was a member of the Shoals Christian Church from childhood. She married her husband, Jerry Sims, there and raised her three children in the church. She led a youth group, the Jet Cadets, for several years, and sang in the choir. Jerry was a farmer while they raised their family. They have six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Susanne went to work at the nearby Navy base, rising through the ranks working on electronic warfare systems logistics. She then moved to Washington, DC for research and development on a new navy destroyer. Her last job was Logistics Director for the LPD-17 amphibious ship class. The Navy offered early retirement, which she took and moved to Ft. Myers, FL near her mother and other family. There she began painting in several media. In time, she was President of the Cape Coral Art League. She and her husband, Jerry, joined the Cape Coral Faith Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School for three years.

Suzanne became an avid genealogist and wrote two family history books.

She and Jerry enjoyed living in the Ft. Myers area for almost 20 years until health issues caused them to moved to Brevard in 2024 to be close to her daughter, B-DRPC member Lora Allemeier. At Brevard-Davidson River, Suzanne is now a deacon, a member of the handbell choir, and she helps at our Community-Wide Dinners.

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 mail box 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."

Easter Flowers

Plans are underway for making the sanctuary a beautiful expression of praise for our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Flowers will be placed throughout the sanctuary to commemorate loved ones.

This plan presents an opportunity for church members to contribute a flower in honor or in memory of someone special to you. An insert will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday listing the names of the contributors and their honorees.

Please return this form, along with your payment, by putting it in an offering plate or by turning it into the church office by **March 22, 2026.**

You may take these flowers home after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWER FUND ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PHONE: _____

Please write exactly how the listing should appear in the bulletin insert:
Example: Mr. & Mrs. John Doe in memory of/or in honor of Cynthia Smith.

IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF: *Please circle one:* *In Memory of* *In Honor of*

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Plants are $15 each.

Quantity: _____

DEADLINE TO ORDER MARCH 22, 2026

Please make your check payable to B-DRPC - $15 per plant

Note: *Any flowers not picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter morning will be donated to those who are sick or homebound.*

Music Ministry

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.

B-DRPC

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.

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

Fun at our February Community-Wide Dinner

1) Wonderful Salad Bar!

2) Keeping Maddie entertained.

3) Is the Potato Soup ready?

Join us on Tuesday, March 17
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

(Please Note: We are returning to our original time.)

Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, & Dessert.

All are Invited to this FREE dinner! Let's Build Community Around the Table!

Finance Corner

From your Bookkeeper, Pat Crosby

New Rules for Charitable Contributions

There is a new provision which could affect your 2026 tax bill: If you usually claim the standard deduction, you may have fallen out of the habit of tracking your charitable contributions. But starting in 2026, taxpayers who DO NOT ITEMIZE can deduct up to $1,000 in charitable contributions, or up to $2,000 for married couples who file jointly.

Donations to donor advised funds and private foundations are not eligible for this new deduction. In 2026, those who are 70.5 and older can transfer up to $111,000 tax free from a traditional IRA directly to charity. These qualified charitable contributions can only be made from an IRA, either yours or an inherited one. A QCD will reduce your adjusted gross income.

Beyond the Budget Giving

I am so happy and impressed to share with you all the many ways in which we reached out in Christian love and kindness to help both our community and the greater communities who are in need. These generous donations were made above and beyond the pledges/tithes and donations made each Sunday. Below is a list of all the charities with their associated amounts contributed in 2025.

Daily Change	$4,091	Pentecost Offering	$1,356
Big Brothers Big Sisters	$1,100	The Salvation Army	$300
Black Mtn. Home	$6,006	Sharing House	$1,880
Scout Troop 703	$100	Sunday School Offering	$2,372
Bread of Life	$582	The Haven of Transylvania Co.	$965
Compassion International	$1,025	Village of Hope	$725
Disaster Relief	$3,225		
El Centro	$1,000	Community/International Giving Total	$46,013
Epiphany SS Offering	$2,486		
Flower Fund	$1,895	**PRESCHOOL** (01-04085)	
Guatemala Misson Books	$421	Scholarships	$9,200
Guatemala Mission Microloan	$880	Preschool Total	$9,200
Guatemala Scholarships	$2,195		
Habitat for Humanity (Transylvania Co.)	$335	**MEMORIALS** (01-04088)	
Heifer International	$125	undesignated	$1,733
Joy Gift	$2,205		
Missions: undesignated	$300	**MUSIC** (01-04090)	
One Great Hour of Sharing	$2,281	Music Discretionary Fund	$4,116
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	$6,458	Concert Series	$7,328
Peace & Global Offering	$1,705	Music Total	$11,444
		Total Giving	$68,390

Every person who is a part of every organization listed here is grateful for your support and generosity.

Presbyterian Women

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

Mary Martha Circle
March 5,
at 1 p.m.
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!!!

Christian Education

Our Sunday School Offering For March goes to Scout Troop 703

We have heard that our Scout Troop #703 was named **Troop of the Year for their district.** I'm hoping to get additional information regarding this and will include a note about it in the Weekly Email. Congratulations Scout Troop 703!

MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Communion 2nd Sunday In Lent	2 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	3 Bell Choir, 5 pm	4 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Christian Ed, 3 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	5 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle 1 pm	6	7
8 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 3rd Sunday In Lent	9 Finance MT, 2 pm Membership MT 3 pm	10 Comm.,11 am Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Worship MT, 2 pm Publicity MT, 2 pm Bell Choir, 5 pm	11 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Outreach MT 10:30 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Daily Change Offering 4th Sunday In Lent	16 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	17 Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm (Note: time has returned to previous.) Bell Choir, 5 pm	18 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	19	20 Session Stated Meeting, 10 am	21
22 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 5th Sunday In Lent	23	24 Bell Choir, 5 pm	25 WOW, (Women on Wednesdays), 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	30	31 Bell Choir, 5:15 pm	**Bell Choir = Westminster Bells** **MT = Ministry Teams**			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

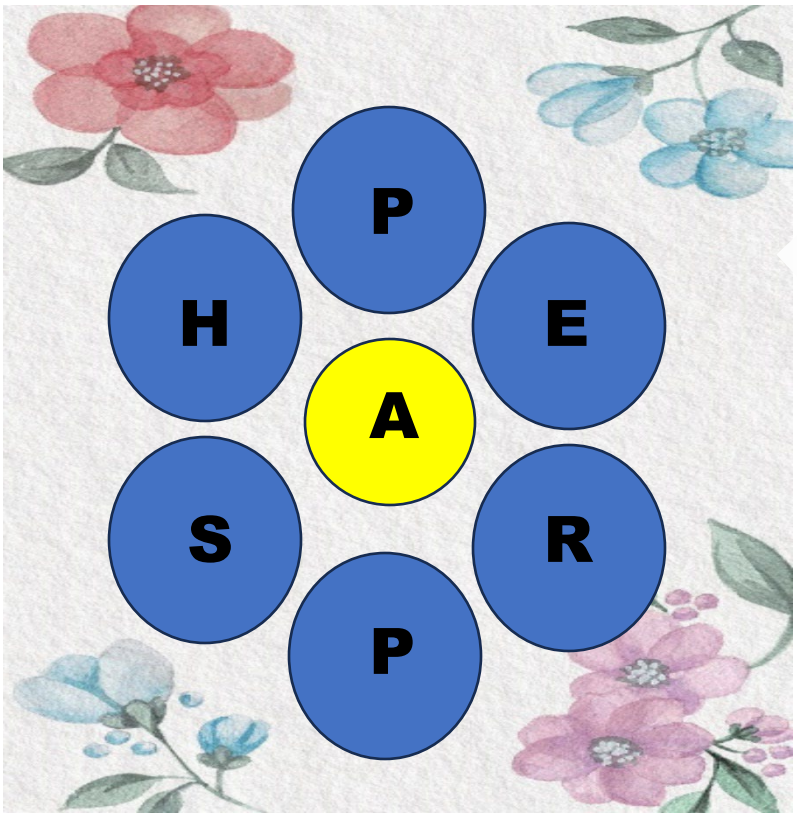
- Debbie Webb – March 1st
- Sharon Ward – March 4th
- Thomas Nielsen – March 5th
- Doug Hart – March 8th
- Bill & Kay Fleming – March 9th
- Mitch McCullers – March 9th
- Ann Hinze – March 10th
- Norm Masterson – March 11th
- Eloise Marable – March 11th
- Beth Champion – March 11th
- Martha Snow – March 11th
- Matthew Champion – March 13th
- Don Bieger & Dori Miller – March 14th
- George Poor – March 14th
- Jerry & Jane Kennedy – March 15th
- Bill & Eloise Marable – March 15th
- Peggy Hanson - March 17th
- Sherrill McCullers – March 18th
- Stephanie Ramsey – March 19th
- Jim Gillespie – March 19th
- Benjamin Ramsey – March 20th
- Dick & Nancy Stricker – March 20th
- Everly Burchill – March 21st
- Charlie Landreth & Andi Williams – March 25th
- Mike Stewart – March 26th
- Meredith Baldrige – March 27th
- Frank Porter – March 27th
- Larry & Linda Goodwin – March 28th
- Larry & Carroll Sitton – March 28th
- Maggie McLauchlin – March 31st

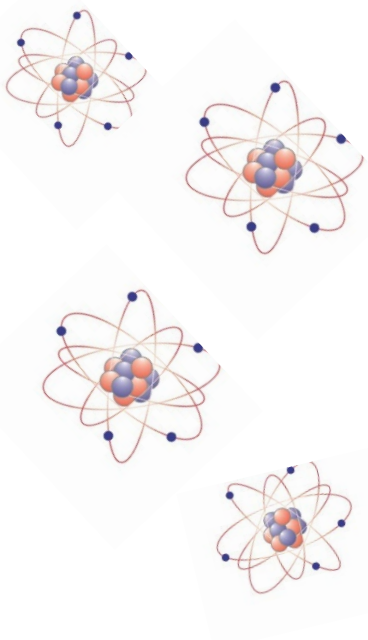
JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

Why can't you trust Atoms?

A Word Flower Puzzle – Find as many words as possible using the letters in the flower below. You may use letters more than once. (ADULTS or SMART KIDS - Make it harder – every word must have the center letter included in the word.) Write the words you find in the table. There is at least one word that uses all of the letters. Have fun!





Answer:

Because they make up everything!