

GOOD NEWS @ Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church

February 2010



FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

February 7

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalms 138

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 14

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

February 17

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 21

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 28

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 17th 7 p.m.

Rediscovering The Heart Of The Christian Faith

A Study For Seekers Or Skeptics: **The Prodigal God: A Fresh Look**

On Wednesday's starting February 24th, and during March, Blue Ridge Presbyterian is pleased to offer a time for study, fellowship, rehearsing, and for food and fun!

*One son kept the rules religiously. One son broke them all.
One father loved them both beyond anything they could ever
imagine. The Prodigal God is a dramatic teaching film
and group study based on Jesus' great parable –
The Prodigal Son.*

Come on Wednesdays starting February 24th for good food, study for youth and adults, Ensemble rehearsal, and activities for children. It all begins on Wednesday, February 24 and continues thru Wednesday, March 24. Kelcey Bailey and Jay Sanderford are the discussion leaders.

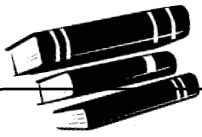
A simple meal will be served at 6:00 PM; the Prodigal God Study begins at 6:30 PM and concludes by 7:45PM. Soups, sandwiches, salads and other simple fare will be offered. You can help by coordinating one of the five meals.

"This short book is meant to lay out the essentials of the Christian message, the gospel." So begins Timothy Keller's new book *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. Keller targets both seekers who are unfamiliar with the gospel and longtime church members who would enjoy a refresher and good discussion on the gospel. This is a perfect time to invite friends and people seeking God and a church community. Books are \$10 each; sign up in the entry area at BRPC.

After the publication of Keller's last book, *The Reason for God*, *Newsweek* hailed Tim Keller as "a C.S. Lewis for the twenty-first century." Keller's book is built on one of Jesus' most famous stories: the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15). Keller contends that "on the surface of it, the narrative is not all that gripping." But, he contends that "if the teaching of Jesus is likened to a lake, this famous Parable of the Prodigal Son would be one of the clearest spots where we can see all the way to the bottom." The book is laid out in seven brief chapters, which aim to uncover the extravagant—prodigal—grace of God, as revealed in this parable.

Peace!

Jay Sanderford, Pastor



BOOKAPALOOZA 2.0

Book Sale, March
13th

Bring your unwanted
books to church during
February for the Second
BRPC Book Sale.

Contact

Sue Wormington
suewbrpc@embarqmail.
com or David Bailey
dmb@davidmbailey.com
for more info.



Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 17th, 7 p.m.

“THE PRODIGAL GOD” STUDY SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 24 through Wednesday, Mar. 24

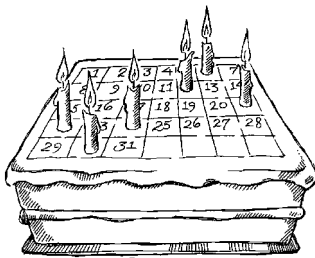
Wednesday Evening Schedule:

- Simple Supper for All: 6:00—6:30 PM: Worship Area & Kitchen
- “The Prodigal God” Study Session: 6:30—7:45 PM The Lighthouse
- BRPC Ensemble Rehearsal: Worship Area
- “The Prodigal” for Elementary and Younger Children; play and learning about the Prodigal Son Parable for Kids: The Lighthouse

A simple meal will be served at 6:00 PM; the “Prodigal God” Study begins at 6:30 PM and concludes by 7:45PM. Soups, sandwiches, salads and other simple fare will be offered.

YOU CAN HELP BY COORDINATING ONE OF THE FIVE MEALS.

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Birthdays This Month

Kris Cushman	_____	02/02
Betsy Martin	_____	02/02
Addy Lovelace	_____	02/05
Wendy Williamson	__	02/10
Heather Chonoles	___	02/23
Christine Peterson	__	02/23
Christopher Wilson	__	02/25
David Bailey	_____	02/26
Aaron Clarke	_____	02/26



Variety Show! Second Annual Variety Show February 28th 7:00 p.m.

Come one, come all and show off your talents at our second annual variety show! Are you a story teller, singer, actor or mime? Do you play a musical instrument, or are you a show-off? If so, then the BRPC variety show is for you! Our second annual variety show is scheduled to take place soon and we would love to have you perform. Not interested in performing, but like to watch? Come join us for a fun-filled, relaxing evening of amateur expertise. **To enter an act, contact Carole Peters or Kris Cushman at peters84@comcast.net or pianoflutesax@aol.com.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*Found growing wild in the fields or carefully cultivated
in gardens,*

Described as beautiful, sweet and evanescent,

*Varieties mentioned in the Bible include the lily, lily of
the valley, and rose.*

No matter what adjectives you use to describe them,
flowers are the perfect compliment to our sanctuary.

We have a new flower program so you can have
flowers prepared and delivered on your behalf
by a local florist. Sign-up to provide flowers for wor-
ship on the new chart on the outside of the kitchen
door, where you may also indicate a dedication or
memorial. The cost is \$30-35. You may call and
order the flowers independently or you can contact
the church office to request that we order the flowers
for you (and you would reimburse the church for the
cost). Stargazer Floral will take “special requests” if
you desire a specific flower, color theme or style. Of
course you’re also free to prepare the flowers your-
self —Flowers can be freshly picked from your yard
or store bought. Flowers can be dedicated in honor
of a family member or in memory of a loved one. It
is preferable to have flowers delivered to the church
prior to the 8:28 service to bless both worship services.
Arrangements can be made for delivery on Friday or
Saturday—contact the church office at 985-8820 or via
email at officebrpc@embarqmail.com.

Also, starting in February, flowers purchased for
Sunday worship will be delivered to those not able to
attend service by one of our deacons. Thank you for
brightening both our sanctuary and the day of one of
our members!

—Carole Peters

Collecting Shoes for the Homeless: Feb. 7th

Mission is collecting new and gently used shoes for
the homeless in support of the Salvation Army/
local Podiatry Association effort. Volunteers are also
needed to help sort shoes on Friday, February 12
and to assist in distribution of the shoes on Saturday,
February 13 at the Salvation Army gym on 207 Ridge
Street, Charlottesville. Contact Lisa Chapman at (434)
295-4058, x118 or Lisa_Chapman@uss.salvationarmy.
org for more information on volunteering.

—Melissa Clarke

SUNDAY FEB. 7TH SOUPER BOWL AND SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ACTIVITIES!



Souper Bowl of Caring: Feb. 7th

The Youth Group and Mission committee are jointly
working to collect food and donations for the local
area food bank through the Souper Bowl of Caring.
The youth have distributed door hangers our neigh-
bors asking for food donations to be placed beside
their mailboxes for the churches collection at noon on
February 7th. In addition to calling out to our close
neighborhoods, a special collection will be taken at
church on February 7th as well. We are still seeking
volunteers to assist with the collection of the food
donations from the neighborhoods on February 7th.
Please speak with Melissa at church or contact her at
(434)973-2001 for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HAITI FUND BAKE SALE- FEB 7TH

On Sunday February 7th, Presbyterian Women will
be sponsoring a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit
the Haiti Fund/CODEP (website [http://haitifundinc.
org/index.html](http://haitifundinc.org/index.html)), and we need your help! We are
requesting baked goods to offer for sale after the 8:28
service and again after the 11 am service. Items can be
packaged individually (cookies or brownies, etc.), or
sold intact (cakes, loaves of bread). Please contact Liz
Carroll or Beth Sanderford if you have questions or if
you would like to participate and haven’t signed up!
Thanks for your help sharing in God’s Love. Together
we can help make a difference! —Liz Carroll

PIZZA PARTY: FEB 7TH, 12:15

Please bring a salad or dessert and stay after the 11 am
service to enjoy a lunch together. We’ll share the cost
of the pizza and have a good time!

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Susie Neuhauser

Susie is a retired teacher. She graduated from Albemarle High School and taught at the high school level in Albemarle County for 34 years. In retirement she continues to teach Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education at Monticello High School.

Susie has been married to her husband Myron for 31 years. He has a degree in mechanized agriculture and works as an estate manager in Orange County. The Neuhauser's have two children, Jodi & Whitney. Jodi is living in NYC and works for Tennis Magazine. Whitney is in her final semester at UVA and is majoring in Foreign Affairs.

Susie joined BRPC because of its proximity to her home in Barboursville as well as the heartfelt & sincere outreach extended to her during her initial church attendance. Membership means continued growth for Susie in her faith through worship, fellowship, theological study, community service, and mission.



John and Marty Whitlow

John is owner and president of his own consulting firm, JHW Consulting Services, and serves on faculty at the University of Virginia's Center for Executive Development, as well as the Federal Executive Institute. He is also a professional musician and performs throughout this part of the country in the acoustic duo Scuffletown. He came to BRPC through friends and looks forward to being active in the church's coffee house, musical programs, and community outreach missions.

Marty teaches kindergarten at Broadus Wood Elementary School in Earlysville, VA. When not teaching, Marty enjoys spending time serving others in the community, including assisting in the area's food bank. Marty came to BRPC because of its personal atmosphere and her prior friendship with Jay and Beth. She looks forward to serving others through BRPC's mission work in our home community.

Marty and John have two children. Kyle is 25 and is completing his degree in Computer technology at PVCC. He has just been hired at Plow & Hearth as a Computer Technical Assistant. Kara is 20 and is completing her third year at VCU, majoring in history.



Marty (L) and John (R) Whitlow

Chris Webster

Originally from Harrisonburg, Virginia, Chris has been living in the Charlottesville area since 1997. He is a principal with Schnabel Engineering, and is the branch manager of Schnabel's local Charlottesville office. He also teaches part time as an adjunct in the University of Virginia's Civil Engineering Department.

Chris received his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from the University of Virginia and a masters degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech.

Chris has one daughter, Samantha, age 13. Samantha loves to read, read, read!

He learned about BRPC while on Session at Westminster Presbyterian in Charlottesville (they had a retreat at BRPC).

Chris says, "I look forward to serving at BRPC any way that God leads me. I have enjoyed participating in the music program and look forward to other ways to serve."



Other strange but true facts:

- Eagle Scout (Order of the Arrow member)
- Enjoyed coaching girls soccer (also Manchester United fan)
- Yellow belt in Myo Sim Karate
- Recently took up guitar
- Big time jazz fan





FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6 pm Session Budget Planning Meeting	2 10 am Staff Meeting	4 7 pm Worship Comm. Meeting	5	6
7 8:28 & 11 am Worship 9:45 am Church School 12:15 pm Pizza Party for All! /Ensemble 6 pm Youth Super Bowl Party	8 7 pm Deacon's Meeting	9 6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	10	11	12 7: 30 p.m. Blue Ridge Coffeeshouse Concert: Speidel and Goodrich Babysitting provided by Youth	13 4 p.m. Youth: Love Muffins preparation and delivery
14 8:28 & 11 am  Worship 9:45 am Church School 12 pm Congregational Meeting 12:30 pm Ensemble	15 7 pm Nominating Committee Mtg.	16	17  ASH WEDNESDAY 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	18 7 pm Evangelism Meeting	19	20
21 8:28 & 11 am Worship 9:45 am Church School 12:15 Youth: Parent Planning Mtg.	22	23 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 pm Session	24 6 p.m. Lenten study dinner night 6:30 pm Ensemble 7pm Pres.Women	25	26	27
28 8:28 & 11 am Worship 9:45 am Church School 7 pm Variety Show	30					

Updates and more information online: www.brpcva.org

NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHIP STEWARD (AKA THE FINANCE COMMITTEE)

Aargh, she is a beautiful ship indeed! Sailed down to the Caribbean, warm sands between me toes waiting for the galleons to float by. Keep me Lighthouse lit and the snow away from the glass!

The BRPC community pledged a total of \$42,686 for the first 6 months of 2010 which is roughly a 30% increase over the same time period a year ago. The church will also receive approximately \$30,000 from the Presbytery of the James and District 1 Churches. Altogether we are forecasting an \$80,000 six-month budget with the remaining difference coming from unpledged support.

Higher pledged offerings allow the church to take the guess work out of the budget and concentrate on finding the resources to grow the ministry and convince our supporters that we are committed to making this new church development a success. The committee thanks you for your participation and welcomes any additional support.

A meeting of the congregation is scheduled on Feb. 14th to present the 2010 operating budget and approve the pastor's terms of call. There are a lot of moving parts even in a small church's budget, please feel free to contact Kirk Jordan (978-4145) or Forrest McKay (973-7464) at any time if you would like a more detailed explanation.

BRPC will be focusing on a handful of financial priorities in 2010 and will be looking to involve more members. The numbers tell us that we must grow the church and become self sufficient while not losing that which makes us a

special yet quirky congregation. There are many facets to growing, the financial perspective might be a little dry—given our mission as disciples of Christ—but it is important to understand!

The committee will be working to find the financial support required to physically expand our worship space. We will be actively developing and working with potential donors. We essentially need to double in size just to maintain our ministry at its current level as our founding support pulls back. Developing our mission, support staff, and talent will require even more financial support. This is all very achievable but we need your help!

Please consider joining the Finance Committee if you feel that your time and talents can help us realize our goal of self sufficiency. We can eat this elephant one spoonful at a time but we need to get going. See you on Sunday, bring your spoon

AAAARGH! —Kirk Jordan

Annual Congregational Meeting
February, 14 12 p.m.
To present the budget and approve the pastor's terms of call.

INCOME	2009 Budget	AS OF Dec 31	% OF BUDGET
Pledged Offering	\$61,840	\$65,442	106%
Non Pledged Offering	23,640	24,177	102%
Presbytery of the James	40,000	40,000	100%
Interest income		.53	
Presbyterian Church, USA	-	-	
Other Income*	6,500	6,713	103%
Loose Plate/Cash	3,681	2,462	67%
District 1 Churches	31,000	23,000	74%
Total Income	\$166,661	\$161,795	97%

Expense			
Facilities/Landscape	\$9,500	\$10,173	107%
Christian Education	1,922	\$1,629	85%
Personnel	116,741	117,080	100%
Membership/Evangelism/Fellowship	3,634	5,086	140%
Mission	4,700	4,581	97%
Mortgage	19,291	19,323	100%
Worship/Music	4,973	4,219	85%
Administration	9,400	6,015	64%
Total Expenses	\$170,161	\$168,106	99%

* \$6,290.88 of \$10,000 gift from First Presbyterian, Charlottesville, allocated to Villa mortgage; misc. dividends

PRAYER REQUESTS

- B.J. Minton, facing health challenges
- Shawn Hill, recovering from surgery.
- Helen Kandle, Chris Clarke's grandmother, recently hospitalized.
- Healing, aid and recovery for the people of Haiti.
- Healing for Sharon Babe, Presbyterian mission worker, who was injured in the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. She is recovering in a Florida hospital.
- Healing for Scott Cline, Carole Stipe's brother.
- Ruth Ann Henry, B.J. Minton's sister, diagnosed with advanced stage ovarian cancer.
- Ruth Wolfe, Linda Robinson's mother, experiencing health challenges in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Suzanne Raileanu, seriously ill, now at Hospice House.
- Charles Chapman.
- David M. Bailey, undergoing treatment for brain cancer at both U.Va. and Duke University Medical Centers.
- Those in our community who are suffering the loss of jobs..
- Our Presbytery of the James and our Presbyterian Church (USA) doing vital ministry in many places and in diverse ways.
- Those serving in the U.S. Military here, and around the world.
—Joey Barbara, US Navy, son of Pat Barbara, stationed in San Diego, CA.
—Trey Jordan, Kirk Jordan's brother, an officer in the U.S. Army, currently serving in Iraq.

Please call or email the church office with requests for prayers or to confirm that a verbal prayer request is added to the list. 434-985-8820 or officebrpc@embarqmail.com



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALLING ALL WOMEN! Join us as we discuss the book of Joshua, in *Joshua, a Journey of Faith*. We are on Lesson Six —“Outsiders Become Insiders – Rahab and the Gibeonites”. The evening study will meet **February 24th at 7 pm**. No experience is necessary, feel free to jump in at any time!



Babysitting provided by the BRPC Youth

BLUE RIDGE COFFEE HOUSE: FRIDAY, FEB. 12TH 7:30 PM

\$10 suggested donation, includes coffee!

Rusty Speidel and Tom Goodrich

If you haven't had a chance to attend a Coffeehouse Concert, this will be a fun one! Tom Goodrich is pastor at Meadows church and is a good friend of Blue Ridge.



When they were students at the University of Virginia, Rusty and Tom began performing as a duo more than 30 years ago now. They continue to perform as half of the well-known acoustic quartet Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin and Lille (SGGL). SGGL has played since 1983 to packed houses up and down the East Coast, having released several CDs of original material over the years.

Known for tight harmonies and clever song writing, Speidel and Goodrich bring a freshness, warmth, energy and wit to each performance.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHOW WILL BENEFIT BLUE RIDGE'S COLLECTION FOR THE HAITI FUND/CODEP

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brpcnews@embarqmail.com
Next deadline is Feb. 23rd.



Mission Note of Thanks to:
JANUARY 26TH TUESDAY'S TABLE
VOLUNTEERS —Melissa Clarke

Thank you to those who helped to prepare dinner and serve over 220 families, elderly, disabled, shut-in, or otherwise needy in Greene County. BRPC's next dinner is scheduled from 4:00 - 6:30 on March 23rd. If you are interested in volunteering, look for the sign-up sheet in Narthex in early March or contact Melissa at 434-973-2001.



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