

# BRYSON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Terry Hanna



## HAPPENINGS

**JULY**  
**CHURCH PICNIC** at Morgan Pavilion: July 11<sup>th</sup>  
**YOUTH MISSION TRIP** in Raleigh: July 15-20<sup>th</sup>  
**AUGUST**  
**FAMILY RETREAT** at Montreat (**Sign up Now!**)  
 August 24 through 26

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					1  Pastor Terry's Birthday!	2
3 Graduation Day Celebration (During Coffee Hour) to honor our 2018 SCHS Graduates – Alana Booth & Josie Parker!  Jessie Greyer	4  Robert & Deanna Booth	5  Chuck & Lori Anderson	6 11 am Bible Study	7  8:00 am Men's Breakfast  Ann Bullock  Tom Mitchell	8  Elizabeth Butler  Barbara Lush	9
10  Ron & Judy Thurman	11	12  Carol Sussman	13 11 am Bible Study  Ann Edison & Frank VanMiddlesworth	14 Men's Breakfast – 8 am 12:00 p.m. <i>PW's</i> Fellowship Lunch (Everett Street Diner) 1:00 p.m. <i>PW's</i> Lois Circle (The Hut)  Carol & Stuart Sussman	15  Jim & Ruthie McGowan <b>Baseball Night</b> – Asheville Tourists: McCormick Field – 7:05 p.m.	16  Larry Burrus
17  Vernon Ledford	18  Jessica Cline  6:00 p.m. – Session meeting (The Hut)	19  Buddy Parton & Libba Brockman	20 11 am Bible Study  Don Barnett	21  8:00 am Men's Breakfast	22	23  Dick Schaddelee  Collin & Amanda Caldwell
24  Larry & Priscilla Burrus	25	26	27  Herb Lush	28  Libba Brockman  Ben Harrison  Mark Brannon	29  Julia Burrows & Tim Kurr  Food Pantry – <b>BCPC's turn</b>	30 20 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration – Ann Edison & Frank VanMiddlesworth <b>2:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b> Lands Creek Harmony Hall

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## JUNE 2018

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### From My Heart to Yours...

*"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life... It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."* – Melodie Beattie

In spite of a break-in at our church last week (not too much damage done) and a flood on Everett Street Saturday night in front of our building (all water gone by Sunday), I feel incredibly grateful as we move into summer! This last year was a good year for us! We had some new people join our church family, baptized two babies, confirmed five youth, experienced wonderful music during Advent and Lent, and had our largest crowds ever on Easter Sunday and at our fellowship suppers. My only hope is that, even though we are moving into the summer months and school is out and schedules change and vacations take us away from home, we will keep the ball rolling and keep meeting together, rejoice in our living, and remain grateful?!

Did you know that the words "gratitude" and "grace" come from the same root word, *gratia* in Latin and *kharis* in Greek? Grace as a theological word means "unmerited favor," and when I think of grace I think of the image of God tossing gifts around- the gifts of sustenance, joy, love, and pleasure. Grace is those gifts given without being earned and with no expectation of return. It is like the old hymn sings, *Amazing Grace*. And I think that the only mission statement we really need is to be a community of faith whose mission is to grow in grace towards each other and towards our neighbors, through the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

Grace begets gratitude, which, in turn, widens our hearts toward greater goodness and love. Thankfulness is a feeling in response to those gifts.

So, let's feel incredibly grateful to God for a good year, for new friends to share our fellowship with, for all the gifts God has thrown our way, for free! For as Melodie Beattie reminds us, *"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life... It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."* And may we continue to grow in grace as we move into the summer months.

\*some thoughts from Diana Butler Bass' new book, Grateful, p. 19

LAST CHANCE...  
to sign up for  
BASEBALL NIGHT  
at McCormick Field  
Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:05 p.m.  
Asheville Tourists  
vs.  
Augusta Green Jackets



*You Are Invited..*  
Please join Ann Edison & Frank Van Middlesworth  
as they celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Lands Creek's Harmony Hall  
3336 Balltown Rd.  
Bryson City, NC 28713

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

No Sunday School beginning June 3rd    Pastor Terry's office hours: Mon-Wed, 9 am – 1 pm    Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9 am – 1 pm