

BRYSON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Terry Hanna



2017

Giving Thanks

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

BCPC's Thanksgiving meal to follow Worship

Bryson City Community Thanksgiving Worship
First Baptist Church
4:30 pm Joint Choir, 5 pm Worship, 6 pm Meal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 11 am Bible Study	2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Ken & Pat Clack	3	4
5 <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px 0;"> Congregational meeting to vote on elders </div> Coffee/Fellowship Hour after worship	6	7	8 11 am Bible Study	9 8 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm - <i>PW</i> (Lois Circle) 6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Group (McKinley Edwards Inn)	10	11
12 Francine Barnett	13 Whitney Hanna	14	15 11 am Bible Study Drew & Susie Campbell	16 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Jim Ewing 6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Group (McKinley Edwards Inn)	17	18
19 BCPC's Thanksgiving meal following Worship Community Worship First Baptist Church 4:30 pm Choir 5 pm Worship 6 pm Meal	20 Terry Palmatier Patti & Corky Robison	21 Steve & Becky Claxton	22 11 am Bible Study Robert Booth Susan Jones	23 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Kelly Hanna THANKSGIVING (Office Closed)	24 Frank & Marilyn Monateri	25
26 Frank Van Middlesworth	27 6 pm Session mtg. (The Hut) Lois Ewing Cathy Stevenson	28	29 11 am Bible Study Brandi & Robert Helma Tom & Linda Mitchell	30 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Group (McKinley Edwards Inn)		



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From My Heart to Yours...

“Change”

“O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.” Psalm 96: 1

I seem to have a creation theme going on these days. In the past few months I have written about a desert journey, a solar eclipse, and rocks. This month all I can think about is trees! And as I look at the trees changing color, all I can think about is change! It all started with “the tree” in front of our church that had to be cut down.

I know that big old tree was leaning. We all lean over with age. But its roots had held firm for years and probably held the corner of our education building up until we could put in a retaining wall by the creek. And I know that old tree was slowly dying, from the brown bottom branches to the green tip of its top. We are all slowly dying and would like to grow old with dignity. That tree had been treated for bugs twice, but finally lost the battle. The sad thing is that so many people noticed it and complained about it when it was alive, but barely noticed it when it was gone. Are we forgotten so quickly- here today and gone tomorrow?

Now you might think that I am getting a little worked up over a tree, but when it was finally cut down, I looked at the rings in its remaining trunk and I realized that this tree had been here for over 75 years! It had 75 years of its full green branches providing shade over the children's playground. It had 75 years of watching the comings and goings of this church and this town. So in memorial we have taken some of the remaining wood from the tree to fashion crosses to give to the people of this church in memory of its life. As we remember the tree, we will remember all the people who have walked under its branches, who have come and gone over the many years of this church's life, and we will be grateful!

A wise man once said, “The only way to make sense of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.” (Alan Watts) I know that as I get older and my body leans and my skin becomes crusty with age, it is harder for me to change. But as I say, “Good-bye” to that old tree, I will accept the changes that I see around me, be grateful for what has been, and be ready and willing to join the dance. **Pastor Terry**

LOOKING AHEAD...

A Holiday Gift
From
Bryson City
Presbyterian
Church...

PRINCESS THE CHRISTMAS DOG



Storyteller Donna Marie Todd and Andy Gwynn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Bryson City Presbyterian 311 Everett Street, Bryson City

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Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

CHEF: JULIA HUNT

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