

# OUR CHURCH NEWS



Bryson City Presbyterian Church



## WORSHIP NEWS

### Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 6:30 pm. Drew and Susie Campbell will be musical guests presenting their Celtic sound.

## THE WORD

### Bible Study-Gospel of Mark

Wednesday-11:00 am in the parlor or  
6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

### Lenten Studies

Will begin Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm for the entire Month of March. Watch for further information.

## FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, Feb. 19, from 3:00-5:00 will be our annual *Mardi Gras* party with our WNC Cluster friends. Our own Cajun Joe will be cooking for the event. A special appearance will be made by Pastor John Lindsay playing the saxophone. Pastor Lindsay is from the First Presbyterian Church in Waynesville. Come join us!

**Please pray for Lois as she continues her recovery.**

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*From My Heart to Yours...*

*"We are elected to discipleship simply through the fact that Jesus claims (and calls) us."-Karl Bath*

When I was a little girl, I would play with the neighborhood kids after school until it was time for dinner. Before I reached the age of tennis tournaments, dance lessons and swim team, I would spend the lazy days of summer with friends in backyards, woods and creeks where we would just play!

And I remember that right around five pm everyday our play would be interrupted by the voices of moms and dads calling their children home for dinner. One family had a big bell in their backyard they would ring. Some just called out the names of their children, "Susie...Toby... or *Johnnnnny!* My mother blew a whistle and I came running, along with my dog!

Whether it be the children in my neighborhood or the individuals who encountered Jesus in Galilee or Judea, to be called is to be singled out for a purpose-a purpose that requires a response. As children, we were being called for the purpose of coming home to dinner. In the case of Jesus, that call and response may take on different forms. Jesus' call may be an invitation to follow, or to come home, or to confess the need for grace. His call might ask: *"What do you want me to do for you?"* The call may be to carry another's burden or to open oneself to some never-ending possibility and then take the risk to move in that direction. Call, like faith, is unique just like the people who are called. And gospel encounters with Jesus hinge on responding to those calls.

"Call" even provides the name for the Christian community. "Church" translates the Greek word *ekklesia*, whose literal meaning is "called out."

Faithful response to an encounter with Jesus Christ creates the community of the called. So listen, in this season of Lent, to stories of lives gospels by an encounter with Jesus. In listening, may you attend to the voice sounding your own name and calling you to faithful response wherever that leads you!

(some thoughts from Gospelized Lives, John Indermark, on "Calling.")

*Pastor Terry*



# FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Gail & Stephen Findlay (a) Bible Study 11am & 6:30 pm	2 Ruth Circle-Hut-6:30	3 Delia Watkins (b) Ann Howard (b) Food Bank 10 to noon	4
5 Communion Sunday Fellowship coffee Noon	6	7 Food Pantry 6 - 8pm	8 Bible Study 11am & 6:30 pm	9 Afternoon Circle-1:00-Hut	10 Food Bank 10 to noon	11 Daniel Starling (b) <b>Chocolate Cook Off 2 - 4pm</b>
12 Five Cent Meal	13	14 Bob Claxton (b) Food Pantry 6-8pm <b>Valentines Day</b>	15 Women of the Well 5:30 Barbara & Herb Lush (a) Bible Study 11am & 6:30 pm <b>Children Choir practice 5:30</b>	16	17 Brandi Claxton (b) Food Bank 10 to noon	18 Dick & Carol Schaddelee (a)
19 <b>Madi Gras Party 3 to 5 pm</b>	20 Iris Waters (b)	21 Food Pantry 6-8pm	22 <b>ASH WORSHIP 6:30</b> Bible Study 11am & 6:30 pm	23	24 Rachel Lackey (b) Sandy Wayman (b) Food Bank 10 to noon	25 Amber Freshour (b) <b>Woman's Club Sweetheart Breakfas 7:30 - 11 am</b>
26 Jessie & Joe Atzenhoffer (a) <b>Fourth Sunday Meal</b>	27 x	28 Kimberly Donaldson (b) Food Pantry 6-8pm	29 Bible Study 11am & 6:30 pm			

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

A "Thank you" to the BCPW, for their help in planning, preparing and helping with the luncheon for Perby's relatives, Memorial Service, and the reception for friends and family after Paul Butler's Service. The Presbyterian Women are always willing, on short notice, to care for and help one another.

Another mission project done by Presbyterian Women was to donate money to the Middle School Cafeteria for healthy snack items, given in addition to the meals, for under privileged children.

The project to make small dresses from pillow cases will be rescheduled and announced soon.

A special "Thanks" to Jean Douthit who has compiled a synopsis of the BCPC's Presbyterian Women's efforts and involvement during 2011 on the local, Presbytery and Synod levels. This is sent to our Session and Presbytery and is included in a history publication eventually. Through this we are reminded that we Presbyterians are "connected" to each other on many levels.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*The 5th Annual Friends of the Marianna Black Library Chocolate Cook-Off will be held February 11<sup>th</sup> here in the fellowship hall from 2 to 4pm. Cost: Adults \$6; Friends of the Library members and children under 16, \$5; free for kids under 6.*

Woman's Sweetheart Breakfast will be on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> here at the church from 7:30 to 11 am. Tickets are \$6 with profits going to the Carrie Abbott Scholarship fund.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon Menu Feb 26th



Steak or Crepes, Roasted Red Potatoes, Homemade Bread, dessert, Tea, Water, Coffee

Tickets can be bought in our church office, other local churches, the United Community Bank, and the St. Joseph's Thrift Shop. "