

OUR CHURCH NEWS



Byrson City Presbyterian Church



2011

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carol Schaddelee	9 th
Ken Mills	16 th
Debbie Mills	17 th
Mark Claxton	20 th
Zachary Cline	22 nd
Karena Cline	30 th
Anita Brintnall	30 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mary and Mark Krajniak	1 st
Scott & Jessica Cline	30 th

Dear Church Family,

We wish to express our appreciation for your loving care during John's illness. The prayers, calls and meals helped us not only get through this difficult time but to be uplifted spiritually as well. Thank you and bless all of you.

Edna Goshorn and family.



From My Heart to Yours...

"On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

-Jesus, in Matthew 16:18

I once heard about a businessman from up north who came down south for a conference in Durham, North Carolina. His first morning in town, he went to eat breakfast at a little diner close to his hotel. The waitress came to take his order. He ordered eggs, sausage, and toast. When the waitress, a Southerner, brought this Northerner his order, he noticed a pile of white stuff on his plate. "What's that?" he asked. "Grits," she said in her Southern accent. "What is a grit?" he asked. "Honey," she said, "they don't come by themselves."

Grits don't come by themselves, and neither do Christians. The Christian faith is not an individualistic faith but a community faith. Followers of Christ need a community of faith to worship God, serve their community, love and support one another, ask hard questions, grow and learn, laugh and cry, experience healing, navigate ethics, seek transcendence, affirm faith and hope, and find strength for the journey. Christians "don't come by themselves." Instead, they come in communities.

During his public ministry, Jesus engaged in many activities, including preaching, teaching, and healing. However, nothing mattered more to Jesus than establishing his church. Before his ascension, Jesus commissioned his church to carry on his mission: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Acts 28: 18-20)

Jesus is still with us, and the church is still the place to discover God's presence, grace, and strength for the journey. In spite of its failures, in spite of our flaws, the church is still God's way of doing mission in the world. So as we move into the summer season there will be plenty of opportunities to worship, grow, fellowship, and do mission together. Come join us as we live out our faith together!

Pastor Terry

(What's The Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian? (A Guide to What Matters Most) p. 123, by Martin Thielen)



Game & Pot Luck
supper-6:30 **May 18th**
In the fellowship hall



The Sweet Thoughts Alzheimer's group

Pasta Bowl Luncheon Mother's Day May 8th
12:15 pm at BCPC. Takeouts available. Sit
down or take out \$12.50.



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Mother's day annual diaper derby!

Bring your donations of diapers to the crib in the narthax. The donations go to local mothers who need a little help with their babies.

Mother's Love

Her love is like
an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And thro' the changing scenes of
life
I find a haven there.

Presbyterian Women May Calendar

Ruth's Circle	May 5 th	6:30 PM	In The Hut
Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon	May 7 th	Noon	At Church
Women's Afternoon Circle	May 12	1:00 PM	In The Hut
Women of the Well	May 18	5:30 PM	Parlor

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

After months of research, our history is now online. Please go to our web site at www.bcpcusa.org and click on the Our Church History link on the left hand side. A page will come up and tell you how to open the file. I have tried my best to make the history as accurate as possible. Thank you to those I have talked to for your help. Any comments or corrections needed contact me at kurrgroup@gmail.com

4th Sunday luncheon, May 22nd

MENU

Grilled chicken or spinach ricotta crepes
both with mushroom wine sauce
rice and vegetable.
bread, dessert and beverage.

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

Kergma Bible Study begins with the
Book of Acts and a study of the Spirit
starting Wednesday May 4th at 10 AM
and 7 PM in the parlor.



May 8th



You're Invited!!!



Brandi Moon's College Graduation
Saturday, May 7th 2011 at 10:00 am
on the front lawn
Queen's University of Charlotte

**Thank you to those who helped to make Lenten
season special:**

Our Worship Committee and elders

Rachel Lackey leading our choir

Our choir & our children's choir

Those who helped with the community Holy Week lunches

Special musicians: Josh Stevenson on Sax, Drew & Susie
Campbell

All who helped beautify our grounds on workday

Those who made our Palm Sunday banner

And the men who cooked our Easter breakfast

"I thank my God for you!"

Pastor Terry

Bar-B-Q coming
June 25th more info
coming in the June's
Newsletter

We are on facebook at

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Bryson-City--Presbyterian-Church/134928173199967

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