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For the Newsletter to be received by the first day of each month, Session has set the **deadline** for all submissions to be **on or before the 15th** of each month (**via e-mail or diskette only**). We extend a sincere welcome to everyone to join us for worship and any events you see listed in the newsletter.



## JULY 2014

### *From the Pastor....*

One of the joys of ministry comes from people sharing their stories with me. Just before our Membership Outreach Committee met and developed this summer's "Bring a Friend" emphasis, I received the composition below. I had to do some serious arm twisting to get author Claire Fortune to let me share it with you – but when something makes me laugh AND stirs emotions in my soul, I want others to be blessed by it, too.

One of the things that makes BEPC so strong is our ability to take the best from other traditions, and laugh with one another about our idiosyncrasies. Enjoy – and find that little piece of evangelist in you!

#### **Next, the Alter-Call?**

Sometimes I've enjoyed poking a little fun at some of our friends and family connections who are dedicated to the Baptist traditions of testimonies and alter-calls. I tease that we Presbyterians don't do much of that, we just go about our righteous living without much folderol. :o)

Then this week I was browsing through some of my old journals, full of lists and happy events and soul-wrenching thoughts that often turned into beseeching prayers. The year was 2008. Page after page of my journal was filled with petitions to God for His "help for those I love" in situations I had no control over: a serious diagnosis; some legal issues; drug-related problems; troubles resulting from teenagers' poor decisions.

*"God, we depend on You. I don't even know what to ask, but I know You can work in each of these situations and can bring hope and healing and blessing... please...."*

I was astounded when I read these prayers from six years ago. I hardly give any thought to these particular problems now-a-days because none of them is an issue anymore. Diabetes is under control. Legal issues have been resolved. Drug use has been treated. The distraught teenager is happily married -ever-after with two little girls and a new home. And these are just a few of the most obvious family needs that have been met, handled, straightened out. We're on to other things... and I've almost forgotten that I'd laid these issues in God's hands, and He's worked in and through each situation.

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#### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF**

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#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**8:30 am** Worship - traditional  
**9:30 am** Sunday School  
**11:00 am** Worship - traditional  
**6:05 pm** Worship - informal



## From the Pastor.... (continued from page 1)

So, as I'm thanking the Good-Lord for His/Her hand in our lives, I will share these thoughts whenever I can.

Just this morning as I sat on the front porch chatting on the phone with a friend who was bemoaning her lack of faith in dealing with family "stuff," I found myself telling her about coming across my six-year-old journal and realizing how God has worked things out better than I could ever have hoped or imagined.

"I'm giving you my testimony!" I laughed. "You've known me many years, but you never knew I was really a Baptist!" We enjoyed the moment as we agreed we are too reticent about telling how God works in our lives... but, in the future, we are both planning to borrow a little fervor from our more evangelical friends.

...to the One who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine....

--Ephesians 3:20

--Written April 3/2014

## Opportunities To Learn And Grow

### Faith Seekers' Class

About the Faith Seekers Class: Explore various issues, using music, video and conversation.

Food: Coffee and snacks provided (usually)

Money: Receives an offering for good causes and needs

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: Upstairs in Room 215 (above Feild's office)



The Faith Seekers will continue to study the book *The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion*. (If we find ourselves presented with a "teachable moment" --a special guest -- we set the chapter aside and pick up the next week.)

July 6 - Chapter 7

July 13 - Chapter 8

July 20 - Chapter 9

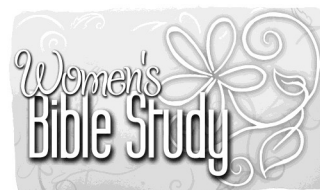
July 27 - Chapter 10

### Women's Summer Study

When: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Where: Fellowship Classroom - third floor

This summer we are delighted to have as our leader/facilitator the Reverend Leslie Piper, a retired Presbyterian pastor who recently moved to the area with her husband, Brant Piper (our Monday Pastoral Counselor) and mother, Ruth Matherne (one of our new members!). Leslie has preached for us a few months ago and has many years of experience as a teacher and group facilitator in churches. We are using the book **Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith**. This study utilizes writings of such noted authors as Flannery O'Connor, Garrison Keillor, and Frederick Buechner to explore how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places. We have 4 books available. You may join the class anytime.



## ROMEOS - Then & Now !



Early Days of the ROMEOS !



Present Day ROMEOS!

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are still going strong! They meet every Thursday for lunch - some times traveling "out of town" to a restaurant. If you are interested, call the church office Thursday mornings to let Tony Fortune know that you will be joining the group.



## J.U.L.I.E.T.S



Forty-two Juliets enjoyed lunching together June 11 at the Best Western. Ann Swincola made arrangements with GADABOUTS, who catered a delicious salad plate, and invited special guest Ron Johnson to publicize the event in his Banner Elk Online Magazine.

The JULIETs (Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together) will meet again at the Best Western Wed. July 9 at 12:30pm. This time the menu will feature a grilled chicken Caesar salad, a side plate of fruit, with rolls, tea and water completing the meal. The cost is \$10 all-inclusive luncheon. Please join us! We need reservations no later than July 6. The sign-up sheet is in the church office or you may call the office at 828-898-5406.







**Recent New Members (Continued)**

**Larry and Chris Zimmer**

Larry (Lawrence Linn) and Chris (Christine Rea) Zimmer became members of BEPC after meeting Dick and Carol Larson at a Banner Elk Craft Show. Conversation turned to faith, community, and service opportunities; Larry and Chris attended worship the next morning and the rest is history!

Originally from Detroit, MI, and Cleveland, OH, respectively, Larry and Chris’s faith background is Roman Catholic. Most recently a large Cincinnati evangelical congregation exposed them a different type of worshipping community, and BEPC has become yet another variation on their faithful discipleship.

Larry is a retired chemist and business manager. He has already helped us transform our web site. He also enjoys woodworking, hiking, and helping with handyman jobs. Chris has worked as a Dental Assistant and Registered Nurse; she combines those talents and her faith in a Healing Touch ministry that is based on prayer. She also enjoys sewing and knitting.

The Zimmers, parents of two grown sons, have a home in the Devil’s Den section of Foscoe.

**One of Our Own**

**Tom and Cindy Baur, “Two of Our Own”**



Tom and Cindy Baur first came to Banner Elk in 1995 to escape the south Florida summer heat. They were drawn to BEPC by the close proximity to their summer home here, and then they were captivated by the pastor and the welcoming church members. They are interested in all aspects of the church and have continued to be very involved.

Some of their church activities include shepherding, the Congregational Care Committee, and Financial Review Committee. Cindy is a member of the Comfort Makers. In addition, they have enjoyed helping keep the “Clutch” college program well fed at the group’s weekly meetings. Congregation members often have expressed much appreciation for the great dishes Cindy prepares for fellowship meals.

The couple also has been involved in many organizations that support young people such as “4 kids of South Florida” and “The Right to Life” organization. They served for three years on The Client Rights Committee at the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk.

Both Tom and Cindy were raised and educated as Catholics but felt moved to investigate other Christian denominations after marriage. They settled comfortably into the reformed Presbyterian Church where Cindy became involved in Dr. James Kennedy’s Evangelism Explosion (EE).

Both moved to South Florida and met when Cindy, who completed her flight training for her commercial pilot license, applied for a pilot position with the company which employed Tom at the time. She wasn’t hired but took a more difficult job as a wife and mother. Cindy also has been involved in early childhood development, working and serving in church pre-school programs.

Tom served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, came home and completed flight training to become a corporate jet pilot, a precursor to starting his own business managing jet aircraft for several corporations.

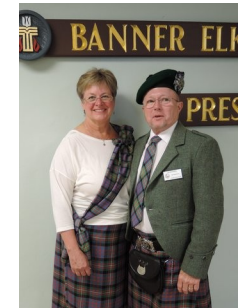
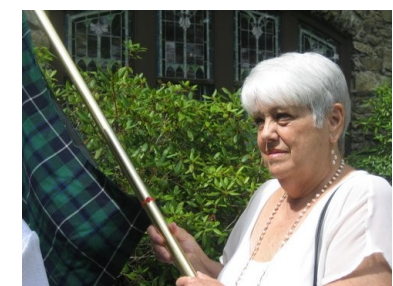
The Baur’s have three children: Scott (34), Valerie (32), and Andrew (25). Scott works with Tom in his business. Valerie is an emergency room doctor in Jacksonville and Andy is a mechanical engineer working in Jupiter, Florida. Valerie is expecting the Baur’s first grandchild (a boy) in late July. Tom and Cindy celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June.

In addition to being a pilot, Cindy is an accomplished water skier. However, snow skiing has not been something that has captured her interest. Perhaps they don’t spend enough time here in the winter.

- George Anderson

**Kirkin’ O’ The Tartan**

**Sunday June 29th - BEPC**





## Wildcat Lake Picnic

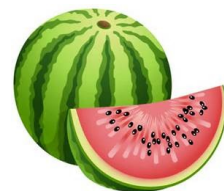
*Picnic at Wildcat Lake on July 22*



Make plans to join us for our picnic at Wildcat Lake on Tuesday, July 22 at 5:30pm. The church will provide pulled pork barbeque and smoked chicken catered by Carolina Barbeque in Newland; cold soft drinks and water will also be available. Please bring side dishes, desserts or other goodies to share. If you come early, you can make a sand castle, swim or fish; work up a good appetite and join us for the fun!

It would be helpful to know if you are planning to attend so that we can order the right amount of barbeque. Sign-up sheets will be in the office area; please indicate what you plan to bring. See you at the lake!!

In case of bad weather, the picnic will be held in King Fellowship Hall at the church. Let's all hope for sunshine and blue skies because Wildcat Lake is such a nice spot for this event!



## E.O.T. Dinners (Every Other Tuesday!)

*Food, Faith, Fellowship, & Fun*



Singles! Tired of cooking for one every night? Join us for food, faith, fellowship and fun. We meet every other Tuesday at 5:30pm; location will be printed in the bulletin, or contact Kathy at [305-393-3917](tel:305-393-3917) or [kathyward610@gmail.com](mailto:kathyward610@gmail.com) or Sara Brewer at [828-260-2060](tel:828-260-2060) or [hicountryabc@skybest.com](mailto:hicountryabc@skybest.com).

## Counseling Services Available

There is a satellite office of Presbyterian Psychological Services here at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. The office is staffed by Rev. Brant C. Piper, an ordained Presbyterian (USA) pastor and a NC Certified Pastoral Counselor. Rev. Piper provides counseling services for individuals, couples, families, and adolescents, takes some insurance, and offers services on a sliding scale for those who don't have insurance. Office hours are on Mondays with additional times available on weekends and weekdays per previous arrangements. You can reach him on his cell at 704.779.4922 and you can find out more about Presbyterian Psychological at [www.presbypsych.org](http://www.presbypsych.org).



## BEPC New Members

*Travis Henley*

New member Travis Henley and his wife, the former Lindsey Nevada Meyers, were the first couple to be married by Feild in our church., last December. This spring they discovered they are to be blessed with a baby girl, and they will name her Pepper Nevada Henley.



The Henleys both are 2000 graduates of Avery County High School. Lindsey, a long-time member of BEPC, has a bachelor's degree from UNC Chapel Hill and another from ETSU in nursing. She is the fusion nurse at Boone Rheumatology. Travis has a civil engineering degree from Auburn University, and works in Boone for the state of North Carolina as the Assistant Resident Engineer for the Department of Transportation.

After /11 Travis enlisted in the U.S. Special Forces. He is an honor graduate of the U.S. Army Dive School, U.S. Air Force Para-rescue/CCT Indoctrination and Selection, Special Operations Survival School, U.S Army Airborne Parachutist School, Military Freefall School also known as H.A.L.O. (high altitude low opening), and U.S. Air Force Air Traffic School where he graduated top of the class and earned FAA licensure. He also graduated top of his class from the U.S. Air Force Special Tactics Combat Control School where the Secretary of Defense personally awarded berets to the grads.

Both Lindsey and Travis enjoy spending time in the great outdoors. They both enjoy fly fishing, and Travis states that Lindsey has caught the biggest trout between them!

*Mary Ann Davis*



Mary Ann Davis, a native of Jacksonville, FL, has lived in this area for two and one-half years. She continues to work in sales at B.J.'s Resort Wear. She has been a Christian since 1957 and was baptized at Murray Hill Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL.

She has three grown children and lists her dogs, Harry and Wills, as members of her household. Her special interests and hobbies include her grandchildren, gardening and reading. It also has come to the church's attention that Mary Ann has a very special gift: she is an excellent cook. The congregation looks forward to some of her culinary delights at one of our many pot luck luncheons or dinners in the fellowship hall.

*Bobby Duke*

Robert Young Duke, Sr. (Bobby) has lived in this area off and on for 14 years. He moved here from Atlanta which is his home town. He cites Banner Elk as the most interesting place he has ever lived, and he found out about BEPC from the Saturday morning Bible study. Bobby has experience in church administrative work and with the Boy Scouts. Coming to BEPC by letter of transfer from John's Creek Baptist Church, John's Creek, Ga., he explained that he has been "sprinkled" and "dunked".

Bobby is the father of five children, four living, all in Georgia. His career interests have included a chicken and fish store, a family tire business, racing tires, and computers - about as varied as one will find!

*Chuck (Charles Robert, Sr.) and Mary Winston Dickinson*

As part-time residents, the Dickinsons have spent the past seven summers in the Banner Elk area, in Apple Orchard. They winter in Germantown, TN, just outside Memphis. They have been extremely active in BEPC, blessing us with their experience from leadership in other churches.

Mary initiated a "Care Committee" in a previous church, has moderated Presbyterian Women, taught Sunday School, and worked with the Homeless. Chuck has chaired Stewardship Committees and acted as project manager for construction of a Fellowship Hall.



A retired Proctor and Gamble Plant Manager, Chuck now enjoys golfing and gardening. Mary enjoys cooking and tennis. They both value time with two grown children and grandchildren. A 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will be celebrated December 14<sup>th</sup> of this year!



## Church Happenings



### July Birthdays

- 2 Jane Richardson
- 2 Diane Earwood
- 3 Sylvia Hahn
- 4 Ben Garris
- 4 Will Garris
- 5 Coy Franklin
- 7 Claire Fortune
- 7 Ellen Stapleton
- 8 Paula Fryar
- 9 Ralph Brown
- 9 Corben Brewer
- 9 Will Hagna
- 9 Lindy Linenberger
- 9 Alice Durham
- 12 Ed Donnell
- 14 Judy Ward
- 15 Bob Anderson
- 15 Jim Swinkola
- 20 Hogan Carringer
- 22 Bonnie MacQueen
- 22 Judy Roeling
- 23 Jane Boyer
- 24 Roma Angel
- 24 Mary Ann Davis
- 25 Vivien Howard
- 25 Hampton Owen
- 26 Eriana Fidler



### Louise Holshouser Celebrates 103 Years!

This is photo of Louise Holshouser was taken on her 103rd birthday. She is smiling in happiness at the occasion and also at the cute birthday pillowcase made for her by Chris Zimmer and delivered to her by our May shepherds, Luana Anderson and Donna Bender. Louise says thank you to her church family for the many kind ways she is remembered, not just on her birthday but throughout the year. Happy Birthday, Louise!



### Kitchen Upgrade Project Pledges

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who pledged and is paying for the KITCHEN UPGRADE. It is now over 80% paid for and fully operational. What a great improvement it is to the church. If you have not seen it, go down and look around...better yet, come to the next Congregational Care Committee function and enjoy great food and Christian fellowship!



### Church Directory Information

We are hard at work on the new picture directory for our church, to be ready for distribution in early August. Please take a look at your old photo and all contact information...do you like what you see? Is everything correct? If you would like a new photo, please let Rob know at the church office and we will schedule a time to take a new picture. Do you want your cell phone listed?

Thanks for your help; this will help us to be as accurate as possible.

## W.A.M. In Action

### Worship Arts Ministry Team

Members of the Worship Arts Ministry Team are looking for talent! If you have talent in visual or performing arts (or would like to try it) please let one of the team members know about it. Do you like to read aloud; perhaps some of the scripture readings? We need you! So far the Worship Arts Ministry Team has presented scripture readings, decorated the church for Pentecost, hosted the Maundy Thursday event, written poems with the Grandfather Home girls, presented the cross of flowers for Easter. We are very busy and we need ideas and talent, so come join us! You can e-mail Janet Speer at [speerj@lmc.edu](mailto:speerj@lmc.edu), or contact any of the other members: Laura Carringer, Ed Donnell, Barbara Hosbein, David Tate or Emily Garrett.

## Projects of the Faith Seekers



Do you ever find yourself with leftovers and wish you had a place they could go? Thanks to E.C. Newman, we now have a freezer designated totally to storage of foods for our shut-ins and people who need a meal due to illness or incapacity. You are welcome to take a container home in case you have surplus, or just cook a meal. We have containers for main dishes, soup, and small side items. Please label the food with the date and contents. We encourage you also to sign up for the Mealtrain; an online program where you can sign up to take meals to those who need it. You can contact Janet Speer and she will get you connected. [speerj@lmc.edu](mailto:speerj@lmc.edu)

### Mealtrain Needs Volunteers

If you haven't hitched a ride on the Mealtrain, it's time! In order to provide meals consistently to folks who need them, we have gone online. Mealtrain.com gives you the information about the person who needs meals, what foods are best, where they live, a good time to deliver, and lots more. They also give you a *reminder* when you signed up to bring a meal. You can also put your menu in so the person receiving it will know when it is coming and what food they will get to enjoy. Write Janet Speer [speerj@lmc.edu](mailto:speerj@lmc.edu). You can sign up without obligation to bring foods.



## Drama Camp

Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the children who attended the Drama Camp, gave a performance in the BEPC sanctuary. They performed writings about their spiritual journeys called "What Makes My Heart Full." The camp was directed by Dr. Janet Speer.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 8:30am Worship 9:30am SS Classes 11 am Worship 6:05 pm Worship	7 9am BEPC Preschool Summer Camp	8 9:30 am Habitat Work 9am BEPC Preschool 10am Women's Study 7pm Men's Choir	9 9am BEPC Preschool 10am Comfort Makers 5 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	10 9am BEPC Preschool 11:15 am ROMEO's Men's Lunch Group	11 Office Closed	12 7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Banner Elk Caf�e
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## BEPC Preschool and Summer Camp

Greetings everyone! Week three of the camp is coming to a close and everyone has had an incredible time so far. For the first week we focused on doing fun experiments for the kids. We stuck Mentos candy in Coke bottles to watch the Coke shoot straight up into the air! Then we made ice cream in bags just by adding salt and ice and then giving the bag a good shake. Last week we focused on nature. On Monday we learned about some of the local flora and fauna during a nature hike. Wednesday we found rocks outside and painted the rocks to look like local animals. To end the week, we planted 3 types of flowers for the kids to take home and grow with their families. The camp will be taking a brief break for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, but we will start right back up the following week. If you know of any children between the ages of 2 and 5 who might be interested in the camp, give Shane Parker a call at (910)-381-6187. We've still got plenty of room for the coming weeks!



Mento Candies and Coca Cola



Making ice cream in a zip lock bag - it works and is great!



Preschool Summer Campers

