

The Messenger

Blue Ridge Boulevard Christian Church

September 2017



BRBCC,

I can't tell you how overwhelmingly grateful I am for your love and support both at my ordination service and these past couple years leading up to this point. You all have surrounded me with encouragement and love with your prayers, encouraging words, beautiful cards, and lovely gifts. My ordination service is a day I will always cherish and that will always be directly connected to all of you. Thank you to those of you who took part in the

service, served as hosts, and planned the reception. Finally, I would also like to thank you for my beautiful robe - I can't wait to preach in it!!

Blessings & Love,
Rev. Valerie Austin



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Our newsletter is also available online and by email. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please email Jaime at jaimebrbcc@att.net.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Budget: \$3,600
August Gifts To Date: \$1,776
YTD Budget: \$28,800
YTD Gifts: \$20,567

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

Stephen Gentry, Chair
Bill Adkinson
Valerie Austin
Cindy Conley
Joni Gentry
Debbie Goddard
Sherry McGlaughlin
Anne Marie Smith
Mary Margaret Smith

Arlene Baker would like to thank everyone (especially Leah and Cindy) for all the prayers, cards, and visits while she was under the weather.

Join us for Potluck on September 10th
This will be Valerie's last Sunday with us, and we look forward to fellowship as we celebrate her time here at BRBCC!



From the Pastor

Ordination

What a joy it was to share in Valerie's ordination service! Thanks to each of you who played a part in making the ordination service a meaningful and joyful event! We celebrate Valerie's call to Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ponca City, Oklahoma. Valerie's last Sunday with us will be September 10. We hope you will join us for worship and for a potluck and time of fellowship after worship. The main dish for potluck will be BBQ and you are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others.

Worship

Beginning Sunday, September 10 we will launch a "Read the Bible Through" emphasis. Our goal will be to read the narrative (the story) of Scripture beginning with Creation and going to Revelation over the next nine months. We will choose significant Old and New Testament stories that trace the powerful relationship of Creator and creation. We will ask the ongoing question of how God is present and active in our world today.

Future of Our Church

We are in active discernment about sharing our building by building a network of possible community resources. We continue to be in prayer that God will draw us into conversations with other ministry groups that could benefit from utilizing our space. Can you envision our space as a lively, energized space, with people coming and going and ministry happening every day of the week?



I invite you to:

1. Join us for dedicated times of prayer after worship on Sundays from 11:45 – NOON. September 17, October 8
2. Plan to attend our Church Conversation on Sunday, October 22 at 9:30 in the chapel. No votes or decisions will be made at this meeting, but it will be important Conversation.
3. Be committed to your own times of personal prayer for our congregational ministry.
4. Be committed to worshipping with us in community on Sunday mornings.
5. Give financially as you are able to support our monthly needs.

Pastor Sherry