



By the Cross We Care  
One Person at a Time

# Barcelona Banner

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The new *GriefShare* group will begin on February 15 and will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. See page 4 for more information.

## FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28, KJV

## From my heart to yours:



"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Have you discovered this meaningful little verse tucked away in the middle of this Psalm? It is a prescription for daily living. It is a way of thinking which can transform your life. Underline it in your Bible. Memorize it. Above all, claim it as your very own. Let it speak to your life.

This is one of my favorite verses in the Bible. Someone has called it the "getting-up text." It is a better stimulant than a cup of coffee! Let's take the verse apart and examine it. It claims at least three important things.

First, this verse claims that the focus of our lives should be on this day. Take one day at a time. When going on a long trip, it is wise advice to "travel light." The same thing applies to daily living. There are two days in every week in which we are not to live—yesterday and tomorrow. Yet some people submerge themselves in the past. They talk about the "good old days," or they dwell on some past sin or failure. Either way, they miss the joy of the present. Others live in the future. They dream of the "golden tomorrow," or they worry about what may happen to them. Again, the present is robbed of its happiness and fulfillment. I am convinced that we were not programmed by God to live in all three tenses at the same time—past, present, and future. With God as your guide, determine that you are going to make the most of this day.

Second, this verse claims that each day belongs to God. "This is the day which the Lord hath made." To accept today as God-given is to affirm that He is Lord of life. Our highest goal is to put Him first in all things. As Jesus challenged, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

What is the priority of your life? Somewhere I heard about a modest, ordinary souvenir shop with a sign standing out front containing this eye-catching advertisement: Trash, Trinkets and Treasures. Perhaps these three descriptive words have something to say about our scheme of values.

Many people embrace a "trash" level, hardly rising above an animal-like existence. Sensual pleasures are the focus of their attention. Then there are those who give themselves to the "trinkets" of life. These are good people who become involved in many worthwhile activities and causes. However, they often neglect spiritual things and fail to give God a significant place in their lives.

Finally, there are those who discern the real "treasures" which give life continuity and meaning. Jesus Christ is the object of their affection. His life and teachings become the standard by which they measure their conduct. Spiritual things take precedence over material things. They are aware that only what is accomplished for Christ will weather the test of time and last into eternity.

Third, this verse claims something about the nature of real happiness. Notice it challenges us to "rejoice and be glad." Everyone wants to be happy, but some never achieve this reality. Mistakenly, they think that happiness is a matter of favorable circumstances. But happiness results when we surrender ourselves to God's will, so that each day is dedicated to serving him. Life cannot be compartmentalized into the categories of sacred and secular. All of life is sacred.

Once Francis of Assisi was hoeing his garden. A visitor stopped by and asked what he would do if he was told that he would die at sunset that very day. He wisely replied, "I would finish hoeing my garden." This dedicated man of God exemplified the spirit of our text, "This is the day which the Lord hath made." It is his and so am I. Therefore, I can "rejoice and be glad in it."

Your Pastor,  
Jon M. Stubblefield

### Attendance & Finances

	SS	Sun AM	Wed.
12/03/23	97	125	60
12/10/23	112	141	56
12/17/23	100	128	27
12/24/23	100	132	
Candlelight			94
12/31/23	82	123	29

DEC. BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$59,292.26



01—Barbara Duncan  
 03—Connie Harlan  
 04—Aundrea Tidwell  
 05—Jimmy Payne  
 10—Bill Cunningham  
 13—Russell Lawson  
 14—Jim Gullion  
 18—Taryn Anderson  
 18—Jerry Hanchey  
 18—Ruth Manweiler  
 21—Willard Zeiser



13—Bill and Marie Mason  
 14—Bob Auvenshine and Kay Dierks  
 14—Irey and Gwen Dallas  
 14—Tom and Sharon Hensley  
 23—Dan and Anne Iley  
 23—Wendell and Carolyn Moffitt  
 25—Tony and Carolyn Gaston



*Your Church staff would like to thank each one of **you** for our Christmas gifts and for the privilege of serving Christ with you at Barcelona Road Baptist Church.*



With the beginning of a new year, we turn our attention to the start of a new opportunity to fill shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Last year we were able to contribute 306 boxes. Our goal for 2024 is to increase that number.

Remember, if you would rather donate money, simply mark your check "Shoe box" and it will be used by the committee to purchase items in bulk.



**FEBRUARY 6**

**CONFERENCE ROOM  
 6:00 PM**





**THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP/GAME DAY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M.!  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## Covered Dish Supper



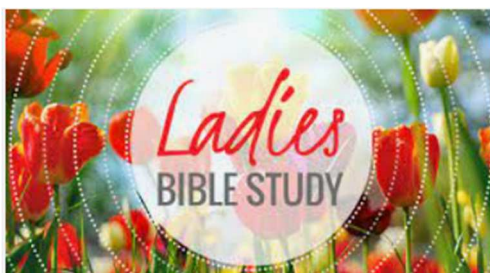
**PLEASE JOIN US FEBRUARY 28  
FOR OUR WEDNESDAY POTLUCK!**

## 2024 FLOWER CALENDAR



The flower calendar for the year 2024 is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers, you may sign up there, or call the church office at 501-922-0692, or send an email to [brbc3office@att.net](mailto:brbc3office@att.net).

Be sure to say who you would like to honor or remember or if it's a special occasion, such as birthday or anniversary.



**Join us as we study the book of ACTS  
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30—Fellowship Hall  
Led by Ruth Manweiler**

Coffee and cookies are provided. The Book of Acts is a continuation of Luke's Gospel and follows the disciples as they spread the word of Jesus throughout the nations. Contact the church office for more information.



**Mike Dacus  
January 6, 2023**

# FEBRUARY

# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	5 3:30 Handbell Choir	6 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Deacons Meeting	7 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ LORD'S SUPPER	12 3:30 Handbell Choir	13 No Bible Study	14 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	15 9:30 GriefShare	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Gideon's Testimony	19 PRESIDENTS DAY 3:30 Handbell Choir	20 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	21 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	22 9:30 GriefShare	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	26 3:30 Handbell Choir	27 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	28 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:45 Potluck 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	29 9:30 GriefShare		



Beginning Thursday, February 15, Barcelona Road Baptist Church will host the GriefShare Program. The GriefShare Program is a special weekly (13 sessions) seminar and support group designed to help one rebuild his/her life after losing a loved one. The GriefShare Program is Biblically based. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

GriefShare is a video-based support group. GriefShare is built around three components:

- The Video Seminar Portion offers expert teaching on topics important to people in grief.

- The Small Group Discussion Component allows participants to discuss how the video concepts relate to their own experiences. Sharing is voluntary. Trained facilitators will lead these sessions.

- The Workbook Portion provides a video note-taking tool and a daily Bible study for personal study, journaling, and application of concepts presented on the videos.

The personal Bible study is necessary to allow time to reflect on and apply the scriptural truths participants are learning to their lives. The Bible Study is separated into five parts and is planned for completion on five separate days between sessions.

Who should attend these sessions? Grieving people in BRBC and in the community are welcome to come to the sessions to find practical help and a place to connect with others. We encourage anyone who has lost a loved one to come for at least three sessions to see if GriefShare can be of help to you. We will be meeting on Thursday Mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall of BRBC. Facilitators for these sessions are Priscilla Guillion and Ann Webb.

You may register for these sessions by picking up a Registration Form from the church office or at the Welcome Center before or after services in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, you may contact the church office at 501-922-0692 or Ann Webb at 501-802-1346.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Church You Attend \_\_\_\_\_

How Did You Hear About GriefShare? \_\_\_\_\_

Whom Have You Lost in Death? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

**Time and Dates:** 9:30 – 11:30 a. m.

Thursdays -- Starting Thursday, February 15

**Location:** Barcelona Road Baptist Church -- Fellowship Hall

**Contact for Questions or Additional Information:** Church Office at 501.922.0692 or  
Ann Webb at 501.802.1346

**Return Form to:**

Church Office 390 Barcelona Road, HSV, AR 71909, the Welcome Center in the foyer  
before or after services or to Ann Webb, 18 Alava Lane, HSV, AR 71909

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

Clip and place in your picture directory.



Christie McCluer  
57 Dedalera Way  
501-204-2335

Christie was baptized, and joined our church on December 10, 2023. She moved to the Village from Garland, TX, in 1997 with her parents Ed and Ida McCluer. They visited several churches in the Village before deciding that BRBC was the place for them!

Christie works as a product coordinator at the Truckers Media Group, where, among other publications, they produce the newspaper for the trucking industry.

Christie says she is something of a foodie, and like to try new recipes and new restaurants. She also likes to garden, and specializes in sweet peppers.

Christie is a member of the Gatekeepers Sunday School Class. Please welcome Christie to our church family!

**Right to Life**

At January's Business Meeting, the following people were elected to a Right to Life Team:

John Emmons  
Nancy Emmons  
Susan McCarty  
Marie Mason  
Brian Rimmer  
Otis Brumfield



Former member Geri LeBlanc is shown with Jon and Jackie Stubblefield on their recent visit to Hattiesburg, MS. Geri lives in an assisted living home there and sends greetings to her friends in the Village.





# Library News

"Let us welcome February and take every chance to show love to all we meet." - Anon.

Book Doctor by Esther Cohen Smart - Independent, quirky, and well-read, Arlette Rosen makes her living helping people write the books they've always dreamed of and she's quite good at it. She likes this work, likes the freedom of someone else's sentences, likes being able to change, in intuitive ways only she knows, small details here and there. By the time she meets new client Harbinger Singh, she has worked on sixty-four books, chosen from hundreds of submissions. Harbinger Singh makes his living as a tax attorney, but what he really wants to do is write a novel, a grand, sweeping saga he intends to call *Hot and Dusty*. The romance that blooms between these two unlikely lovers triggers something in each that just might be called hope. With uncompromising wit and a fierce tenderness, Esther Cohen has written a modern-day comedy of manners about relationships, writer's block, and the enduring--if elusive--creative spirit.

Mountains of Grace by Kelly Irvin - Mercy Yoder loves her students and her life in the tiny village of West Kootenai, nestled at the foot of Montana's most northern mountains. She is in no rush to get married...in fact, she has turned down the one marriage proposal. Her beau, Caleb, has yet to tell her he loves her, stoking her fears that they simply aren't right for each other.

When a devastating wildfire threatens to destroy her community, Mercy and her family evacuate to the nearby town of Eureka. There she meets Spencer McDonald, an "Englisch" smoke jumper. Her conversations with him are unlike any she's ever had with a man. She finds his directness and ability to express his feelings refreshing and completely different from Caleb, who is tightlipped about his past.

But what would her family and community say if Mercy chose a relationship with an Englisher? Is Mercy willing to give up all she has known and loved for someone who finally understands her? Or can Mercy find the love she has always longed for closer to home?

Beneath the Summer Sun by Kelly Irvin - It's been four years since Jennie's husband died in a farming accident. Long enough that the elders in her Amish community think it's time to marry again for the sake of her seven children. What they don't know is that grief isn't holding her back from a new relationship. Fear is. A terrible secret in her past keeps her from moving forward.

Mennonite book salesman Nathan Walker stops by Jennie's farm whenever he's in the area. Despite years of conversation and dinners together, she never seems to relax around him. He knows he should move on, but something about her keeps drawing him back.

Meanwhile, Leo Graber nurtures a decades-long love for Jennie, but guilt plagues him—guilt for letting Jennie marry someone else and guilt for his father's death on a hunting trip many years ago. How could anyone love him again—and how could he ever take a chance to love in return?

Email me at [brbc3office@att.net](mailto:brbc3office@att.net) if you would like to suggest a book or DVD for the library. Also, while we appreciate donations, please contact me before bringing your donations to the church. THANKS!

*Kay Dierks, Librarian*

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**Deadline for articles is the  
fifteenth of each month.**

You may e-mail your articles to  
brbc3office@att.net or bring to the  
church office.

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

## Schedule of Services:

### Sunday Services:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Sanctuary Worship Service - 10:30 AM

### Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM

(During school year)

Prayer Service - 6:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM—2:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM—11:30 AM