

# Shepherd's Voice

by Don Riddle

## Broken Crayons Still Color

Unused, whole crayons with pointed tips! Such a joy to get a new box. You could color and “stay within the lines” better. No old blunt ones, or broken ones, or ones with the paper peeled off. New Crayons! But, inevitably, I pressed too hard, and the crayon broke. I didn’t like broken crayons. It had to be my favorites that broke. You couldn’t sharpen them that much, because they were too short. I couldn’t use them like I wanted, so they became less useful to me.

But broken crayons still color! In the hands of one who is more interested in color than in crayons, works of art are produced. Broken crayon pieces of art are seen everywhere: on fridge doors, at desks at work, in hallways of hospitals, at restaurants, and, occasionally, on a stamp.

We’re like crayons. We break. Sometimes, easily. Often under pressure. But we’re afraid of being broken. Someone will see my struggles. Someone will see my faults. I can’t be in control and, therefore, look normal. I won’t be as useful. I won’t have the same impact on people. I’ll be seen as a failure.

We see/feel the brokenness: when families split, when sin reigns in life, when health fails and disease rules, when death leaves you alone, when life overwhelms, when there is so much to do and not enough energy to do it, when there are more bills than money, more problems than time to deal with them.

But broken crayons still color! Moses ran when exposed as a murderer, and in his brokenness led a nation to freedom. David asked God to “create in me a clean heart”, and then he could teach others. Paul, broken from a powerful, exalted position in Judaism, counted everything but loss, Phil 3, learned to let God’s grace be sufficient in his brokenness, 2 Cor 12, and touched countless souls for Jesus.

Broken doesn’t mean useless. It just means that you are changed; prepared for a different task. Broken may mean pruned, Jn. 15:2. Broken may mean that you are cleansed, 1 Cor. 3: 12-15. Broken means that you survived the “fire” and came out better on the other side. Broken means that I give up control, and let God reshape my life to conform to His. Broken means that I was useful before, but now I’m precious.

Broken crayons, unlike their new pointy-tipped ones, color a larger area, touch more paper, leave a wider mark, and still leave a brilliant color. Broken lives don’t mean that you are useless or less valuable, but on the contrary, you touch more, leave a wider influence, and bless many more.

Broken crayons still color!

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### Those Serving in August \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Assignments:		Aug 5	Aug 12
Song Leader		Chad Hearne	Tim Stroud
Prayer/Opening		John Chesshir	Luke Christian
Scripture Reading		Wesley Harris	Nathan Moreland
Preside/Communion		Adam Bledsoe	Jeremy Gillson
Prayer/Closing		Mike Baker	Gordon Bond
Nursery - up to 18m	Donna Brantley, Carolyn Mullins		Autumn Sanson, Betty Ann Scaife
Nursery - 18 to 36m	Jenni Rowell, Metra Scaife		Johnna Smith, Melissa Smith

Sunday Assignments:		Aug 19	Aug 26
Song Leader		Daniel Hudgeons	Chad Hearne
Prayer/Opening		Terry Fiddler	Marty Knight
Scripture Reading		Trey Waller	Jake Wesson
Preside/Communion		Charles Harris	Steven Hopwood
Prayer/Closing		Mark Copeland	Michael Ledbetter
Nursery - up to 18m	Sara Starnes, Melissa West		Tina Tribble, Margo Nunn
Nursery - 18 to 36m	Kelly Sublett, Ouida Wright		Calais Phillips, Kerri Phillips

Monthly Assignments:		Wednesday Nights:
<b>Communion</b>	Ryan Overbay, A Pennington, Caleb Rickett	<b>Aug 1</b>
	Tommy Phillips, Terry Ratzlaff, Gary Poole	Young Boys 2yr-1st (P) TBD
	Jeremy Pumphrey, Blake Reed, Paul Rickett	<b>Aug 8</b>
	Brock Rowell, Randy Simmons, Larry Smith	Young Boys 2nd-6th (P) TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Hunter Scaife* Greg Dunseath**	<b>Aug 15</b>
	Robert Scaife, Sam Janski	(S)Carson Copeland (P) Greg Huff
	Ronnie DeLoney, Bill King	<b>Aug 22</b>
	Jack Martin, Tommy Lambert	(S) Ben Burleson (P) Greg Oaks
<b>Greeters</b>	Stephen & Staci Smedley - Welcome Desk	<b>Aug 29</b>
	Leah & Jeremy Lowe, Bill & Kim King	(S) Denver Hinson (P) Mark Ashley
	Cindy & Greg Dunseath, Brad Smith	<b>Food Coordinators for Aug (S-Z)</b>
	Luke & Melissa Smith, Tiffany Smith	Cindy Dunseath



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# THE EXODUS

**VBS @ R&C**  
**SUNDAY NIGHTS IN AUGUST**  
**EACH SUNDAY AT 5:00**

**BRING THE KIDS, THE GRANDKIDS,**  
**AND THE NEIGHBORS' KIDS!**



Robinson & Center  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
(PANCAKES & SAUSAGE)  
AUG 4TH @ 8 AM  
FELLOWSHIP ROOM

**KIDS IN THE PARK** Celebrate  
Back-to-School &  
NEW SPLASH PAD  
& have some Pizza!  
AUGUST 7th @ 6 PM - Laurel Park

### Kindergarten Blessing - August 12th

Elders will present bibles to our children who will begin Kindergarten this year. Lunch for families after morning worship in Fellowship Room.

**Bethlehem House Meal Night**  
Aug 14th & 20th  
serving our neighborhood  
See Debbie Moreland or Michelle Tooke

  
**Breakfast at Golden Corral**  
W.I.N.G.S.  
WIDOWED IN GOD'S SERVICE  
Friday, August 17th - meet at Golden Corral at 9 am. Sign up at info desk.

**Special Contribution Day**  
AUGUST 19TH

**Food for Families**  
Mexican Chicken, Salad & Strawberry Shortcake  
Wednesday Night - Aug 22nd  
Serving time: 6:00 - 6:40

  
**Heartfelt Reveal Brunch "Moms & Sisters"**  
Saturday, August 25th at 10:00  
Fellowship Room

# August Calendar

Please Keep Your Info Updated  
Info forms are on the website: [www.r-c.org](http://www.r-c.org)  
All forms are on the front page

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
AUG 4TH @ 8 AM  
FELLOWSHIP ROOM

**5** **KIDS IN THE PARK** Tuesday Aug. 7th @ 6 pm at Laurel Park

Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Committee Chairs Meeting  
Wednesday Aug 8th

**12** Bethlehem House Meal Night - 14th

Kindergarten Blessing  
Sunday, August-12th

  
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"Moms & Sisters"  
Saturday, August 25th

**26**  August 28th - 10 am  
Fellowship Rm

iPhone, iPad and Android Versions



Several new members and many info changes have recently been added

### New Members

**Jason Coggins & Alexandra**  
42 Colt Loop  
Greenbrier 72058

**Anna Harper Gowan**  
8 Rebecca Lane  
Conway 72034

### Coming in September

Wedding - Misty & John - 1  
Bible Class Promotion - 2  
Men's Retreat - 21/22  
Ladies Retreat - 28/29

Events for this calendar should be submitted by the 25th day of the month before the event.

### Meeting Schedule

Bible Classes..... 9:00  
Worship ..... 10:00  
Sunday Evening..... 5:00  
Wednesday..... 7:00

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### July Averages

Sunday Worship. .... 554  
Sunday AM Class ..... 328  
Sunday Night. .... 321  
Wed. Bible Study. .... 304  
Contribution. .... \$18,212