



# Broadmoor Baptist Bulletin

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### LOL

Myrna Taylor

**Woman's Hospital**

Jennifer Fishburn

**Home from the Hospital**

Jo Ann Forbes

Johnnie Faye Goodwin

### Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to: **Pat and Richard Henley** on the death of her sister.

**Carlton and Barbara McDowell** on the death of his brother.

### In Loving Memory

*Marion Corkern united with this church on March 29, 1992, and departed this life on December 15, 2012.*

### Financial Update: (through 11/30/12)

YTD

Receipts	\$ 930,041.53
Expenses	<u>975,385.67</u>
Difference	(\$45,344.14)

### Remembering Our Commitments

Only two Sundays remain in the year for church members to complete their contributions to 2012 Church Budget. It is very important for the church to enter 2013 on a sound financial basis. To achieve this goal, we ask you to remember and honor the commitments made to our church's ministries. **All financial gifts mailed to the church must be postmarked by Monday, December 31 to be counted for 2012. The church is counting on your stewardship faithfulness!**

## MISSIONS

A special Thanks goes to everyone who participated in our Christmas mission for families through the Volunteers of America. The outpouring of gifts and generosity was touching and inspiring. A trailer full of toys, clothes, and gift cards will surely bless the 6 families entrusted to us. Thanks again for your commitment, generosity, and spirit of grace.



### "Where Was God?"

"For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, goodwill to men."

The shooting in Newton, Connecticut last week brought a mocking dissonance to all of our decorations, singing, and joy. A senseless evil screeched, and we all stood back in horror. These eruptions seem to come more often, and just when you think nothing could be worse, 20 small children and six of their teachers are dead in a classroom. A classroom!

Indicting God for His lack of intervention is typical, easy and not altogether fair. We typically say we just don't have an answer to the question of evil. That's not quite true. We have some answers that can help.

First, evil is so strong, so massive, infecting all of us that by rights it should have won a complete victory long ago. Any vestige of good should be weak or altogether absent. The fact that good still exists indicates, at the very least, that something is happening in the background, so to speak.

Second, good seems to rebound with a force greater than the original evil. Thousands, probably millions of people who never knew these children, teachers, or their families have poured out prayers and love. We have wept with distant strangers who weep. This is a deeply remarkable and comforting thought.

Third, the accusation that God just stands by, apparently uncaring is simply

untrue. The first two points indicate that something good is happening and that obviously comes from God. The cross of Christ illustrates the deepest mystery of this battle between good and evil. No more cruel, vicious, nefarious act has ever been committed than the Son of God being crucified. The creation turned murderously on its Creator.

Then God acted in a way that reflects His constant response to evil: He redeemed it. Out of the worst, God brought the best. Not only did evil lose, it lost ground. Jesus, throughout His life, experienced every kind of human pain, and whatever pain we face today He joins with us and includes us in the redemptive response.

People will never forget, or just get over any tragedy. All healing involves a scar. But those people will learn to love and cherish life more deeply. I have heard this testimony from Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Nickel Mines survivors. God redeems pain.

So while we feel Longfellow's despair in the first line of this column we can also sing with deep conviction:

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men.'"

Grace,  
**Terry Ellis**

**Thursday, December 20**

10:00 A BBQ, R225

**Friday, December 21**

6:00 P Longest Night Service

**Sunday, December 23**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Bible Study

10:30 A Worship

**Extended Teaching Care**

Nancy Richardson, Pam Harris, Katie Stark, Annie-Claire Mote, Catherine Guffey

6:00 P College Christmas Party, Rayburns'

**Monday, December 24**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00 P Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December 26**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday, December 29**

6:00 A Ski Trip Departs

**Sunday, December 30**

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Bible Study

10:30 A Worship

**Monday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 2**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Advent Calendar**

**December 21**

6 p.m. Longest Night Service

**December 23**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**December 24**

6 p.m. Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

**Church Office Holiday Hours:**

Closed December 24, 25, and 26

Closed December 31, January 1 and 2

If you have any needs during these times please call:

**December 21-24:**

Bobby Rayburn (573-2989)

**December 25-January 2**

Dr. Terry Ellis (405-0797)

**COLLEGE**

**College Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 23, 6 p.m.

Bobby's House

**NO Wednesday Night Activities**

December 26 or January 2

**Longest Night Service**

Friday, December 21

6 p.m.

On this, the longest night of the year, those who have experienced any type of grief through hardship or loss are invited to come for this brief service of hope and restoration. Dr. Ellis will be bringing words of comfort.

**Looking Ahead...**

**January**

6-Lord's Supper, 10:30 a.m.

Youth Activities Resume

4:00 p.m.-7 p.m.

Belles and Beaux Resume

8-Zumba Resumes

9-Wednesday Night

Activities Resume

13-Graceworks Sermon

Series Begins

Sunday School Teacher

Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Youth Parent Meeting

6 p.m.

20-Family Gathering

26-All Church Chili Cook Off/

Cake Bake

27-Deacon Ordination

**February**

1,2, & 3-Youth Disciple Now

3-"Souper" Bowl of Caring,

Operation Antioch Begins

22-LLL Potluck

**March**

2-Operation Antioch

Mission Day

3-Operation Antioch Lunch

8-Youth Night Out

15-LLL Houmas House

15-16-Women's Retreat

16-Dad's Donuts/St. Patrick's

Day Parade

28-Maundy Thursday Service

31-Easter Sunday

**Minister on Call  
December 21-24  
Bobby Rayburn, 573-2989**



**S T A F F**  
Entire Congregation  
*Ministers*  
Dr. Terry Ellis  
*Pastor*  
Paul Henderson  
*Minister of Music*  
Tracey Hodges  
*Business Administrator*  
Dave Oakley  
*Minister to Youth and Children*  
Bobby Rayburn  
*Minister of Spiritual Formation*  
Fae Foster  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Felicia Mullen  
*Administrative Assistant*

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