

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, February 2

10:00 A BBQ

### Friday, February 3

9:00 A Yoga

### Saturday, February 4

4:00 P Chili Cook-Off and  
Cake Bake, CAH

### Sunday, February 5

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship,  
Baby Dedication &  
Brave Heart Collection

### Extended Teaching Care

Jennifer & Laurel Fishburn, Nita &  
Chris Hannie, Jessica Best

11:30 A Children's Pizza and  
Bowling

4:45 P Belles and Beaux

5:15 P Super Bowl Party for  
Youth & Parents

### Monday, February 6

1:00 P Brave Heart

### Tuesday, February 7

9:30 A Yoga

5:30 P First Place for Health

### Wednesday, February 8

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:00 P Building Maintenance  
Committee Mtg., CCR

5:00 P Chapel Bells

5:15 P Church Family Dinner

6:00 P Children's Program  
Youth Bible Study

6:15 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, February 10

9:00 A Yoga

## Wednesday Night

### February 8

Dinner, 5:15 p.m.

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes  
and Gravy, Spinach, Rolls,  
Peach Cobbler

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

When Bad Things Happen

## YOUTH

## Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 5

5:15 p.m.

Youth and parents are invited to the Nunneley's to watch the Super Bowl.

## CHILDREN

## Super Bowling

Sunday, February 5

11:30-1:30

Pizza and Bowling for 1st-5th Graders. Please sign up in the church office.

## LLL

## Potluck

Friday, February 17

Fried chicken will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Leon DeMent will give a presentation on birding.

## Bellingrath Gardens

Depart March 23, 8:30 am

Return March 24, 6:00 pm

This will be an overnight trip with a visit to Malbis Memorial Church, the USS Alabama, and the City of Fairhope. Cost is \$150. Please sign up in the church office.

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## Saturday, February 4 4-6 p.m.

**Brave Heart fundraiser  
Sponsored by the Deacons  
See inside for more**

# Brave Heart Bear Collection

**Broadmoor's children  
will collect the bears  
during worship on Sunday,  
February 5 & 12**





## “Clear As Mud”

From our staff planning retreat, a ministry theme for 2017 emerged – “Love Your Neighbor.” It’s familiar but timely. It will focus our planning and our attitude, challenging us to be what Bo Prosser calls “an inside-out church.” You will hear and, hopefully, witness this theme in action in numerous ways this year. The first is the following article.

Have you noticed that Jesus hardly ever gave a direct answer to anything? He mostly answered with questions, or a story – a parable. Questions and parables allow for hearers to figure out the answers and meanings for themselves, entrusting listeners to own their awareness. And they’re more engaging, inviting us into conversations rather than shutting us up. On the other hand, the risk is that, when we are allowed to arrive at our own conclusion, we may misunderstand and so, get the answer wrong. Furthermore, our answer may be different from others, different from what Jesus intended.

One article says Jesus “didn’t enforce upon us a doctrinal statement. He came to liberate us, to encourage us to ask what *we* think about God. He presented parables to get us to stop and think, to question our own perception of God, to draw us into questioning our beliefs.” It also relieves us of having a *know-it-all* attitude about God. Certainty was not his goal for us;

in fact, it was that attitude he pushed against in his encounter with Nicodemus in John 3. Good news – you and I are free from having to be right!

So, on rare occasions when Jesus answered directly, or “plainly,” we should pay especially close attention. Speaking directly is like saying, “I want to be clear about this,” or “Do not misunderstand me.” One of those times was in the midst of a series of attacks from the reverends who were arrogantly seeking to entrap him. “Which commandment is the first of all?” (Mark 12:28-34) Jesus’ reply is clear: the most important one is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul. But Jesus, knowing the heart of his adversary, added essentially that there is no love for God without the love for neighbor. The reverends in His day were notorious for having right answers without having right actions. They were also guilty of compartmentalizing religion, excelling in worship but leaving out the love for neighbor. And they assumed “neighbor” meant people like them and people they liked. He answered that one with a story about the love of an enemy Samaritan. Ouch! Love God? That’s easy. Love my “enemy” neighbor? Why’d He have to include that? Jesus spoke clearly about matters that were most important.

*Leonard*

## ADULTS

### Ladies Book Study

The Ladies Book Study group will begin reading and discussing *Soul Keeping* by John Ortberg. The group will meet every other Monday at 1:30, and the cost of the book is \$5. Please call the church office by February 6 to order your book.

**Brave Heart**  
Monday, February 6  
1:00 p.m.

*Day of Caring*  
Saturday, February 18

Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
In-Reach contacts immediately following

Please sign up in the church office so that we can plan for breakfast and prepare groups

### Deacon Ministry

If you or your family would like to have a deacon assigned to check in with you throughout the year, or if you know someone that would like to have communion at home, please call the church office.

**Chili Cook-off and Cake Bake!**  
Saturday, February 4  
4:00 p.m.

All church members are encouraged to bring a pot of your best chili or a fun decorated cake! It’s a great opportunity for some friendly competition, and prizes will be awarded! This will also be a fundraiser for Brave Heart. So ready your pots and pans, and join us! Please call the church office to register.

**Baton Rouge High School Choir Concert**  
Sunday, February 12  
6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the sanctuary to hear Baton Rouge High’s choir perform a concert, as they prepare for their upcoming trip to the Netherlands. Our own Sarah Mullen is part of this talented group of young people!

**Trustees Meeting**  
Monday, February 13  
6:00 p.m.

**Communion Sunday**  
February 26

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**In Loving Memory**  
**Mr. Lynn Wascom** *united with this church on September 15, 1985 and departed this life on January 19, 2017.*

**Sympathy**  
We extend our sincere sympathy to:  
**Bernadette Vige’** on the death of her mother-in-law.  
**Peggy Spencer** on the death of her brother.  
**Mrs. Rose Wascom** on the death of her husband.

**In Appreciation**  
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from **Laura Boord.**

**Congratulations**  
**Ken and Allison Roark** on the adoption of their daughter, Zoe.

### New Deacon Bio

My name is Bernadette Vige’. I am a native of Denham Springs, currently living in Baton Rouge with my husband, Richard Miller. I have two sons and two beautiful granddaughters.

Three years ago after moving back to Baton Rouge from Houston, I began my quest, through prayer, to find a new church home. I had visited several congregations in the community; then one Sunday God led me to Broadmoor Baptist Church. I remember walking up the steps and how I was welcomed with warmth and kindness from the congregation. I knew right away that I had found my new home. With great joy, I also realized my first cousin, Julia Tweedy and her husband Bud, are also members.

Although I didn’t attend church regularly with my parents, I was taught good work ethic and Christian values in my home. I can’t imagine there is any greater place to continue growing in my personal and spiritual life. I am honored and humbled to serve as your deacon in this wonderful and loving church community.