

Turns out, next to the Gospel of John, Acts may be my favorite New Testament book. I like it for many reasons, the first of which is because it is rough around the edges. Like a toddler learns to walk and feed herself, the new-born Church stumbles and stammers, reaching for assistance, falling hard, standing strong, thanks to the loving help of our Great Parent. Everything is new, requiring questions, our Parent’s wisdom, struggling with God’s replies, trying new foods, and testing new boundaries.

Second reason I love Acts is we see the Church as a learning organization. Experts tell us organizations that succeed in our fast-paced, rapidly changing times, are learning organizations, nimble enough to change as needed. Read Acts again and notice all the moments the disciples learn something new. Notice conflict, time of prayer and discernment, followed by new actions based on the grace and acceptance of God. Pay attention especially to Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch, Peter’s vision of forbidden foods, and Paul’s defense of the Gentile mission.

Finally, I am endeared to Acts because, deep down and looming large, it is about belonging. Belonging may in fact be the central message of Acts. Why is that important? Because belonging has become central to Church in the 21st century. It is a

recent phenomenon compared to Church in the 20th century, whose goal was to gather around belief. When you moved to a new town back then, you found a church like your former one – if Baptist, then Baptist; if Methodist, then Methodist. It was about belief. Today, it is about belonging. And to ignore that is to our own detriment.

You have been hearing about opportunities for folks to find belonging in our church, too. You will hear more about it in the near future, and it will be our theme during the season of Easter. Folks, we are co-authoring the Book of Acts. We still stumble and stammer, seeking and needing God’s help. And what we need help with most is the same as in Acts: “Do I belong in this church?” The Ethiopian Eunuch found belonging. Cornelius the “forbidden food eater” and the uncircumcised Gentiles found belonging, as well. Not because they changed to fit Church, but because Church changed to fit them. I hope you’ll join us each Sunday in Easter – join us in the sanctuary, on Facebook Live, on YouTube, or on our new podcast, “They Didn’t Teach Us That in Seminary.” Because you belong, too!

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Wednesday, March 28

No Wednesday Night Dinner or Activities (except Choir 6:30 p.m.)

Ladies Book Study

Monday, April 2
1:30 p.m.

Church Council

Sunday, April 8
11:30 a.m., CCR

Holy Grill

April 16-20, 11:30 a.m.

Please sign up in the church office.

Newcomer Ministries Council

Monday, April 2
6:00 p.m.

LLL

Chalmette National Cemetery and Jean Lafitte National Historical Park

Thursday, April 12

Departing from the church at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be at Hymel’s in Convent, ordering from the menu, self pay. Please bring a small amount of cash to tip the tour guide.

THE PROMISE OF EASTER

March 25 Palm Sunday, Children’s Palm Processional
March 29 Dinner in the Activities Hall, 6 pm (RSVP)
March 30 Maundy Thursday Service and Communion, 7 pm in the Sanctuary
March 31 Good Friday, Church Office Closed
April 1 Tenebrae Service, 7 pm
April 1 Easter in the Park, 11am-1pm
April 1 Easter Sunday
8:00 am Flowers on the Cross
8:30 am Service at the Cross
8:45 am Breakfast in the Activities Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Easter Service



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Spine Center Frances Henry

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:
Johnnie Faye Goodwin
Alice Thornhill

Fill The Food Barrels!

Due to our Missions budget restraints, we are asking our members to put their hands and feet to work, and fill the shelves of Southeast Ministries food pantry. Pick up a few extra items while grocery shopping and bring them to church and place them in our food barrels at all entrances. Food suggestions are ravioli, spaghetti O’s, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables (except green beans/corn), dry beans, cans of soup.

BROADMOOR COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 5, Church Activities Hall

- Drop off donations at the annex:
Wednesday 5pm-6pm
Saturday 11am-2pm
Sunday 9am-10am
- Or at the church office during office hours
- Call 927-5454 for curbside pick-up
- We cannot accept: Car Seats, Mattresses, Gas Powered Equipment, Computers, Non-Flat Screen TV’s, Encyclopedias
- Donation receipts available on request
- Donate cleaning rags and clothes hangers
- Lend shelving, bookcases, & clothes racks

PROCEEDS TO SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 22

10:00 A BBQuilters

Friday, March 23

9:00 A Yoga

Sunday, March 25

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship, Palm Sunday
Children's Palm
Processional

Extended Teaching Care

Sarah Mullen, Sam Oakley, Jack &
Ainsley Nunneley

11:30 A Youth Pastalaya Sale

5:00 P Youth Choir

5:45 P Belles and Beaux

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, March 27

9:30 A Yoga

5:00 P First Place for Health

Wednesday, March 28

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
OR ACTIVITIES

6:30 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 29

10:00 A BBQuilters

6:00 P Maundy Thursday Dinner

7:00 P Service and Communion,
Sanctuary

Friday, March 30

GOOD FRIDAY-

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 P Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 31

11:00 A Easter in the Park,
Perkins Road Park

CHILDREN

Easter in the Park

Saturday, March 31

11a.m.-1 p.m.

Perkins Road Park

Hot dogs, drinks, games,
and an egg hunt. Please
bring one dozen non-
chocolate filled eggs for the
hunt. Come join the fun!

Extreme

Summer Music Camp

June 25-29, Cost is \$85

YOUTH

Pastalaya Fundraiser

Sunday, March 25

\$7 per plate

Eat in or take home

Passport

July 9-14

Greenville, South Carolina

Deposits due: ASAP

**Youth
Golf Tournament**

Saturday, May 12

9:30 a.m.

\$60 per person

Copper Mill Golf Club

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Maundy Thursday March 29

6:00 pm

Dinner in the Activities Hall

Beef Tips Over Rice,
Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Cake

7:00 pm

Service and Communion in the Sanctuary

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday, March 30

7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Youth Passport Fundraiser

Pastalaya Sale

Sunday, March 25

11:30 a.m.

\$7 per plate

Eat at the church or take home