



"A Three-Point Simple Theology"

I overheard a recent conversation among several people covering a wide range of theological topics. Each person was trying to figure out God and their place in His plan. Opinions varied. The discussion prompted me to think about a simple theology (the best theology is always simple) and what each of us can do each day to know God better and do what He wants from us. I have three points for you.

Please God. Our first impulse must be to want to please God. At some level we know that our lives are out of order, and we believe that God wants to help. Instead of asking God for things for us, we simply live to please Him. You're not focusing on your needs. You're focusing on living a life pleasing to Him.

And don't complicate this first point. The decision to please God pleases God! Don't condemn yourself for imperfection or uncertainty. Just want to please God and watch what God reveals to you.

Thy will be done. This point flows out of the first. These words come from the Lord's Prayer, of course, and are a direct prayerful commitment of our desire to please God. We want His will in our lives.

Now if we want God's will that means that self-will must be suppressed, and this is the daily struggle of the Christian. Self-will takes so many forms, and our most common mistake is assuming self-will is vulgar, obvious, and destructive. Self-will actually can appear virtuous, but it's still self-will if you are trying to gain attention, for example. "Thy will be done" means trusting God for strength and direction and letting Him work through you. Thy will be done is a marvelous symphony of God's power and a purified self.

Thank You. Be grateful to God. Gratitude numbs so many dark reflections. It changes your focus from what you lack, or what displeases you, to how God has blessed you and how He has provided what you need to meet the day's troubles. Thank Him for the small things. Everything good in your life comes from the Father of Lights (James 1:17).

No short theology covers everything, and my weekly columns have a limit! Pray these three points each day this week. Let me know how they work for you.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS

First Place 4 Health Session

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

First Place 4 Health is a Christ-centered weight-loss and healthy-living program which has guided hundreds of thousands of people to a healthy lifestyle. Contact Laura Boord, 925-5264, for more information.

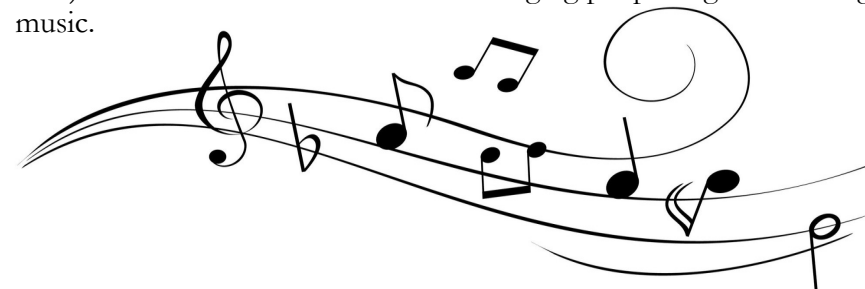
LLL Cemetery Tour

Thursday, April 10
8:00 a.m.

Join us for a tour of the St. Louis Number One Cemetery, the oldest in New Orleans. After the tour, we will eat lunch at Ralph's on the Park, near City Park. Cost is \$48 per person, *including* lunch. Stop by the church to sign up and pay the fee.

CommUNITY Concert

The Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge presents the 24th Annual Sounds of CommUNITY Concert to be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 4 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 544 Government Street. This year's concert will be in memory of Vivian Walker (long-time staff member) and Rev. Freddie Henderson (past president) as we continue the tradition of bringing people together through music.



LLL New England/Canadian Cruise

Sept 23-Oct 3

Final payment is due July 9. All payments are refundable up until that time. Air is not included but can be arranged. Call or email Paul for more information.

Writer's Workshop

The Writer's Workshop group is beginning an anthology project in anticipation of Broadmoor Baptist's 60th anniversary in 2016. Included will be a biography of our late pastor John Goodwin. Many of our church members have favorite stories involving John, whether in the church, on the golf course, Rotary Club or racket ball. Please contribute them to labus@bellsouth.net.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Promise Hospital

Lola Faust
BRG Bluebonnet
Dot Johnson
Dottie Cox

Thank You

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from **Ken Best**.

IN HIS NAME

Deacon Ministries of Broadmoor Baptist

Communion at Home

Instituted by Jesus Christ on the night before His crucifixion, communion is an integral part of the spiritual life of all believers. Participation in this ordinance is such a blessing that our deacons offer the Communion at Home Ministry. Please call the church office at 927-5454 if you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry.

Holy Week Activities

Sunday April 13

Palm Sunday-10:30 a.m. Children process and sing

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday-7 p.m. Communion

Friday, April 18

Good Friday-7 p.m. Prayer and Reflection

Saturday, April 19

Spring Picnic-11 a.m.-1 p.m. BREC Park on Perkins Road

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday-8:30 a.m. Service around the Cross

9:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Easter Service

To Reach an
On Call Minister
call
328-3474

Wednesday Night
Dinner

April 2

Enchiladas, Corn, Green
Salad, Chocolate cake

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 27
10:00 A BBQ

Sunday, March 30
9:00 A Library Open
9:15 A Bible Study
Leading Your Child to Jesus, CCR
10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care
Leslie Ellis, Ainsley Nunneley,
Yvonne Clayton, Julie Pace, Alyssa
Henderson, Monica & Brock Corbett

4:15 P Teen Ringers
5:00 P Youth Choir
5:45 P Belles and Beaux
6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, April 1
9:30 A Yoga
6:00 P First Place, CCR

Wednesday, April 2
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00 P Library Opens
Chapel Bells
5:15 P Family Dinner
6:00 P Adult Prayer Time
Youth Bible Study
Children's Choirs
6:20 P Adult Bible Study
Handel's *Messiah* Study
6:40 P Children Mission Groups
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 3
10:00 A BBQ

CHILDREN

Spring Picnic
Saturday, April 19
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The picnic will be held at the Perkins Road BREC Park. There will be a bouncy house, egg hunt, and a hot dog/hamburger lunch will be provided. Come join the fun! Please bring a dozen non-chocolate filled eggs to hunt.

YOUTH

Rent-a-Youth is Back!
April 6-19

Look for the picture board in the church vestibule this Sunday to contact your youth helper! This is a fundraiser for Summer Camp.

Spring Rafting Trip
Ocoee, Tennessee
April 25-27, Cost: \$50

Please let Dave know by April 6 if you will be coming on the rafting trip.

Poverty Simulation Mission Trip Sign-up
July 25-27, Waco, TX
Cost: \$25

Must have completed 8th grade. Call Dave for more details and interest.

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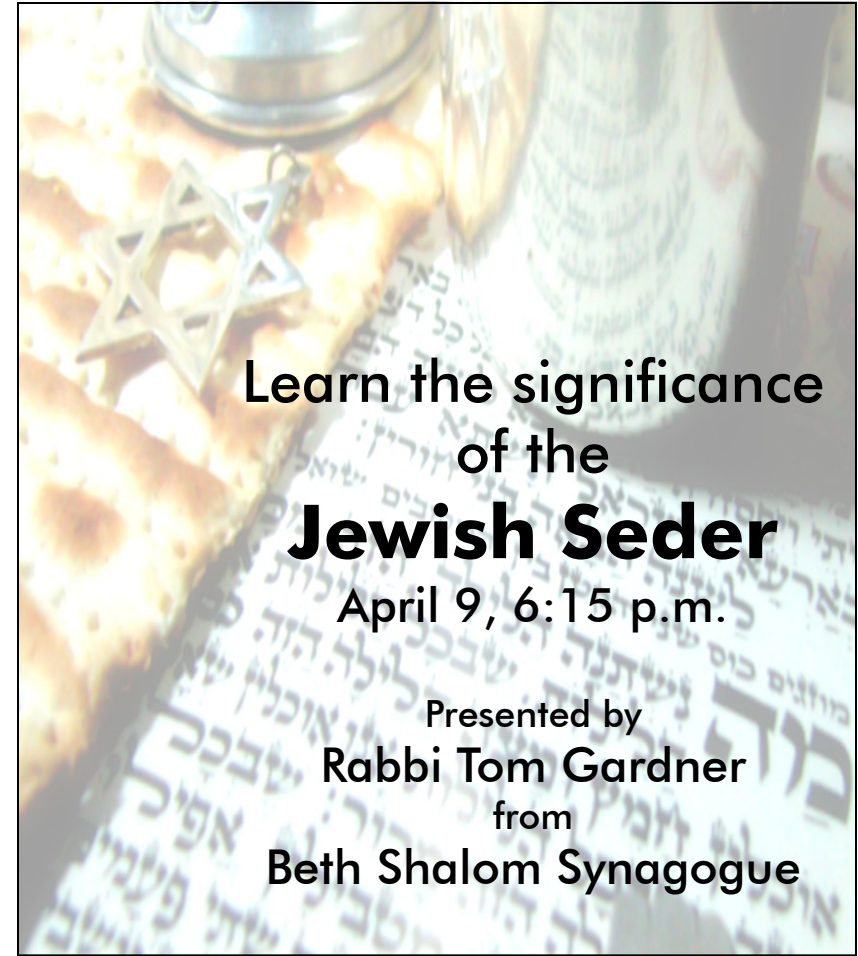
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Learn the significance
of the
Jewish Seder
April 9, 6:15 p.m.

Presented by
Rabbi Tom Gardner
from
Beth Shalom Synagogue

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-yard work
-work around the house
-Youth Camp fundraiser