



“Death, Taxes, and a Sense of Humor”

It’s tax season. You may need a good laugh.

Did you get your taxes filed on time? If not, maybe you filed for an extension. If neither of those, then you may draw the unwanted attention of the IRS. Comedian, Jay Leno, once quipped: “Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what’s called a red flag. That’s something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That’s a red flag.” Of life’s two certainties – death and taxes – there’s only one for which you can get an automatic extension.

I jest, but maybe you are in no mood to find humor in tax season. You feel more like overthrowing the system, or at least overhauling it. In one of my favorite Monty Python movies, there’s a scene in which Reg, a Jewish rebel, seeks to marshal his followers to overthrow the Roman government. Only, the meeting takes an unfavorable turn for an overthrow: Reg begins, “[The Romans have] bled us white . . . They’ve taken everything we had, not just from us, [but] from our fathers and from our fathers' fathers. And what have they ever given us *in return?*” One by one, the rebels reply: the aqueduct, sanitation, the roads, irrigation, medicine, education, health, the wine, public baths, public order. . . Annoyed, Reg restates his question: “All right... all right... but

apart from better sanitation and medicine and education and irrigation and public health, [the wine], and roads and a freshwater system and baths and public order... what *have* the Romans done for *us?*” Xerxes replies: “Brought peace!” Angrily, Reg retorts, “What!? Oh . . . Peace, yes . . . shut up!”

It’s rather humorous and also true. We are torn between hating the system yet loving the services. We may agree with Robert Heinlein who jokes: “Be wary of strong drink. It can make you shoot at tax collectors... *and miss.*” And also with Albert Bushnell Hart: “Taxation is the price which civilized communities pay for the opportunity of remaining civilized.”

We may be unable to bring ourselves to feel gratitude for tax season; yet we may feel gratitude for the services we enjoy and depend upon. Undoubtedly, we can feel gratitude toward those hired to serve, paid by our taxes to provide services for our community and our country. Let us give thanks.

And remember, one of Jesus’ disciples was a tax collector – and author of a Gospel.

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

“A Missing Piece”

Thursday, April 19

9:30 a.m.

Church Parlor

CBF-LA

Spring Assembly

April 21

Lake Providence, Louisiana

A special hands-on missions and worship event in beautiful Lake Providence, Louisiana. Please register online at cbfla.org as soon as possible.

Sanctuary Choir

Masterworks Concert

Sunday, May 6

5:00 p.m.

A love offering will be taken to benefit *Together for Hope* in Lake Providence.

Education

Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 22

after Family Gathering

Wednesday Night

April 25

5:15-Dinner

Green Enchiladas, Salad, Impossible Coconut Pie

6:15-Bible Study

It's About Potential

Mark 4:30-32

Preschool Committee

Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

5:00 p.m., CCR

Senior Sunday

May 6, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us as we recognize our graduating seniors during Worship.

Youth

Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 12

9:30 a.m.

Deadline to register is April 29

\$60 per person

Copper Mill Golf Club

Fundraiser for Passport Camp

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Haven-Hospice

Kathryn Harbour

BRG-MidCity

Frances Henry

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:

Jessica Robinson

Heifer International

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Madge Holcomb *united with this church on November 21, 1976 and departed this life on April 14, 2018.*

Mrs. Millie Pixley *united with this church on January 24, 1999 and departed this life on April 16, 2018.*

BROADMOOR COMMUNITY

GARAGE/ESTATE SALE

Saturday, May 5, Church Activities Hall

We Need Your Help!

Donate Supplies: rags, hangers, boxes, labels, masking tape, packing tape, Ziploc bags

Let Us Borrow: shelving, bookcases, clothes racks

Sort, Clean, and Price Merchandise: **New Dates Added!**

Thurs. April 19	Annex	10am-until
Sat. April 21	Annex	7am-5pm
Sun. April 22	Annex	1pm-5pm
Thurs. April 26	Annex	10am-until
Sat. April 28	Annex	7am-5pm
Sun. April 29	Annex	1pm-5pm

Set-Up and Display Merchandise:

Thurs. May 3	CAH/SDR	9am-5pm
Fri. May 4	CAH/SDR	9am-Done

Garage/Estate Sale Event Day:

Sat. May 5	CAH/SDR	7am-7pm
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PROCEEDS TO SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 19

9:30 A A Missing Piece, Church Parlor

10:00 A BBQuilters

11:30 A Holy Grill

Friday, April 20

9:00 A Yoga

11:30 A Holy Grill

Saturday, April 21

All Day CBF Spring Assembly in Lake Providence

Sunday, April 22

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Kate King, Alison Roark, Danielle & Faith Gremillion, Greg Edwards

11:30 A Family Gathering

12:45 P Education Cmte. Meeting

5:00 P Youth Choir

5:45 P Belles and Beaux

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, April 24

9:30 A Yoga

5:00 P First Place for Health

6:00 P Broadmoor H.S. Awards

Wednesday, April 25

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

5:00 P Preschool Cmte. Meeting

5:15 P Church Family Dinner

6:00 P Chapel Bells

Youth Bible Study

6:15 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 26

10:00 A BBQ

Friday, April 27

9:00 A Yoga

Saturday, April 28

10:30 A Young Families to the Audubon Zoo

Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 9

4-7:30 p.m., Room 102

Please sign up in the church office



CHILDREN

Extreme

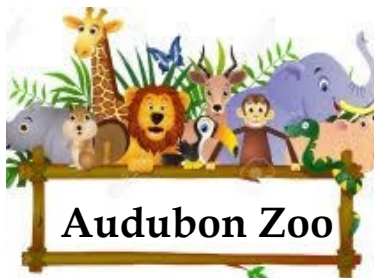
Summer Music Camp

Go, Go Jonah!

June 25-29, Cost is \$85

Please register in the church office.

YOUNG FAMILIES



Saturday, April 28

Everyone meet at the zoo in New Orleans at 10:30 a.m. \$5 for adults, children's admission paid by the church.

YOUTH

Passport

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Youth Dinner Theater

THE LOVE LINER

Sunday, April 29

11:30 a.m.

Church Activities Hall

\$10 at the door
Cruise-style Buffet

Call the church office by Monday,
April 23 to make your reservations!

Family Gathering

Sunday, April 22

11:30 a.m.

Beef Stroganoff, \$6 per person, \$25 family max

Quarterly Business Meeting
Preschool Children Singing
Security Committee Report

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