



"In the Beginning Was the Relationship"

This Sunday, we will enjoy an entire service of music and readings. That is, there will be no sermon! However, on a typical Sunday, I would have chosen the text from Luke 24, two disciples walking the road to Emmaus. Re-read that passage today and notice first that, when the stranger (Jesus) joined these two on the road and asked what they were talking about, they stopped walking. Their faces were "downcast." After sharing who He was to them, they say, "We had hoped." These two were brokenhearted. Next, after He explained the Scriptures, they exclaimed that their hearts were "burning." Hearts broken and hearts burning, Jesus stayed with them, shared a meal, revealing Himself at the table. The two run back to the others and share the good news. Easter heals our brokenness. Jesus meets us in our pain, but does not leave us without hope.

A friend recently turned me on to an article written by Franciscan priest and author Fr. Richard Rohr. In the article, Rohr takes the enigmatic story in Genesis 18, where God in three persons

visits Abraham and Sarah. The couple waits on their guests, serving food and drink - feeding God. "Surely, we ourselves are not invited to this divine table," the host presumes. This story inspired a painting by Andrej Rublev in the 15th century called *The Trinity*. Each person of the Trinity is distinguished by color and posture. They are eating and drinking, enjoying hospitality between themselves. They gaze deeply at one another as they eat from a common bowl. However, in the painting, the Spirit's hand points to an open space at the table - a fourth seat. For whom?

At the front of the table there appears to be a rectangular hole and perhaps a spot of original glue. Art historians believe there may have been a mirror glued in the fourth space at the table. Do you get it? It was a seat for *you*. God calls *you* into the relationship of that Trinity of hospitality and gladness. The mirror was lost, and perhaps so was our understanding of God, and who we are too. Now, take your seat!

Celebrating Easter,

Leonard

ADULTS

Thank You

A very special thank you to those that came out on Saturday, April 8th to participate in our Church Work Day. Your hard work helped to beautify the church for Easter Sunday and beyond.

Children's Committee

Meeting

Sunday, April 30
11:30 a.m.

Music Camp Collection

Our 2017 Children's Music Camp begins June 19. Organizers are gathering supplies and need your help in collecting the following items: pine cones, can tabs, and plastic six-pack holders. Please bring these items to the church office.

Preschool Graduation Program

Thursday, May 18
6:00 p.m.

The evening will include a patriotic program honoring veterans from our church. If you have not been contacted and wish to participate, please call Cassie Matherne at the preschool, 924-1288.

A Call for Material

Broadmoor Baptist Quilters are asking for an 8"x8" square of cotton fabric of any color from each family in the church. Your special contribution of material will be formatted into a unique stole for Dr. Ezell's installation service on June 11. Please bring your material to the church office by May 11.

Brave Heart

Monday, May 1
1:00 p.m.

Senior Sunday

May 7, 10:30 a.m.

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

Francisco and Friends Benefit Concert

Sunday, May 21
4 p.m., Sanctuary

Our own Francisco Silva, along with Sonya Feres Lloyd and Bernadette Fitzpatrick, will perform a classical concert to help defray the cost of Francisco's green card application process. A love offering will be taken during the concert. Checks should be made out to BBC.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:
Sue Seab



Bible Survey Class

Sam Oakley will teach a Bible study class on May 7, 14, 21, and 28 during the Sunday School hour called, *God's Story: A Survey of the Biblical Narrative*.

Week One: The Nature of Scripture
Week Two: The Old Testament
Week Three: The New Testament
Week Four: The Church

This will be an excellent course for those seeking an introduction to the Bible and Church, especially for those wishing to learn more about the Broadmoor Baptist Church type of Baptist. To learn more about the class or to sign up, please call the church office. Class location is TBD.

Newcomers Luncheon

Sunday, April 30, 11:45 a.m.

Jambalaya Dinner & Homemade Desserts

Please RSVP to 927-5454 felicia@broadmoorbaptist.com

Annual Youth Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m.

This Youth fundraiser tourney is at Copper Mill Golf Course in Zachary. You can register a team or as an individual. \$60/per person, includes lunch and prizes! Please register in the church office.

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 27

8:30 A LLL depart for Avery Island

10:00 A BBQilters

Friday, April 28

9:00 A Yoga

Sunday, April 30

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship, Hymn Service

Extended Teaching Care

Sarah Mullen, Sam Oakley, Jack & Ainsley Nunneley, Nicole Patton

11:30 A Children's Cmte. Meeting

11:45 A Newcomer's Luncheon

5:00 P Youth Choir

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

7:00 P College Bible Study

Monday, May 1

1:00 P Brave Heart volunteers meet

Tuesday, May 2

9:30 A Yoga

Wednesday, May 3

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

Thursday, May 4

10:00 A BBQilters

Friday, May 5

9:00 A Yoga

Wednesday Night May 3

Dinner, 5:15 p.m.

Baked Chicken,
Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli,
Rolls, Cookies

Bible Study:

Ancient Prayer Practices
Praying the Psalms/
the Bible's Book of Prayer

YOUTH

Broadmoor Olympics

Friday, May 19

7-8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for
this fun event!

CHILDREN

2017 Summer

Music Camp

Holy Moses

June 19-23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade. Please register in the church office. Cost is \$75.

LLL

Avery Island

and Jefferson Island

Thursday, April 27

Depart at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is \$25, plus money for lunch.

Crawfish Boil/

Jambalaya

Friday, May 12

11:30 a.m.

Activities Hall

Please call the church office
to sign up. \$5 per person.

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Next to the Word of God, the
noble art of music is the greatest
treasure in the world.

Martin Luther

Hymn Service

Sunday, April 30
10:30 a.m.

Join us for a special service featuring
the sanctuary choir and orchestra performing
familiar hymns of our faith