



## “Losing My Religion”

George Bernard Shaw wrote, “It is the mark of a truly intelligent person to be moved by statistics.” I am happy to be an exception to that rule! Even I love statistics! Surveys are like taking selfies of our world. Statistics tell us if how we’re feeling is unique or common, an outlier or trend; and help answer who we are, where we are going, and what we are facing. Aren’t we all asking those very questions today? In a world that feels chaotic and church that feels unpredictable and strange, I am “moved” by statistics that make sense of senseless times.

According to a Gallup report released this year, only 50% of Americans belong to a church or religious institution -- down 19% in twenty years. Also, the share of Americans with religious affiliation declined from 90% to 77%. However, those who claim a faith tradition may not belong to a faith institution: In 2000, 73% of religious Americans belonged to a house of worship; today, only about 60%.

Tim Carney, author of “Alienated America,” writes American life is becoming deinstitutionalized, that Americans are less likely to belong to anything. Historically, most people have belonged to the church, but now more and more are opting out. One reason, differences among generations: Just

42% of millennials are members of churches. When Generation X was that age, 62% were members of churches. “Not only are millennials less likely than older Americans to identify with a religion, but millennials who are religious are significantly less likely to belong to a church” – 57% compared to 65% in older generations. There’s also decline in bowling leagues, Rotary clubs, Boy Scouts, gardening clubs, book clubs, and more – since the 1960s. Affiliation to anything, including church, has followed a downward spiral.

Most of the decline is tied to the rise of the so-called “nones” – those who claim no religious affiliation. Most are spiritual, but not religious – and church is religion. For example, Christian artist Lauren Daigle sings, “*Losing my religion* . . . to find [Jesus].

Join us this summer for The GOOD BOOK Group study, Wednesdays 9:30-11am, when we will learn more about these “nones” and the trends fueling them. Who are they? What do they believe? Why aren’t they in church? What are we to do? Our book is *Christianity After Church: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*, by Diana Butler Bass -- \$7 in the church office.

*Pastor Leonard*

**LLL**  
**Crawfish Boil**  
Friday, May 17  
11:30 a.m., CAH  
\$10 per person

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 27  
Church office closed

**Full Church Council Meeting**  
Sunday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.  
Church Activities Hall

**BBC Group Tour**  
**Switzerland & Germany**  
**with Oberammergau**  
**Passion Play**  
July 14-22, 2020

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**Wednesday Night**  
**May 22**  
**Dinner 5:15**

Chicken Fettuccini, Green Peas, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Lemon Squares

**Bible Study, 6 p.m.**  
*The Origin of Satan*  
Led by Larry Davis

## ADULTS

**Deacons Meeting**  
Sunday, May 19  
11:30, SDR

**Communications Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 29  
4:00 p.m.

**Top Golf**  
Mondays, 6 p.m.  
through June 17

**VBS Weekend**  
July 19-21  
Volunteers are needed!

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**BBC’s Got Talent!**  
Wednesday, August 14

**“A Missing Piece”**  
Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Parlor

**Last Wednesday Night of the Summer**  
**May 29**

**Dinner 5:15**  
BBQ Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, and BBQ Beans, Cake

## MINISTRY and MISSIONS

**BRG Bluebonnet**  
Merle Cooper

**In Appreciation**  
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:  
**Carolyn Smith**  
**Pat and Richard Henley**

**Cortana Kiwanis Service Projects**

The organization continues to collect Community Coffee coupons and box tops for Broadmoor Elementary. Contact Pam Morgan if you have any questions. They have also extended the shoe collection deadline, so shoes can still be brought to the church office.

**Southeast Ministries**  
Collecting diapers (sizes 3-6) and wipes. Please bring donations to the church office. Part-time office volunteers are needed. Please contact the church office for more information.

**Missions Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, May 19  
11:30 a.m., CCR

## SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

**The Good Book Group**  
Wednesdays, June 5-31  
9:30am-11am, SDR

Dr. Ezell will lead this summer’s topic: “The Rise of the Nones”, with the corresponding book, *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* by Diana Butler Bass. The cost is \$7 per book. Limited number of books available, please sign up by May 22.

**Midweek Bible Study**  
Wednesdays, June 5-31  
6pm-7pm

**Jesus, Paul, and the Law: A Study in Mark and Galatians.**

This will be a group discussion facilitated by Dr. Ezell in the Small Dining Room.

## CALENDAR

**Friday, May 17**  
11:30 A LLL Crawfish Boil, CAH

**Sunday, May 19**  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship  
11:30 A Deacon Meeting, SDR  
Missions Cmte. Meeting  
5:45 P Belles and Beaux  
6:00 P Youth Bible Study

*Extended Teaching Care*  
Nancy Richardson, David Marcuse,  
Faith & Danielle Gremillion, Katy Stark

**Monday, May 20**  
6:00 P Top Golf  
**Tuesday, May 21**  
11:00 A A Missing Piece, John W.  
Goodwin Parlor

**Wednesday, May 22**  
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast  
5:15 P Church Family Dinner  
6:00 P Youth Bible Study  
Children's Programs  
Adult Bible Study, CAH  
6:30 P Sanctuary Choir

**Friday, May 24**  
8:00 P Kids Lock-In, CAH

**Sunday, May 26**  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship  
*Extended Teaching Care*  
Lindsey Duvall, Kelli Rayburn, Nita & Chris Hannie

**Monday, May 27**  
Memorial Day Holiday— Church  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 28**  
11:00 A A Missing Piece, John W.  
Goodwin Parlor

**Wednesday, May 29**  
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast  
4:00 P Communications  
Committee Meeting  
5:15 P Church Family Dinner  
6:00 P Youth Bible Study  
Children's Programs  
Adult Bible Study, CAH  
6:30 P Sanctuary Choir

## CHILDREN

**Kids Lock-In**  
Friday, May 24  
8:00 pm-8:00 am

For children PreK through  
5th Grade. Drop kids off  
in the Activities Hall.

**2019 Summer  
Extreme Music  
Camp**  
*Donkey Tales*

June 3-7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
The camp is for children  
who have finished K-5th  
grade. Musical perform-  
ance will be Friday, June 7  
at 7 p.m. Register in the  
church office or online. The  
cost is \$90.

Mark Your Calendars!  
**VBS Weekend**  
July 19-21

Volunteers are needed!  
Please sign up in the  
church office.

## YOUTH

**FEARLESS**

STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

**Passport Camp**  
June 21-30  
Wenham, Massachusetts

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**Rescheduled!**

# Golf Tournament

**Saturday, June 1**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**\$60 per person**  
**Copper Mill in Zachary**

**Fundraiser for Passport Camp!**

**EXTREME** June 3-7  
**SUMMER MUSIC CAMP**

**CAMP HOURS: 9A.M.-5P.M.**  
(EARLY DROP OFF AND PICK UP AVAILABLE)  
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