



## “How Do I Love Thee”

What does it mean to “love my neighbor as I love myself?” Surely it means to help another in need. We offer our coat to the cold, we make a phone call to the depressed, we serve a meal to the hungry, we lend a hand to the helpless. There is not a more fitting parable that speaks to love of neighbor, love of stranger, even love of enemy, than the Good Samaritan. A man on the dangerous road to Jericho is robbed, beaten, and left for dead. Two of his own people pass him by, judging his need less important than their busy schedules. Finally, an enemy of the victim walking by shows compassion for the man. Great detail is given to exactly how the Samaritan shows love for his enemy: saw him, took pity on him, went to him, bandaged his wounds with wine and oil, and set him up in an inn, all expenses paid. That, my friends, is how we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Years ago, a leadership professor asked my class, “What other ways could love be demonstrated in this situation?” I replied, “One of the problems was that the road was dark and

there were places where thieves could hide out. How about putting some street lights on the road? Maybe we could use some taxes to police the road. Or could we establish a fund to support victims of crime?” What do you think: are these also acts of love? Without a doubt, we would not receive the “warm fuzzy” that direct help provides; but Jesus doesn’t gauge love by feelings, and never does he ask us to wait until we feel like loving our neighbor before we take action. I like the way the late William Sloane Coffin, Pastor of Riverside Church in New York City, put it: “To show compassion for an individual without showing concern for the structures of society that make him an object of compassion is to be sentimental rather than loving.”

We can love our neighbor by serving at the soup kitchen, and we can love our neighbor by voting for a program that changes the system. It all begins with “seeing” the victim, then taking action. In Christ. For love.

*Pastor Leonard*

## ADULTS

### Ladies Book Study

Monday, May 8  
1:30 p.m.

### Preschool Graduation Program

Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm

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.

### 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.

### 40 Words for 40 Days

We are collecting our Lenten devotional books to donate to a nursing home. Please drop off your books at the reception desk outside the church office.

### A Call for Material

Broadmoor Baptist Quilters are asking for an 8” X 8” 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.

### 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. There are baskets located in the church reception area near the office to collect these items.

### Wednesday Night May 10

Dinner, 5:15 p.m.

Lasagna, Green Salad, Corn, French Bread, Cake

### Bible Study:

*Ancient Prayer Practices*  
Intercessory Prayer/  
Praying for Others

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Home from the Hospital

Jeremy Bridges  
Pam Morgan

### Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Philip and Leah Geheber** on the death of his mother, Elizabeth.



## IN HIS NAME

### Deacon Ministries of Broadmoor Baptist

“Have tools, will travel.” The Deacon-led Helping Hands Ministry is here to serve you! If you need a light bulb changed, a ride to the doctor, a sink unclogged, or software downloaded, Steve Purdom and his Ministry Team are ready to offer their helping hands! Call the church office if you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry.

### Bible Survey Class

Sam Oakley will teach a Bible study class on each Sunday in May 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. The class will be held upstairs in the old game room on the west end. To learn more about the class or to sign up, please call the church office.

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, May 4**

10:00 A BBQilters

**Friday, May 5**

9:00 A Yoga

**Sunday, May 7**

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship, Senior

Recognition Sunday

*Extended Teaching Care*

D'Wana & Sarah Chiles, Lauren,  
Paul & Ryan White, Allison Roark

11:30 A Senior Luncheon

2:00 P Missions Committee Mtg.

5:00 P Youth Choir

5:45 P Belles and Beaux

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

7:00 P College Bible Study

**Monday, May 8**

1:00 P Brave Heart volunteers  
meet

6:00 P Newcomer's Comm. Mtg.

**Tuesday, May 9**

9:30 A Yoga

**Wednesday, May 10**

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

5:00 P Chapel Bells

Preschool Comm. Mtg.

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 11**

10:00 A BBQilters

**Friday, May 12**

9:00 A Yoga

11:30 A LLL Crawfish Boil, CAH

**Saturday, May 13**

9:30 A Golf Tournament, Copper  
Mill Course in Zachary

## 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 com-  
pleted Kindergarten-5th  
grade. Please register in the  
church office. Cost is \$75.

## LLL



**Crawfish Boil/  
Jambalaya**  
Friday, May 12  
11:30 a.m.  
Activities Hall  
\$5 per person

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# Senior Sunday

**May 7, 10:30 a.m.**

Cherie Fillastre  
Sam Fishburn  
Ashtyn Henderson  
Tyler Patton  
Joel Robinson  
Pamela Thornhill

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

**Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, May 13**

**9:30 a.m.**

**deadline to register is Sunday, May 7**

