



“Peace of Christ-Peace of Mind”

There is an historic Baptist church in the association of churches near the town where I served my first full-time pastorate. The Bethesda Baptist Church congregation dates back to the earliest days of Greene County in 1785. The current structure, completed in 1818, is constructed of hand-made bricks that were made on the premises. Bethesda Baptist is one of the oldest brick churches in Georgia. These rather wealthy settlers that built the church moved into that county just after the Revolutionary War and there were still plenty of conflicts with the Native Americans. According to the church minutes, early settlers carried their guns to service for fear of attack, and two guards were stationed outside of every service. Incidentally, Jesse Mercer, the namesake of Mercer University, where I attended graduate theology school, gave the dedication sermon to this congregation after a two day fast, on December 20, 1818.

Talk of security in church can be tricky and delicate. To speak of bad people entering church can sound anti-theological to who we are. After all, the Church is a body, an institution that worships One who is radically open, offensively inclusive to folks that in his day were considered dangerous and out-cast (think foreign soldiers, demoniacs, Samaritans, man-born-blind, and lepers). In fact, it has been said that Jesus died for the

way he ate. He ate with these types, including tax collectors and at least one woman with a bad reputation. If the church alters that legacy by reducing openness and inclusivity, then we cannot truly call ourselves *Christ*-ians. Nevertheless, given our openness and our warm southern hospitality, what makes the church good, may also make us vulnerable.

Our church voted at the last Family Gathering to fully implement the Security Committee’s proposed security measures for Sunday services. Given recent attacks on churches and events where large numbers of people gather openly, our congregation agreed that we should take steps to reduce the harm should any such incident occur on our campus. Although a few measures are already in practice, the new plan will be in place by Sunday, May 13. Please see “Security Measures” article in this newsletter for details.

I know there will be some inconvenience as we change our routines; but I believe the benefit of worshiping freely and safely make the hassle worth it. Thank you to our Security Committee for the love and time you put into designing a safe environment to worship God.

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

LLL Boiled Crawfish Lunch

Friday, May 11
11:30 a.m.

Jambalaya and dessert will also be served. \$5 per person.

Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 14
6 p.m., CCR

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, May 20
5:00 p.m., SDR

Memorial Sunday

May 27
10:30 a.m.

Join us on this Sunday as we remember the church members and loved ones we have lost during the past year.

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 28
Church Office Closed

VBS Weekend

June 15-17

Please volunteer to help!

Wednesday Night

May 16

5:15-Dinner

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Brownies

6:15-Bible Study

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy
John 16:16-24

“A Missing Piece”

Thursday, May 17
9:30 a.m.

Church Parlor

First Place 4 Health

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Church Conference Room

CBF

General Assembly

June 13-16
Dallas, Texas

Please let Bobby or Dr. Ezell know if you are interested in attending.

Thank You!

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make the garage sale a huge success! The details of just how successful the sale was will be posted in next week’s newsletter.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital

Carol Ter Haar
Sydney Snyder
Katie Nell Morgan
Frances Saxe

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:

Benton and Helene Preslar
Diane Sneed

Security Measures

Effective Sunday, May 13

East End Door-After 9:30 a.m., please enter the church through the church Welcome Center doors, or the sanctuary foyer doors.

Welcome Center Doors-After 10:30 a.m., please enter the church through the sanctuary foyer doors.

West End Door-After 9:30 a.m., please enter the church through the sanctuary foyer doors.

West Wing Stair Doors-After 9:30 a.m., please enter the church through the sanctuary foyer doors.

Church Office Door and Coke Machine Door-these doors will be locked at all times on Sunday.

Newsletter News

Beginning May 30, the weekly newsletter will be published bi-monthly, or every other week. There will be no newsletter published June 6, the next will be June 13, and so on. By publishing every other week, the church will save approximately \$2,500 annually.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 10

10:00 A BBQilters

Friday, May 11

9:00 A Yoga

11:30 A LLL Crawfish Lunch, CAH

Saturday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 13

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Lindsey Duvall, Kelli Rayburn, Nita
& Chris Hannie, Jessica Best

Monday, May 14

6:00 P Trustees Meeting
Broadmoor High School
Boys Sports Awards

Tuesday, May 15

9:30 A Yoga

5:00 P First Place for Health

7:00 P Broadmoor High School
Girls Sports Awards

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

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, May 17

9:30 A A Missing Piece, Parlor

10:00 A BBQ

Friday, May 18

9:00 A Yoga

10:00 A BBC Preschool
Graduation

Saturday, May 19

6:00 P Youth Broadmoor
Olympics, CAH

CHILDREN

Extreme

Summer Music Camp

Go, Go Jonah!

June 25-29, Cost is \$85

Please register in the
church office.

VBS Weekend

June 15-17

Volunteers needed!

YOUTH

**Broadmoor
Olympics**

Saturday, May 19
6-8 pm

Parents and Youth, come
join us for 90's night as we
dress in 90's clothes, listen
to 90's music, and play
games from the 90's.
Pizza will be served for
dinner.

Passport

July 9-14

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Join Us for Worship

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13
10:30 a.m.

Youth

Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 12
9:30 a.m.

\$60 per person
Copper Mill Golf Club
Fundraiser for Passport Camp

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