



“Grace Bats Last”

In the spirit of baseball fanaticism this week, as you’re cheering the Tigers toward another college world series championship, I’d like to share an abbreviated article I love about baseball and religion. It was written by Susan Sparks and it appeared in Sojourners.

F. Scott Fitzgerald called baseball “the faith of fifty million people.” Comedian George Carlin compared baseball to the war-like nature of football: “In football, the object is for the quarterback, otherwise known as the field general, to ... hit his receivers with deadly accuracy ... With short bullet passes and long bombs, he marches his troops into enemy territory ... In baseball, the object is to go home and to be safe.”

Like Good Friday and baseball, there’s always a jeering crowd, but don’t let the crowd shake your confidence. Keep your eye on the ball. And as Jesus did, stay the course. The author Seth Godin explained it this way: “If you try to delight the undelightable, you’ve made yourself miserable for no reason.”

Author Anne Lamott inspires another spiritual lesson from baseball: “Grace bats last.” In baseball, people would say, “Grace bats cleanup.” The cleanup batter is always the fourth one in the lineup. The aim is to get the first three batters on base, then with the bases loaded, the strongest hitter steps up.

We all know that feeling: the crowd is jeering. We are being pitched nothing but curve balls and sliders. Nothing short of a miracle will do. In the 1932 World Series, Babe Ruth stepped up to bat. The Chicago crowd went crazy, yelling insults, and even throwing lemons onto the field. Everyone wanted to take him down. Standing in the batter’s box and taking the full force of the insults, Babe stepped out of the box and pointed toward center field as if he were saying, “Nothing you can do can touch me.”

The pitcher, Charles Root, wound up and flung his best curve ball. Babe connected with an earthquake-like crack, and the ball soared deep into center field, just where he had predicted. It was the longest home run in Wrigley Field history. There has never been a time in our world where we have needed that miracle hitter more.

When we’re surrounded by doubters, the bases are loaded, and we find ourselves facing curve balls and sliders, know that we have a miracle hitter who will step in and brings us safely home. Most of all, remember this: you are not alone, and the jeering crowd can’t touch you because you are part of a team where grace bats last.

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Communion
Sunday, July 9
10:30 a.m.

Independence Day Holiday
Tuesday, July 4
Church Office Closed

DORLA

Broadmoor will be hosting a series of meetings in June and July through *Dialogue on Race Relations-Louisiana* (DORLA). These sessions provide a safe space for honest discussion on the issue of racism in our society. Each session is limited to 15 people, and the current session is filled. To register for future sessions or to find out more information on DORLA, please visit: dialogueonracelouisiana.org

Pause for Prayer

Our *Pause for Prayer* will continue the first Wednesday in July. Since we are not gathering for Bible Study, please stop by the church office or greeter’s area to pick up your prayer guide.

Ladies Book Study
Monday, July 10
1:30 p.m.

Trustees Meeting
Monday, July 10
6:00 p.m.

Newcomer Ministry Team Meeting
Monday, July 10
6:00 p.m.
Small Dining Room

BBC 60th Anniversary Celebration and Family Gathering
Sunday, July 16

Join us as we recognize our charter members during Worship, and afterward share a special meal and presentation during the Family Gathering.

Reservations are required. \$8/Adults, \$4/Children, \$25/Family Max. Menu: Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Asian Slaw, Roll, Anniversary Cake.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital
Maggi Spurlock

East Jefferson Hospital-Metairie
Horace Elkins

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Carol Ann Henderson on the death of her husband, Charles.

BR Rehab
Ruby Lewis

Bags of Hope

Our church has adopted the Kindergarten grade in Lake Providence, and we are collecting the following supplies for the classrooms: pencils, 24 ct. Crayola crayons, glue sticks, Fiskar scissors, black & white composition notebooks, zippered pouches, Crayola washable markers, and quart size Ziploc bags. Please bring items to the church office or bins at each entrance by August 2.

A Missing Piece

Broadmoor is starting a new ministry for those dealing with grief and loss. The second meeting will be held at la Madeleine restaurant, 7615 Jefferson Highway, on Thursday, July 6, at 9:30 a.m. Participants are asked to bring an item to the meeting that represents the “missing piece” in their life. The group will meet every other week.

Summer Sermon Focus

UNHINDERED

Empowered for Mission
Acts 6-11

July 2

Unhindered by Exclusion-
Empowered to Include

Wednesday Nights

June 28 is the last Wednesday Night for family dinner, bible study, and activities for the summer. All Wednesday night activities will resume on August 16.

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 29

10:00 A BBQilters
5:30 P DORLA Meeting, CCR

Friday, June 30

9:00 A Yoga

Saturday, July 1

6:00 P Youth/Children & Family
Pool Party @ White's

Sunday, July 2

9:00 A Library Opens
9:15 A Sunday School
10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Judy Averett, Erika, Baileigh, &
Bren Futch, Emily O'Quin, Janet
Pace

4:00 P Preschool Cmte. Mtg.

6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, July 4

HOLIDAY-CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, July 6

9:30 A "A Missing Piece"
10:00 A BBQilters
5:30 P DORLA Meeting, CCR

Friday, July 7

9:00 A Yoga

Saturday, July 8

10:00 A Youth leave for Passport

YOUTH

Passport Camp

July 8-15

Greensboro, NC

Depart at 10:00 a.m.

In-Service and Rock Climbing

Tuesday, July 18

CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 21, 6-8 pm
Saturday, July 22, 2-4 pm
Sunday, July 23,
Jambalaya Lunch
after Worship



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Pool Party and BBQ

For Youth & Children
and their families

Saturday, July 1
6pm-9:30 pm

At the White's Home
in Prairieville

Communion

Sunday, July 9
10:30 a.m.

If you or someone you know
would like communion at home,
please contact the church office.