

"Patriotic Optimism"

In an early October 2001 article about the challenges our young generations would face in light of the terrorist attacks, a reporter interviewed high school students at a premier high school. All except one expressed outrage at the attacks and pride in their country. The dissenting senior was quoted as saying that September 11 was an attack on our arrogance. He added that he felt no obligation to fight for his country, and would ignore a draft notice. He finished by saying, "What is the U.S. anymore?"

Stephen Ambrose was one of our country's best known historians, and in his earlier days as a professor he would have agreed with that high-school senior. He was a young firebrand, caught up in the hate-America atmosphere of the sixties and seventies. He was very caustic in his assessment of our country, questioning the advances and motives of some of our most important accomplishments.

But Ambrose changed. He was a prolific author, and wrote almost daily from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. His last effort was a monumental project on World War II, but he put that on hold to focus on a

vastly more important work. He wrote a book about his transformation from a left-wing critic of America to a super patriot. This new work was actually a race against time as Ambrose eventually succumbed to lung cancer. He finished it, and entitled it To America. His motivation was, in his words, "to correct all the mistakes I made. I want to tell all the things that are right about America."

Falling into a critical spirit is easy, especially in these cynical and caustic times. People need and deserve a reasonable voice of affirmation. As always, we find what we look for in life. Ambrose looked for the good, and found it.

A Christian can discern God's hand where others only see humanity's faults. We should humbly affirm that America has had a providential place in God's plan. God has used our country for good, and Christians have the special responsibility to pray for our leaders' wisdom and strength. Faith enables us to have a divine optimism. Let's embrace it. Let's voice it.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS

Vacation Bible School



July 14-18
9 a.m.—12 noon

Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to help! We are still in need of snack servers to work from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., as well as donations of the following supplies:

- 1 1/2 " black pom poms
- Polyfill stuffing
- Paper towels
- Wet wipes
- 3" metal craft rings
- Jingle bells in assorted sizes

Bring supplies to the church office and see Bobby to volunteer.

No Tie July

Casual dress is encouraged for worship services in July.

Summer Family Gathering

July 27
11:30 a.m.

No Wednesday Night Dinner Or Activities

July 16
August 6

First Place 4 Health

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Come join us as *First Place 4 Health* begins a new summer study. Bring your friends, and join us for a time of Bible study and encouragement. Contact Laura Boord, 925-5264, for more information.

Women's Book Study

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting is July 14. Reading and discussing, *Judaism-A Brief Guide to Faith and Practice*.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OLOL
Jack Hargett

Thank You
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from
Lewis Craft

Home From the Hospital
Bob Smith
Sylvia Middlebrook



GRACEWORKS

Communion at Home

Instituted by Jesus Christ on the night before His crucifixion, communion is an integral part of the spiritual life of all believers. Participation in this ordinance is such a blessing that our deacons offer the Communion at Home Ministry. Please call the church office at 927-5454 if you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry.

Bags of Hope

In lieu of collecting backpacks and supplies for the Bags of Hope Ministry in Lake Providence, Louisiana, Broadmoor Baptist Church is providing help through our Graceworks Mission budget.

To Reach an On Call Minister call 328-3474

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

July 9
Taco Salad, Corn Salad,
Cake
No Salad Bar

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 3
10:00 A BBQ

Friday, July 4
CHURCH OFFICE & ELC CLOSED
8:30 P Youth Return from
Passport

Sunday, July 6
9:00 A Library Opens
9:15 A Bible Study
10:30 A Worship
Communion

Extended Teaching Care
D'Wana Chiles, William, Joseph, &
Jennifer Fishburn, Charlie Green,
Bryan & M.E. Hart

Monday, July 7
6:30 P Women's Book Study

Tuesday, July 8
9:30 A Yoga
5:00 P First Place CCR

Wednesday, July 9
7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00 P Library Opens
5:15 P Dinner
6:00 P Children's Group
Adult Prayer Time
6:20 P Adult Bible Study

Thursday, July 10
10:00 A BBQ

CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18, 9a.m.-12p.m.
Register in the church office.

Bouncy House Fun

July 19, 1:30-3:30p.m.
(Preschool-3rd Grade)

It's My Party on Anselmo Lane. Register in the church office.

YOUTH

Poverty Simulation Mission Trip

July 25-27, Waco, TX
Cost: \$25

Must have completed 8th grade. Chaperones needed. Call Dave to sign-up.

Rock Climbing

July 12, 12-8p.m.
Lafayette, Louisiana
Cost: \$15

Call the church office or Dave to sign up.

College Mission Trip

July 31-August 3

Participants will go to Lake Providence to work with Bags of Hope and other mission projects in the community. Contact Bobby for more information.

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H H V T S

Celebrate Communion



July 6, 10:30 a.m.

Project Uniform

Broadmoor Elementary Mission

Goal: \$3500 in donations & uniforms

Burgundy shirts & navy shorts or skirts

Volunteers needed to shop, organize, set-up and distribute uniforms

Contact Jennifer Robinson for details
247-7450