

You and God share at least one major goal: you want to have a meaningful life and God wants to give it to you. That can be said about every human being. Whether you define meaningful as happy, fulfilling, peaceful, etc. everyone wants meaningful. And God is in the business of making your life meaningful. We agree!

The problem arises when we have a different idea from God about getting that meaningful life. Education, wealth, relationships all have a siren's song about them, but they do not deliver meaning. So as Christians we try to sprinkle a bit of religion into these areas, hope that works, and wonder why we're still frustrated.

God's simple answer to meaning is that through faith in Christ we live a different and better life. We need Christ. Faith is the way to know Him. As for the specifics? Find someone to help. The New testament calls it service (as in serve one another) but it simply means being kind to other people. It's action that makes faith tangible and satisfying.

This quality of good religion is crucial. You don't think your way into a better and more effective faith. You "work" your way into it. Meaning comes from feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, etc. It means offering a

word of encouragement, visiting someone, performing some act of kindness. That pleases God and draws you closer to His heart. Faith works!

I would not, for a moment, undermine the importance of an intelligent and reasonable faith. Thinking has a crucial role too. We must think about what we believe, and we must hold up every intuition to the light of scripture and the review of fellow Christians and our traditions. A working faith is not a substitute for a thoughtful faith. We are to love God with our minds.

But if you're searching for meaning (which we all are) then you will simply not get there by focusing on thoughts and feelings. Work! In fact, don't even make meaning a goal. Think of it as a by-product. Live out your faith. Ask God for someone you can help. You'll find meaning.

Grace,
Terry Ellis

ADULTS

Project Uniform Details

- Navy blue shorts or skorts
- Burgundy polo style shirts
- Volunteers needed on August 14 and 15 to sort and distribute
- Monetary donations accepted
- Final day to turn in donations is August 10

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*.

No Tie July

Casual dress is encouraged for worship services in July.

No Wednesday Night Dinner Or Activities

July 16
August 6

VBS

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help with VBS and to those who have donated the necessary supplies. We now have everything we need to have a successful week teaching children about the love of God.

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.

Summer Family Gathering

July 27
11:30 a.m.

Education Committee Report

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OLOL

Jack Hargett
BRG Bluebonnet
George Foster

**Home From the
Hospital**
Robert Gray

Thank You

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:

Bob Smith
The Ruby Kinard Family

New Members

Joel Robinson
6245 English Turn
Zachary, LA 70791

Joel comes on a profession of his faith and as a candidate for baptism. Joel will be a sophomore at University High. He is the son of **Matt and Jennifer Robinson** and the grandson of **Mike and Jessica Robinson**.

The Thornhill Family
2432 Lancelot Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

**Will and Alice, and children
Stephanie, Pamela, and Elizabeth** come on Promise of Letter from Woodlawn Baptist.

GRACEWORKS

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**

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OR ACTIVITIES

July 16

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 10
10:00 A BBQ

Sunday, July 13
9:00 A Library Opens
9:15 A Bible Study
10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care
Nancy Richardson, Merietta,
Lynley, & Kirkley Norton, Kelli
Rayburn, Katy Stark, Brady O'Quin

Monday, July 14
9:00 A VBS
6:00 P Trustee Meeting
6:30 P Women's Book Study

Tuesday, July 15
9:00 A VBS
9:30 A Yoga
5:00 P First Place CCR

Wednesday, July 16
9:00 A VBS

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
OR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 17
9:00 A VBS
10:00 A BBQ

Friday, July 18
9:00 A VBS

Saturday, July 19
1:30 P Bounce House
It's My Party on
Anselmo Lane

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.

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.

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VBS



July 14-18
9a.m. - 12:00 noon

Project Uniform

**Broadmoor
Elementary
Mission**

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