



“Returning the Favor”

Our hearts go out to our neighbors in southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana. Hurricane Harvey has delivered a catastrophe some are calling “historic,” “apocalyptic,” even “biblical.” One reporter, attempting to put the devastation into perspective, described it as Texas getting its very own Lake Michigan. Apparently, the scope of flooding in Texas equals that of the size of one of our largest great lakes. Some areas are predicted to receive as much as fifty inches of water, over four feet of destruction. On top of that, the area sustained damage from category 4 sized winds. For many of us Baton Rouge folks, news of flooding on this scale triggers many frightening and painful memories; memories of danger and tremendous loss. We can easily empathize with our brothers and sisters to the west. We know how they are feeling, what they are thinking, what they are needing, and what they are expecting. We may even have leftover, unused supplies and resources we desperately needed the past year sitting around in our closets and in our sheds. In fact, many of these items are being stored in an upstairs room in our church, items donated and purchased for repairing lives and homes. The flooding triggers bad memories, but there are good memories triggered, as well.

Our neighbors from around the country came to us, worked with us, collected supplies for us, sent money to us, and prayed for us. Of those who

helped, the number of volunteers from Texas who came to work among us was approximately 275 people from about 20 churches. Those numbers do not include people and churches who sent supplies, money, and prayers. On the other side of tragedy, we encounter the love, support, and generosity from people Jesus calls His “sheep.” His sheep see someone in need and rise to the occasion: feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned, clothing the naked, and, I believe he might add, repairing the devastated.

We have already begun reaching out to our neighbors hit hard by hurricane winds and rains. As these organizations and churches assess their needs, we will learn more about ways we can help, ways we can “return the favor.” These ways of helping will not be unlike those we needed and received in our time of need. I am reminded of the collection of money the Apostle Paul collected from his Gentile churches to help the Jerusalem church through their famine. It met their needs, but it also demonstrated the power of the Gospel to work good, to bring together complete strangers, and to reveal the dynamism of the Holy Spirit. Stay tuned to the BBC Facebook page, announcements, and mass emails for ways you can join us in supporting our neighbors.

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 4

Church Office will be closed.

Pause for Prayer

Wednesday, September 6

Prayer guides will be available at Family Night Dinner on the 6th, and in the office.

Book Signing

Wednesday, September 13

4:30 p.m., Church Library

Our own Dr. Carol Ter Haar has written a new book, *Just Between Us*. It is a fun and unique book that gives you the opportunity to tell your secrets, expand your thinking, and share your innermost thoughts and ideas. She will be signing books in the church library prior to Wednesday Night Family Dinner on the 13th. Stop in and have a look!

LLL Potluck

Friday, September 22

11:30 a.m., CAH

Monica Taylor from the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office will discuss elder fraud.

First Place 4 Health

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Church Conference Room

Young Adult Men’s Group

On Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m., we will begin a new ministry for young adult men here at Broadmoor. The group will meet on the first Thursday of every month for supper and discussion. Our first meeting will be at Walk-On’s in Towne Center, where we will have supper and watch Kansas City vs. New England. We are looking forward to sharing new thoughts, ideas, and plans.

A Missing Piece

Help for those dealing with grief and loss

The next meeting will be held at la Madeleine restaurant, 7615 Jefferson Highway, on Thursday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. The group will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month.

Holy Grill

September 18-22

11:30 a.m.

We need 4-5 volunteers each day to help serve lunch. Please sign up in the church office.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Guest House

Bill Baker

Ollie Steel Burden

Juanita Matherne

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:

James Brumfield

Annie-Claire Mote

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Jason McKenzie** on the death of his father.

MEETINGS

Special Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 6

6:00 p.m., CAH

The Education Committee will present the names of its nominees for 2017-2018 Sunday School leadership to the congregation for a vote.

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, September 17

5:00 p.m., SDR

Education Committee

Sunday, September 24

4:30 p.m.

Conference Room

Trustees

Monday, September 11

6:00 p.m., CCR

Newcomer Ministry Team

Monday, September 11 &

September 25

6:00 p.m., SDR

Committee on Committees

Wednesday, September 20

Conference Room

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 31

10:00 A BBQilters

Friday, September 1

9:00 A Yoga

Sunday, September 3

9:00 A Library Opens

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Jennifer & Laurel Fishburn, Nita & Chris Hannie, Jessica Best

Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-CHURCH

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

9:30 A Yoga

5:30 P First Place for Health

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast

5:15 P Church Family Dinner

5:55 P Pause for Prayer

6:00 P Chapel Bells (1st-5th)

Youth Bible Study

Special Bus. Mtg., CAH

6:15 P Adult Bible Study

7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 7

7:00 A Interfaith Prayer Brkfst

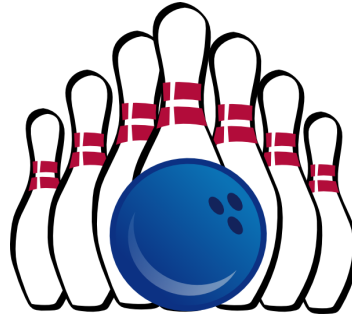
10:00 A BBQilters

7:00 P Young Adult Men's Group
meets at Walk On's

Friday, September 8

9:00 A Yoga

YOUTH



Bowling!

Saturday, September 16

7-9 p.m.

Premier Lanes in Gonzales

YTD thru 7/31/2017

Receipts	\$573,264.70
Expenses	<u>\$643,144.14</u>
Difference	-69,879.44

2017 Budget Goal
at 7/31/2017

\$692,275.50

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Wednesday Night Dinner August 30

CANCELLED

Tonight's dinner is cancelled due to inclement weather. Dr. Ezell will be on hand to lead the Bible Study in the sanctuary for those wishing to attend.



**Annual Community
Prayer Breakfast**
Thursday, September 7

see inside for more

Interfaith Federation Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, September 7

Boudreaux's, 2647 Government Street
7:00 a.m., doors open at 6:30 a.m.

Advance tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the church office.

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