

# CALENDAR

## Wednesday, April 22

10:00 A Bible Study  
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 23

10:00 A Bible Study  
4:00 P Genealogy

## Friday, April 24

9:30 A Yoga

## Sunday, April 26

8:30 A Common Grounds  
Café Open  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
11:30 A Belles Rehearsal

## Monday, April 27

11:45 A Holy Grill

## Tuesday, April 28

9:30 A Yoga  
10:00 A Quilting  
11:45 A Holy Grill

## Wednesday, April 29

10:00 A Bible Study  
11:45 A Holy Grill  
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 30

10:00 A Bible Study  
11:45 A Holy Grill

## Friday, May 1

9:30 A Yoga  
11:45 A Holy Grill

## Sunday, May 3

8:30 A Common Grounds  
Café Open  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
11:30 A Newcomer Council  
Meeting, CGC  
Youth Council  
Meeting, Conference

## Tuesday, May 5

9:30 A Yoga  
10:00 A Quilting

Children's Music, Drama, and Art Camp  
Broadmoor Baptist Church  
9755 Goodwood Blvd



*Malice in the  
Palace*

**July 13-17, 9A-5P**

**Performance: July 17, 7 P**

**Rising 1st-6th graders!!!**

Cost: \$175 for first child  
\$125 each additional child

To Register:

email: [office@broadmoorbaptist.com](mailto:office@broadmoorbaptist.com)  
or use the QR code  
225-927-5454



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H H A T S

# Churchwide Top GOLF



**Saturday, May 16**  
**10:30 AM**

BBC Recreation committee will provide the bays but individuals are responsible for their own food and drinks.

Sign up by May 13th in the church office.



## “The Amazing Pot Belly”

In early July, I will travel to Sanliurfa, Turkey, 830 miles southeast of Istanbul, 30-40 miles north of the Syrian border, to one of the earliest human settlements ever discovered: Gobekli-tepe. In English: “Potbelly Hill.” It is estimated at 10-12,000 years old, older by 7,000 years than Egypt’s pyramids, and Judaism by 8-10,000. There’s no shortage of speculation as to what this settlement was about; yet, there’s still much that we do not understand about this ancient community. Actually, to call Gobekli-tepe a “settlement” isn’t entirely accurate. For at least 500 years, there was only the arena, which currently rests under a massive modern canopy. A Stone-Age arena without nearby housing confused archaeologists, who believed (now confirmed by wheat seed evidence) its builders to be hunter-gatherers rather than later, domesticated farmers. Why would hunter-gatherers, who follow the natural, wild offerings of the land rather than a settled farming lifestyle, build a “settled” arena on Gobekli-tepe?

Some archaeologists hypothesize the arena may have actually been the ancient equivalent of a religious temple - or *proto-temple*. There are clues as to what may have been happening at this site, and at other similar sites in the area. Along with giant, T-shaped monoliths weighing up to 50 tons in the proto-temple, archaeologists also found carved and decorated human skulls, along with pieces of twine. These findings may explain the mysterious, drilled holes in the monoliths. Could it be that when

these hunter-gatherers congregated, they would tie the decorated skulls to the monoliths, through the holes, in a type of ancestor worship? If so, then these skulls may indicate an early belief in life after death!

Twenty miles away is another site I will visit, designed in the fashion of Gobekli-tepe called Karahantepe, about 8-9,000 years old, which has a similar arena, but with a smaller, round stadium adjoining it. The smaller room includes tall, phallic-shaped monoliths, with a small chute winding its way into the smaller room. Where the smaller room meets the larger arena is an opening about the size of a small man. It is believed that when water flowed into the smaller room from the chute, young male initiates would enter the water-filled room, swim around the monoliths to the opening, where the young boy/man would exit into the arena/temple of people celebrating ... once a boy, now a man. It is a watery initiation rite of passage, indicating that these Stone-Age humans held a sacred sense of time, as well as an awareness of the power of water symbolism (proto-baptism?)!

Clearly these sites were not homes to a developed religion like ours. Yet, these hunter-gatherers appear to have had a sense of something special beyond themselves - about communal gatherings, and a belief that we are not alone and that we never truly die.

*Dr. Ezell*

## GET INVOLVED

### LLL Crawfish Boil

Annual crawfish or Jambalaya with root beer floats for dessert May 15th, \$10. Sign up in church office. Choose which you want. CAH

### Quarterly Statements

Quarterly statements will be available for pickup outside the Sanctuary on the piano side if you did not have a chance to pick them up at the family gathering. Remaining statements will be mailed next week.

### Church Council Luncheon Sunday, May 31 following worship

This includes all chairs of committees and councils, and church staff.

### Coming This Summer...



## MINISTRY OUTREACH

### Welcome New Member

**Fran Cornell**

5116 Highland Rd Apt. 67  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

### Home from Hospital

**Trish LeBlanc**

### Our Lady of the Lake

**Sharon Harley**

### Words of Appreciation

**Felicia Mullen and Bobby Rayburn**

### Southeast Ministries

Our neighborhood food bank is in need of peanut butter and jelly.

### Holy Grill

April 27– May 1, 11:30 A

Please contact the church office to sign up. We need 3 people each day. Helpers needed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Books

If you would like to see books that we are culling from the library, check them out following worship in room 103. Take what you would like.

### Together For Hope

Together for Hope in Lake Providence needs baby wipes. If you would like to donate, please bring to the church office.

### Summer Support Needed

If you are available for leading a children’s sermon; helping out around the office; visiting members in the hospital; working children/family activities; or providing a snack supper for the youth please let the office know. There are a number of ways to help support office and ministry staff this summer.