

# CALENDAR

## Wednesday, April 8

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

## Thursday, April 9

10:00 A Bible Study  
4:00 P Genealogy

## Friday, April 10

9:30 A Yoga

## Sunday, April 12

8:30 A Common Grounds  
Café Open  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
11:30 A Bobby Rayburn  
Reception

11:30 A Deacon Meeting  
12:30 P Belles Rehearsal  
5:00 P Youth

## Tuesday, April 14

9:30 A Yoga  
10:00 A Quilting  
5:30 P Trustee Meeting

## Wednesday, April 15

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

## Thursday, April 16

10:00 A Bible Study  
10:30 A LLL Trip  
7:30 P LSU Gospel Concert

## Friday, April 17

9:30 A Yoga  
7:00 P Youth Lock in

## Sunday, April 19

8:30 A Common Grounds  
Café Open  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
11:30 A Quarterly Business  
Meeting, Youth  
Fundraiser, and  
Dessert Share

## Tuesday, April 21

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  
or use the QR code  
225-927-5454



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H H A T S



# Youth Fundraiser

April 19, following worship in  
conjunction with our Quarterly  
Business Meeting

Meal: Spaghetti, Salad, and Bread

\$10 per plate  
sign up by April 16 at noon

*Bobby Rayburn is celebrating his 30th  
Anniversary at Broadmoor Baptist!!*

*Help us celebrate him with a reception on  
April 12  
following worship!!*



## “And Then There Was One”

With only a few more newsletter articles to share my sab-batical plans with you, today’s is another of the significant sites on my itinerary. Whereas the last article addressed the creative, imaginative impulses of our Ice Age homo sapien ancestors from 40,000 years ago, this article touches on a more “recent” period from Neolithic and Bronze Age times, a civilization as much as 6,000-7,500 years earlier than the inception of Israel and Abrahamic religions. In other words, I will be asking what other cultures and ancient societies believed, religiously, what practices were related to their beliefs, and where, if any, might there be similarities with our own? It would be unfair to call them “primitive” religions given that our own religion has greatly evolved over time and will continue. Some ancient religions were very complex, reflecting the sophistication of their society, like the one for today.

With that said, my second ancient site will be Knossos, on the island of Crete, Greece, located just south of Heraklion. Much of the ancient religion on the island is unknown to us since there are no readable written documents, as in ours; and because their religion and society overlapped without seams. Most of what we know about their religion comes from the material culture of the later Minoan civilization starting around 3100 BC. Deductions are made from archaeological finds like temple/palace layouts, figurines, frescoes, bull horns, double axes, sacred knots, rosette motifs, paintings, and ceremonial garments. By piecing these items together, this ancient religion, outdating Israel by about 2,000 years, appears to have

enjoyed worshipping multiple deities apparently dominated by a variety of nature goddesses. Furthermore, as a theocracy, their “palaces” also served as “temples,” political leaders as religious leaders. Along with worshipping at the palace/temple, Minoans also worshiped at sacred caves and mountain-peak sanctuaries. And with the prominence of goddess worship, Minoan religion appears to have celebrated fertility and natural world benefits.

There are several similarities to religions in Palestine, the land that would become Israel: multiple gods/goddesses, an emphasis on fertility of humans/agriculture, as well as a religious system intertwined with politics, to name a few. Remarkably, many of these features are also found in our own Bible, especially within early Judaism: worship on peaks/“high places,” belief in multiple gods (Deuteronomy 32:8-9 original version), fertility benefits from God (goddess Asherah or Queen of Heaven, and eventually God’s own feminine characteristics – Jeremiah 44:7-18; Numbers 11:12; Isaiah 49:15), and overlapping political and religious systems. Each of these are referenced in our own Old Testament, until the rise of monotheism in the fifth/sixth centuries BC, that is, until there was *only One* (see Isaiah 45:5-7). My primary takeaway: having a narrated history of one’s religion (like our Bible) is crucial for the religion’s comprehension, cohesion, and endurance. May we not take ours for granted!

*Dr. Ezell*

## GET INVOLVED



### APRIL 19 DESSERT SHARE



Do you have a dessert you are proud of and want to share??  
Bring it to our family gathering!!



### LSU Gospel Choir Thursday, April 16, 7:30 P

The LSU Gospel Choir returns to Broadmoor Baptist Church to present their Spring concert. You won't want to miss this electrifying program that highlights traditional and contemporary gospel music from prominent gospel and Christian artists. This concert is free and open to the public.

In order to host this wonderful event we need some help. If you are available to help host please let the office know by Tuesday, April 14th.

### Affinity Groups

Cooking with Bobby, our Average Church Band (David Mullen), cyber security (Jeff Patton), basic sign language (Janelle Teekel), genealogy (Jim Findley) Thursdays at 4 P, Modern German and French (Aiden Buyuk), and embroidery (Katie Gilley).

### LLL Trip

Thursday, April 16. 10:30 A

LLL River Cruise canceled. We're visiting Dinner Bell in McComb, MS on April 16 for lunch. Enjoy unlimited food for \$24.00. Drinks, tax and gratuity included. Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m. Register and make your payment at the church office.

### Deacon Meeting Sunday, April 12, 11:30 A Conference Room

## MINISTRY OUTREACH

**Home from Hospital**  
Valerie Barnes

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
Jim Sylvester

**The Landmark**  
Trish LeBlanc

### 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.

## Fight fraud. Shred it!

### Free Community Shred Day

Join us for a Free Community Shred Day to keep your personal information secure — just in time for tax season. Bring sensitive documents for on-site shredding at no cost. Suggested items include bank statements, tax documents, credit card receipts, and other records with personal information. Limit: 4 boxes or bags per vehicle.

### Join Us!

**Date:** Saturday, April 11

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Broadmoor Baptist Church, 9755 Goodwood Blvd.



This event is **FREE** and open to the public, but registration is suggested. To register, visit [events.aarp.org/BRShredDay26](https://events.aarp.org/BRShredDay26) or call (877) 926-8300. You can also scan the QR code above.

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