

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 29

6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 1

5:00 P Children's Craft Night

Sunday, February 2

8:30 A Common Grounds

Café Open

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship Service

4:00 P Belles et Beaux

5:00 P Youth

Tuesday, February 4

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Quilting

Wednesday, February 5

10:00 A Book Study

6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7

9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, February 9

8:30 A Common Grounds

Café open

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship Service

11:30 A Deacon Meeting

4:00 P Belles et Beaux

5:00 P Youth

Monday, February 10

6:00 P Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Quilting

Deacon Meeting

Sunday, February 9, after church

Social Media Links:

Start the new year right by keeping up with us on Social Media

YouTube: @broadmoorBC



Instagram: broadmoor_bc



Facebook: Broadmoor Baptist Church of Baton Rouge



YOUTH, KIDS & FAMILIES

Children and Youth Activities

Valentine Craft Night: February 1, 5PM, Children are invited to join us for a night of making valentine crafts. Dinner will be served first, followed by crafts.

Mardi Gras Parade: February 16, 2PM, Children, youth, and their families will head downtown following the Sunday morning service for the CAAWS Mystic Krewe of Mutts Mardi Gras Parade. We will find a spot together before the parade rolls at 2:00.

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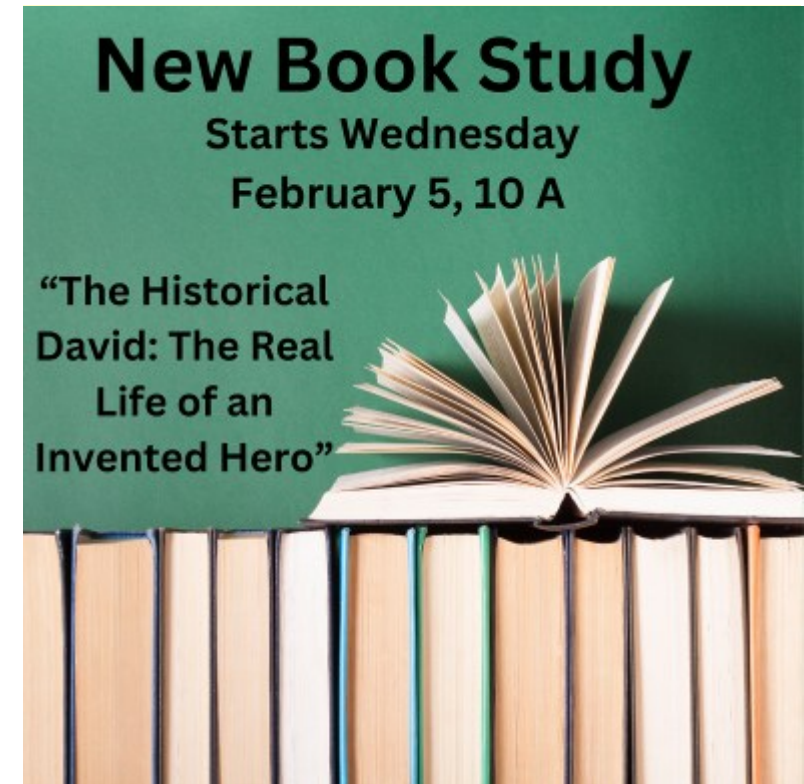
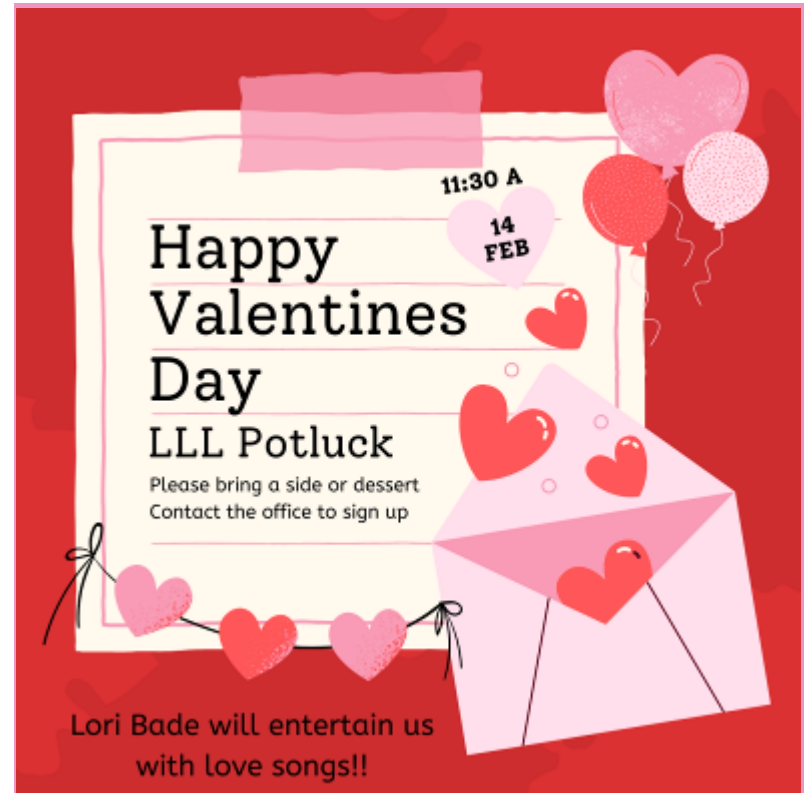
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H H A T S



Those joining our Book Study, *The Search for the Historical David*, please read the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles for our first discussion.

Some thoughts I have about Bible study: What we have always believed, been taught, or just *felt* was true, may be changed by studying the Bible. Supposing that what we believe is the interpretation/meaning of a text, reveals a resistance to learning anything new. Furthermore, demanding the Bible's meaning fit what we have always believed or *felt* was true, reveals that not only are we unwilling to learn from the Bible, but we really don't need the Bible – we just need a community that share our same beliefs, opinions, and biases.

Many of us work and work to make a passage mean or read the way we wish it would. I once shared with someone an obscure story about David. She was flabbergasted, almost unwilling to believe that story was in the Bible. It did not fit her beliefs. The Bible does the same thing within itself. In Samuel, Yahweh is blamed for inciting David to take a census, while in Chronicles, written 500 years later, it is Satan, instead. Bible study should not gloss over details that threaten our preconceived notions. Maybe we don't have the Bible we wish we had.

I have been guilty of going looking for a verse that supports what I already believe, guilty of *using* the Bible to say what I wanted it to say. The trou-

ble: the Bible also says things we wish it didn't! Will we give those passages the same authority? Consider this statement from the author of our Book Study book: "If you don't know what the Bible really says, or why it might say it, then when you read it and interpret it, all you're doing is reading it as you want it to be read. You're just reading what you want it to say."

"But how can the Bible mean something different than it has always meant?" Remember: prior to the 17th century, humanity believed the earth was the center of the solar system. But then Copernicus proposed it's the sun and not the earth at center. Then Galileo proved it by using a new tool: telescope. It threatened the beliefs of the Church, who punished both scientists. Only, it wasn't the solar system that changed. With new tools and critical thinking, we discovered more truth. Learning can be scary. But I find it euphoric!

Our new tools for reading and interpreting the Bible are often feared because they reveal new insights, and some that threaten beliefs. But if we change our posture from closed to open, we may better discover the truth (assuming that's what we're after).

Come see for yourself,

Dr. Ezell

GET INVOLVED

Let the Little Children Come Extended Session Volunteers

We are asking for volunteers to help with extended session on Sunday mornings during service to help care for and serve our small children. We need 1-2 volunteers each Sunday to serve on a rotational basis. Contact the office to sign up!



Musical Notes from Lori

Do you believe that when we sing in church, our singing also serves as prayer or, in your own minds, are those 'activities' separate/unrelated? Occasionally, our church speak the words of the Lord's Prayer and, many times, interspersed with spoken prayer petitions, voices will raise up in song to SING these familiar words, most likely learned when you were a young child. To refresh your memories, I invite you to re-read the text found in Matthew 6, verses 9-13.

So, what does the Lord's Prayer ("the Model Prayer") mean to you? Found in the Gospel of Matthew, the surrounding verses to the Lord's Prayer contain 'guidance' for us. However, if you decide to read Chapter 6 on your own, be 'forewarned' – there are many points stated about hypocrisy/hypocrites. For example, the Gospel first asks us to be wary of practicing righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, as this would result in no reward in heaven. Following this, the scripture has this advice:

... do not give gifts (alms) "like the hypocrites" or "sound a trumpet before you", instead give in secret (the Father sees all anyway)...
 ... while praying, do not be seen by others "like the hypocrites" who are being observed by others, instead pray in secret (the Father sees all anyway)
 ...
 ... while praying, do not "heap up empty phrases/speak many words" thinking this is good, instead, use few words in secret (the Father knows what you need anyway)...

Are you surprised by the above? **Yes, me too** -- I was surprised as I had forgotten about the verses surrounding the Lord's Prayer text and the message those verses were relaying to us readers. In their entirety, the statements of what NOT to do might catch some of you (us) by surprise as they "pack a wallop!" Personally, I'm happy there may be 'room for interpretation' here. After reading Chapter 6, we (the readers) finally receive a bit of relief in verses 25-34! A summarization for you might be this: "do not worry about your life, what you will eat, what you will wear, what you possess" because God already knows what you/we need and He will provide. Verse 34 states it perfectly: "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Hoping that on an upcoming Sunday, when we learn together a sung melody (chorus) and intersperse singing the Lord's Prayer with the spoken word, all of us will employ the model of the British hymnologist Brian Wren, who asserts, "Whoever sings to God in worship, prays twice." By the way, I happen to agree with Wren's philosophy here!

MINISTRY OUTREACH

Welcome New Member
Jeff Day

In Loving Memory
Carolyn Cope *united with this church on May 4, 1980 and departed this life on January 22, 2025.*

New Book Study "The Historical David: the Real Life of an Invented Hero" by Joel Baden, begins Wednesday, February 5, 10-11 A in Common Grounds Café.

Southeast Ministries To support SE Ministries they are asking for donations of jelly and basic hygiene items. Donations may be delivered to the church office, SE Ministries barrels or SE Ministries location.

Communications Survey

If you haven't filled out our survey yet there is still time by using the link or QR code below.

<https://form.jotform.com/250126102185040>



Get to Know Our New Deacon

Charlotte McGarr

I was born in Eupora, Mississippi but have been here in Baton Rouge, for over 63 years (with a short stint in New Orleans.)

My parents are Bill and Mary McGarr (better know as Bub & Bitsy in Eupora...)

I graduated from Broadmoor High School in 1977 and went to work for the State of Louisiana in 1980. I retired from Louisiana State Police in 2010.

I've been a member of the Broadmoor Baptist Church family for over 45 years, and taught children's Sunday School during that time. It's amazing to see some of those children as young adults now.

This church and many of the people here have been a guiding light and a security blanket for me. It's my honor to be a part of this strong and loving church, and I am humbled by this opportunity to serve our Lord.