Broadmoor Baptist Bulletin

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Pledge Card Collection

November 8 during worship we will have a special collection for your pledge cards. You can also turn them in through the end of the year. If you are in need of a pledge card there will be some in the pews or in the office.

SEPTEMBER 2026 FINANCIALS	
YTD Receipts	$550,740.01
YTD Expenses	$585,274.67
	($34,534.66)

Letters from Leo

HELP. THANKS. WOW

In describing the tragic inner torment of the character Von Humbolt Fleisher, Saul Bellow, in his book Humboldt's Gift, wrote that "Unwritten poems were killing him." Humboldt, who had uttered great words and songs within him, grieved for the poems he had not written, which needed to be voiced.

Like Bellow, they may one day say about me, "Unspoken thank-you's were killing him." As I sat down to type the latest newsletter article, I became overwhelmed by the numerous people in our congregation who deserve gratitude. For each member, committee, and staff that I wanted to thank, twenty more came to mind. I would say thank you to those who prepare for meals for banquets and set up tables for Family Gatherings; thank you to those who work to give us a new budget for new years; thank you to those who work behind the scenes to make things come together; thank you to those who practice in choirs each week to deliver an intangible worship experience; thank you to those who make our audio happen for the sanctuary and social platforms; thank you to those who care for our babies and young children so others may worship; thank you to those who make our facility function beautifully and comfortably; thank you to those who buy candy, decorate cars, and make hot dogs for Trunk or Treat; thank you to those who design and decorate for Advent and Christmas; thank you to those who serve the hungry in our community with food; thank you to those who prepare Bible Study lessons each week; thank you to those who give time and money to God through this church; and ... this is the space that troubles me, the space where many, many others deserved to be thanked, but for lack of time and space or just plain forgetfulness, I fail. "Unspoken thank-you's were killing him."

In her inspirational book, writer Ann Lamott speaks about the Three Essential Prayers. These three essentially sum up all prayers: Help. Thanks. Wow. Help: This is the prayer you say when we are overwhelmed, stuck, or in over our head, when we admit that we are in charge of very little. Thanks: This is the prayer we say in gratitude for a moment of relief, a breakthrough, or a quiet blessing. Wow: This is the prayer of awe, wonder, or shock when facing the sheer beauty or mystery of the world.

We couldn't live if we were to give thanks for every gift and giver who makes life beautiful and good. There isn't enough time, enough space, enough memory. However, to have a sense that we are in charge of very little, and that others, indeed God, gives freely and generously may inspire us, too, to become one of those for whom others may say "thank you." Perhaps, even, doing this on one of our committees or councils, or in whatever avenue of service to which God is calling you. Thank you.

Dr. Ezell

Churchwide Bowling Night

Friday, November 6, 6 PM
All Star Lanes

Contact the office to sign up



Join us for a family movie night on the front lawn to watch "Open Season"



Popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs

Friday, November 13, 6:30 PM

Youth Topics

Sunday School:
Grace and Gratitude

Sunday Night Bible Study:
Friendships

Grace & Gratitude

Deposits for Passport are Due November 1. Passport will be in Richmond, Virginia June 27-July 4

Sign up by November 11

Speaker will be Sharon Cracky from the Louisiana Department of Justice to discuss elder fraud protection strategies.

LLL Potluck

NOVEMBER 13, 11:30 AM

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE HAM. PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE, SALAD, OR DESSERT.

Sabbatical Presentation
"Faith Before God: What the Past Teaches Us About the Future of Church"
November 8, 4-5:30P
Common Grounds Cafe
*A presentation predicated on Dr. Ezell's readings, encounters, and experiences during the summer sabbatical period this year. Visuals, drinks, and snacks provided.

Messy Faith
Interested in Jesus? Not the ethereal, white-robed, sonorous-voiced, halo-headed, float-above-the-ground Jesus, but rather the earthy, untidy, wild, gritty, table-overturning, fully human yet divine, tender, compassionate, dangerous, understanding, grace-filled Jesus. Then join us here at Broadmoor Baptist on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm for a Six Week discussion about "Messy Faith." Led by Bobby Rayburn.



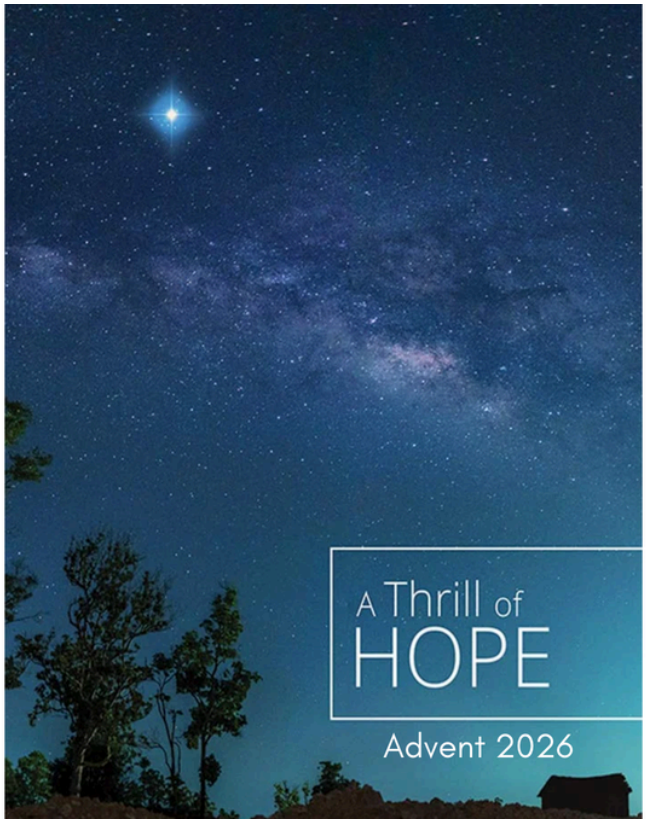
Gospel Choir returns to Broadmoor Baptist Church to present their fall concert, Let Everything That Hath Breath... Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 7:30pm. You won't want to miss this exciting, inspirational program that highlights traditional and contemporary gospel music from prominent Gospel and Christian artists. This concert is free and open to the public.

Volunteer to Serve as Church Hosts for Gospel Choir
contact the office.

Sanctuary Decorating for Christmas
November 29, following worship. Call the office to sign up.

Poinsettias for Advent
Poinsettias are a part of our decorations for Advent. If you would like to have one placed in honor or memory of someone, the cost is $15/small and $40/large. Please call the church office.





Advent Vespers Service
November 29, 5 P

Looking Ahead

December 13 Special Music Program

The BBC Sanctuary Choir will present our Holiday Special Music on Sunday, December 13. We will perform LSU alumni Karen Marrolli's Light of Peace. Marrolli writes about the pieces: "Light of Peace: Celtic Carols of Christmas is a collection of five anthems, each using traditional tunes from the British Isles in new settings. These anthems come from what originally was a full Celtic service of Lessons and Carols entitled Light of Peace. The idea was to weave together familiar hymn and carol tunes from the Irish and Scottish traditions with popular Celtic folk tunes, reels, and airs." Marrolli also created new texts that suggest a response to the Christmas story that we live out a life of love in action. For example, in response to the humble birthplace of Christ, and the shepherds - not the loftiest of characters - being the first to hear the song of the angels, the choir sings this prayer to the tune of Salley Gardens: "Forgive us, Lord, forgive us when we look to the rich and strong instead of the lowly stable for the power to right Earth's wrongs. O use us, the poor and lowly, inspired by the song from above, to seek the lost and broken, to heal the world with love." The accompaniment includes piano, flute, and violin, as well as the Celtic percussion drum, the Bodhrán.

Pajama Jam Christmas Extravaganza
December 12th
Family Christmas Party, all are welcome to attend, pajamas encouraged. Games, food, crafts, music, and pictures with Santa!



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 6 PM

A Look Back

































Choral Interns at Broadmoor Baptist

The Choral Internship Program at Broadmoor Baptist Church is one of the most meaningful investments our church makes in the future of church music. Through this unique partnership with Louisiana State University's School of Music, Broadmoor provides emerging musicians with hands-on ministry experience while enriching the worship life of our congregation. The result is a mutually beneficial relationship that nurtures young artists, leaders, and teachers while strengthening our music ministry with their gifts and enthusiasm.

The Broadmoor Sanctuary Choir is a highly skilled ensemble that presents advanced choral literature in weekly worship and special services throughout the year. Choral interns become fully integrated members of this ministry, faithfully participating in rehearsals, worship services, and major musical events. More than simply adding voices to the choir, they gain firsthand experience in the preparation, leadership, and spiritual responsibilities of a thriving church music program.

Beyond their role as singers, interns are entrusted with meaningful leadership opportunities. They perform solos and small ensemble selections, assist in rehearsing the choir, lead congregational hymn singing, and occasionally conduct choral anthems in worship. Just as valuable are the relationships they develop with choir members and church staff. These mentoring connections often provide lifelong encouragement, professional guidance, and spiritual support.

The program was established in 2017 through the vision of former Director of Music Ministry Dr. Paul Henderson, who sought to create a partnership between Broadmoor and LSU's School of Music. What began with two students as a pilot initiative quickly proved successful. Since its inception, more than a dozen music students have benefited from the program, and today four interns representing a variety of degree programs serve within Broadmoor's music ministry.

Interns receive a stipend in recognition of their commitment to weekly rehearsals, worship services, and special events, including the Holiday Music Service and Holy Week observances. Through these experiences, they develop practical skills essential to church music leadership: preparing music independently, teaching choral literature, leading rehearsals, and serving congregations through worship. Strong sight-reading skills, disciplined preparation, and musical excellence are cultivated each week as interns engage with challenging repertoire and real-world ministry responsibilities.

The impact of this program extends far beyond a single season of service. As interns grow in musicianship, confidence, and leadership, Broadmoor continues to play an important role in shaping the next generation of church musicians. Dr. Rowe hopes that this tradition of mentorship and excellence will remain a vital part of Broadmoor's ministry for years to come, ensuring that future students experience the same opportunities for growth, service, and spiritual formation.

Broadmoor Baptist Church is grateful for the gifts, dedication, and joyful spirit these interns bring to our worship each week. Their presence strengthens our choir, enriches our congregation, and helps shape the next generation of church musicians for God's glory.

Caelyn Blackwell is a sophomore in vocal music education at LSU. She was a BBC Choral Intern last year as well. Caelyn is originally from Denham Springs and a graduate of St. Amant High School, she participated in numerous All-State and honor choirs where her passion for singing and conducting first blossomed. Caelyn hopes to become a choir director who encourages students to discover confidence and joy through music. Outside of choir she enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time in nature.

Daniel Marchiafava is a freshman at LSU pursuing a degree in vocal music education with the hopes of one day leading a school program just like his mom. With strong influences in musical theater he has performed in a variety of different programs including several catholic church choirs in his home town of Chalmette, Louisiana. Daniel also loves playing clarinet, saxophone, guitar, and a plethora of other instruments in ensembles across the parishes. He hopes to continue spreading his faith through performance as he sings with Broadmoor. When he's not performing, Daniel loves to kick back and read comic books and listen to Jimmy Buffett.

Michael Geist is a freshman at LSU in the vocal performance program. He grew up with music thanks to his mother, who was the Associate Professor of Music Therapy at LSU. Michael is aware of music's uncanny ability to unite and inspire people from all different corners of life. Michael has a love of music on stage and the theater is his safe place where he feels free to express himself most. When not performing, Michael fills his time talking about books with his friends, building a plastic model kit from time to time, or playing trading card games with the supportive communities at his local game stores.



Ashton Warren is a senior at LSU pursuing vocal music education. Ashton is from Sulphur Louisiana. She enjoys all types of music, cooking, adventures, travel, and spending time with my sisters and fiancé. Most of all I have a love for learning and teaching and can't wait to experience both at Broadmoor Baptist Church!

Ministry Outreach

Southeast Ministries

Gift cards with the message, “Merry Christmas from Broadmoor Baptist Church” were given to those served by our local food bank in 2024 and 2025. All recipientss met USDA income guidelines and were qulifired to be provided food once a month. We hope to repeat this Christmas Tradition this yeat, with the first cards being distributed Monday, November 23td. The easiest way to support this charity is to write a check to Broadmoor Baptist Church with a note on the memo line, SEM-Chistmas. The chuirch will collect funds for this until Sunday, December 20th.

Urgent Help Needed

We are seeking 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 rotating basis. Contact the office to sign up.

Greater Bridge Academy

If you would like to read to children, ages 1-4, please let the office know.

Prayer Requests

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Notes
1 8:30 A CGC Open 9:15 A Sunday School 10:30 A Worship Service All Saints' Service 11:30 A Belles Rehearsal 5:00 P Youth	2	3 9:30 A Yoga 10:00 A Quilting 6:30 P Messy Faith	4 6:30 P Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 A Bible Study	6 9:30 A Yoga 6:00 P Churchwide Bowling	7	
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29 **Hope** 8:30 A CGC Open 9:15 A Sunday School 10:30 A Worship Service 11:30 A Belles Rehearsal 11:30 A Sanctuary Decorating 5:00 P Vespers	30						

Sunday Mornings

November 1: Sermon "Faithful Management of Each Other's Perseverance"
Hebrews 24-25
anthem "The Church's One Foundation" by Dan Forrest with Brass sextet and organ
November 8: Sermon "Faithful Mangament of Material Possessions and Perspective"
Hebrews 10:32-34
anthem "Be Thou My Vision" by Carlton Young lead by Caelyn Blackwell
November 15: Sermon "Faithful Management of Endurance and Faith"
Hebrews 10:35-26
anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter
Belles et Beaux will present "How Fim a Foundation/Simple Gifts Medley" by Susan T. Nelson
November 22: Sermon "Partying With Jesus"
Luke 14 :12-13
anthem "I Will Give Thanks Unto the Lord" by Thomas Matthews
November 29: First Sunday of Advent, Hope
Sermon "The Anticipation of Hope"
Luke 21:25-36
anthem "Advent Carol" by William Sisson

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