

CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 20

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

Friday, May 22

9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, May 24

8:30 A Common Grounds
Café Open
9:15 A Sunday School,
Teacher Appreciation
10:30 A Worship Service,
Baptism

Monday, May 25

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

9:30 A Yoga
10:00 A Quilting

Wednesday, May 27

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

Friday, May 29

9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, May 31

8:30 A Common Grounds
Café Open
Labyrinth
9:15 A Sunday School
10:30 A Worship Service
11:30 A Church Council
Meeting
Youth

Monday, June 1

10:00 A Labyrinth
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 2

9:30 A Yoga
10:00 A Quilting
Labyrinth

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May 24

**THIS SUNDAY
WEAR FIRE COLORS
(RED, ORANGE, YELLOW)
TO REPRESENT
THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR PENTECOST!**

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



Would you be available to help 1-2 hours a day?? Call the church office



“Sharpening Tools”

This is my final newsletter article before going on sabbatical starting June 1, although I have arranged with staff that I will write the article for the first newsletter each month I am away. In other words, I will write the articles for June 3, July 1, August 12, and September 9 in *May*. Though I have no idea what experiences await, I will write from my expectations and longings based on my itinerary.

For now, I simply want to share gratitude to those making it possible for me to take advantage of Eli Lilly’s Clergy Renewal. Thanks to the Lilly Endowment for investing in initiatives that support longevity in ministry. Thanks to BBC and our Trustee Council for making the time available, allowing for my first sabbatical in over thirty years of ministry. Thanks to BBC staff, for making room in their jobs to accommodate the disruption. Thanks to my Sabbatical Committee for helping me turn a dream into a winning proposal. Thanks to my Sabbatical Team for providing critical support in the execution of the sabbatical. Thanks to the nine preachers and Dr. Rowe who will cover my Sunday worship responsibilities for fifteen weeks. And thanks to Shane McNary, of GRF, who will frame the process for both church and me in hope, health, and joy.

For those that were unable to make our recent Family Gathering, Shane explained the minister’s need for sabbatical analogically, by telling this well-known story: Two woodcutters were in a competition to see who could cut down more trees by the end of the day. The first was an experienced woodcut-

ter older in years and the second was a younger, stronger man eager to prove his ability. Both men set out to chopping.

After about an hour or so the more experienced woodcutter paused, sat down to take a break, and invited the other to join him. The younger, stronger woodcutter replied, *“No way! I’m going to keep chopping and chopping. And I’m going to beat you.”* *“Suit yourself,”* said the older, experienced man.

This pattern repeated itself several times throughout the day. Every so often the experienced man would pause his chopping to rest, while the younger, stronger woodcutter kept busily chopping away.

At the end of the day when the two woodcutters compared to see who had chopped more wood, the younger, stronger woodcutter was astonished to find that the older woodcutter who kept taking breaks had chopped a substantially greater amount of wood. The younger one said, *“How is that even possible? You spent far less time chopping than I did. I am stronger and never once did I stop cutting down trees. What is your secret?”*

The experienced woodcutter replied, *“My secret is this: every time I sat down, I was sharpening my tools.”*

Is this how grace felt when Jesus released the guilt of those slaving to *earn* their salvation – their worth?

Wait! Did Shane call me dull???

Dr. Ezell

GET INVOLVED

Church Council Luncheon

Sunday, May 31 following worship

This includes all chairs of committees and councils, and church staff. Jambalaya will be provided as well as a conversation led by Shane McNary.

Reclaim...

Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.

Children

Wednesdays, 6 P: Holy Wow

June 3, June 10, June 24
July 1, July 8, July 22, July 29

Young Adult

Thursdays

June 11, June 25
July 9, July 23
August 6

Labyrinth Prayer Experience

May 31, 8:30 -10:15 A
June 1-June 5, 10 A-3 P
September 13, 8:30 -10:15 A
September 14-19, 10 A-3 P
September 20, 8:30-10:15 A

The Labyrinth is a meditative prayer practice to quiet the mind and connect with God. It typically involves releasing burdens while walking in, receiving insights in the center, and reflecting on the journey outward.

Sign up for a time slot to walk through

Youth

Sundays, 6 P: Bible Study

June 28, July 12, July 19

Fridays: Fun Fridays

June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24

Special Events

June 7, 5-8 P: Kick off Event
June 13-20 : Passport Camp
August 9, 5-8 P: Summer End Event

Adult

Wednesday, 11 A: Let’s Talk

June 10, June 24

July 8, July 22

August 5, August 19

September 2

*Let’s Talk: Bring a lunch and join us in discussion.

Welcome Back

September 20, 5 P: Turkish

Meal to welcome back

Leonard

September 22-25:

Café Conversations with Leonard

September 27:

Night Café Conversation with Leonard

MINISTRY OUTREACH

Welcome New Members

Krystle Stephens

10460 Old Hammond Hwy

Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Billy Gray III

688 Vieux St.

Baton Rouge, LA 70815

In Loving Memory

Betty Jackson *united with this church on May 17, 1981 and departed this life on March 13, 2026.*

BRG- Midcity

Billy Reeves

Landmark

Jim Chapman

Home from the Hospital

Andy Davis

Sydney Snyder

Joyce Dewees

Southeast Ministries

Our neighborhood food bank is in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

OMG Breakfast

Last Wednesdays of the Month at 10:30 A at La Madeleine’s on Jefferson. Gathering for men of the church.

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.

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.