

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, January 5

8:30 A Common Grounds  
Café Open  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
5:00 P Youth

### Tuesday, January 7

9:30 A Yoga

### Wednesday, January 8

6:30 A Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 10

9:30 A Yoga  
8:00 P Youth Lock in

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 A Common Grounds  
Café open  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
4:00 P Belles and Beaux  
5:00 P Youth

### Monday, January 13

6:00 P Trustee Meeting

### Tuesday, January 14

9:30 A Yoga

### Wednesday, January 15

11:30 A LLL Trip  
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

## 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



Every follow, like, and share helps us spread our wonderful events!

## YOUTH, KIDS & FAMILIES

## Children and Youth Activities

**Youth Lock-In: January 10, 8PM-8AM,** Youth are invited to join us at the church for a lock-in. This will be a night of fun activities and fellowship. We would be grateful to any parents willing to serve as chaperones. So please let Chanelle know if you would be interested in volunteering.

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### Entire Congregation

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# Communion Sunday January 12

## Quarterly Business Meeting

January 19  
following worship

H H A T S

From a recent conversation I was reminded of an important lesson I learned from the Bible story of Jonah, which many say is actually a parable written about prophets who were concerned primarily with the condition of their own people, and not strangers. Truth is, the Old Testament itself is hardly concerned about the “conversion” of outsiders to the Jewish faith. It says a great deal about how we are to treat the “alien” or outsider among us, yes. But teaching something and practicing it are often two very different things. The story of Jonah reveals the attitude of exclusivity, treating outsiders as those of little count in relation to our own people. Today, it’s like closed groups, or cliques in church, groups that find reaching out to newcomers or opening up to outsiders pointless or annoying. We love our own people, and that is that.

In a recent conversation with a specialist in young adult ministry, he reminded me that young people – anyone – respond more positively to church through an invitation, when they have a friend connection or when there is a warm, personal invitation to join. This is why a personal invitation and a warm, welcoming embrace to church makes a lasting impression on newcomers.

It’s why the lesson from Jonah is critical for churches today. Jonah had little concern for outsiders, and thus assumed God shared the same feelings. Jonah was comfortable with his own people whom he knew were believers,

and thus assumed God shared the same opinions. Jonah, who surely wanted more followers of Yahweh, was ironically unwilling to welcome the Ninevites – who were not Jewish – and who were unworthy of his love and forgiveness, and thus assumed God shared the same beliefs . . . until God proved Jonah to be wrong.

And so, God orchestrated a situation in which Jonah could, both, develop a change of heart and satisfy God’s plans for even the enemies of Israel. God put Jonah inside a large fish in order that not only could Jonah not run away, but Jonah would have nothing else to do except to pray. The “belly of the great fish” was, literally or figuratively, a crucible for change – for old prejudices and certainties to be shed for God’s more perfect way to grow. Jonah discovered that God was more open, gracious, and forgiving of strangers than the prophet once believed.

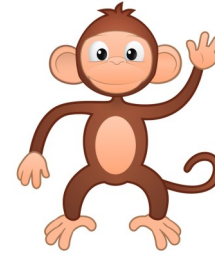
Three things to take from the story of Jonah: God loves outsiders and newcomers more than we do; God sometimes puts us in places when all we can do is to pray and have a change of heart; and if we really want to grow – God’s family, the church – we will grow more like God and shed old prejudices and baseless certainties. Will you join me in inviting newcomers to join us?

*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!



### LLL Trip

**Wednesday, January 15  
11:20 A**

LLL trip Superior Grill on Highland following by a tour of the LSU Vet School. Contact the office to sign up!!

### 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.

### Musical Notes from Lori

I hope all of you have felt blessed by the services at Broadmoor during recent weeks and as we’ve “passed through” Advent and Christmas! Everyone has worked very hard to make it happen and to create worshipful experiences for everyone. What a joy its been to be a part of the team of busy bees at Broadmoor Baptist. Now, all of you are thinking about 2025 and making those “new year promises and plans.” This is a time of opportunities for everyone – in your personal lives you may be deciding on your new year’s resolutions. In the church, opportunities abound! Maybe 2025 is the year you will re-engage yourselves in the ministry of the church, maybe you will find “an opportunity” at the church to which you feel ‘called’ and could offer your time, maybe you have been inspired by the music program and wish to be a part of it, maybe you feel the ‘need’ to be present amongst the children or youth and wish to help out, maybe you yearn to learn more through the bible studies or Sunday School classes offered and decide to commit yourself to attending, maybe ... maybe ... maybe ... I have all of these “maybe thoughts” as well. MAYBE I’ll see you in worship on Sunday morning! Maybe 2025 will be your best year ever. Happy New Year!

## MINISTRY OUTREACH

### Home from the Hospital

Doug Chiles  
Charlie Jordan  
Carolyn Cope  
Jim Chapman

### Southeast Ministries

To support SE Ministries through the holidays they are asking for donations of macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and dried pasta at this time. Donations may be delivered to the church office, SE Ministries barrels or SE Ministries location.

### Music Search Committee

The Search Committee for Director of Music and Worship has chosen Sandy Purdum as Chair and Scott Norton as Co-Chair. The rest of the committee consists of Barbara Broome, Brian Davis, Donna Dooley, Nita Hannie, David Mullen, Maggi Spurlock, and Janelle Teekel. Please keep these in prayer. They would love to hear from you about your hopes and dreams for our music ministry and the next Director of Music and Worship.

### Communion at Home

**Sunday, January 12**

To best prepare for this special time please contact the church office, by January 7, if you would like communion elements delivered so you may participate from home.

