

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

10:00 A Bible Study

Friday, March 14

9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, March 16

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, March 18

9:30 A Yoga
10:00 A Quilting

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

10:00 A Bible Study

Friday, March 21

9:30 A Yoga

Saturday, March 22

10:00 A Churchwide Top Golf

Sunday, March 23

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, March 25

9:30 A Yoga
10:00 A Quilting

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YOUTH, KIDS & FAMILIES

Children and Youth Activities

Youth Band: Sunday Nights, 6:30-7PM, Youth interested in participating in the youth band will meet for half an hour after our regular youth activities. We will learn to play and sing contemporary worship music together.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 13, 11:30AM, Children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt after church on Palm Sunday. Please bring a dozen prefilled eggs per child. Lunch will be provided.

Spring Retreat: April 25-27, The youth are invited to join us for a fun weekend of fellowship and Bible study for our spring youth retreat. We will stay at several host houses and participate in some fun activities around town. More details to come.

New Young Adult Bible Study

First Meeting April 2, 6 P, at the church. Ages 23-30.
Contact Bobby for more details

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Churchwide
Top GOLF



Saturday, March 22
10 A- Noon

BBC Recreation committee will provide the bays but individuals are responsible for their own food and drinks.

Sign up by March 19 in the church office.

BBT

March 30, following worship

Burgersmith

Poboy

Express

Chipotle

Pedros

& Jason's Deli

Sign up now by March 23!!



“Taking Our Cue from Jesus”

Lately, I have rediscovered my love for the TV sit-com *The Big Bang Theory*, starring a community of six highly intelligent, geeky, socially awkward nerds and a want-to-be actress/waitress neighbor named Penney. One of the lead actors, Sheldon, was a child prodigy with a photographic memory, who has an IQ of 187, started college at 11 years old, and graduated with a PhD at 18. He works as a theoretical physicist at the university. However, for all his smarts, Sheldon struggles to grasp most aspects of social situations.

On a season 10 episode, Sheldon is accused by his friends of, once again, being insensitive, of being unable to read the emotional cues in others. Then he learns that scientists at MIT have developed a machine that can accurately read people’s emotions. Sheldon acquires the “emotion detection” machine but discovers that being aware of other people’s feelings causes him to have *mixed* emotions. He personally experiences that, when others feel pain, he too feels pain. In short, Sheldon discovers *empathy*.

Empathy is defined as “the ability to understand, be aware of, be sensitive to, and share the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another.” It’s simply being able to imagine what it would be like to be in another’s situation. My guess is that most of us learned or developed empathy as a child, since it has been found that as early as 12 months old, babies can comfort another in distress. It is never too

late to pay attention to the feelings of others, though. Wasn’t it the Grinch who, having encountered love in mid-life, had a change of heart? His heart, that was two sizes too small, grew three whole sizes from having empathy toward the *Who’s!*

Why does it matter? For one, Jesus had empathy: “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Mt. 9:36 NRSVUE)

A more sobering warning about a lack of empathy was shared recently by my Church History professor. GM Gilbert, the chief psychologist who interviewed Nazis on trial at Nuremberg, shared his findings from the interviews of post-war Nazis. He wrote, “I told you once that I was searching for the nature of evil. I think I’ve come close to defining it: a lack of empathy. It’s the one characteristic that connects all the defendants [Nazis]. A genuine incapacity to feel with their fellow man. Evil, I think, is the absence of empathy.”

Genuine empathy, like feeling compassion and feeling love, cannot be coerced; but it can be practiced. And evil, of course, should not. We Christians should lead in the promotion and practice of empathy. After all, the *one* we follow did. “For God *so loved* the world, *he gave...*”

Dr. Ezell

GET INVOLVED

Rare Opportunity: Learn Hebrew!

Have you ever wanted to learn to read the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament in its original language? Or have you simply wanted to learn a new language or perhaps are planning a trip to Israel. BBC member Aiden Buyuk, who recently moved to the United States from Turkey, will lead twelve two-hour courses with the goal of making you proficient in basic modern Hebrew. Dr. Ezell will complete the course by adding a Hebrew Bible translation component with the goal of translating Genesis 1.

Mr. Buyuk is proficient in Turkish, German, French, English. He studied Hebrew in Istanbul with a private teacher and at Ulpan schools in Tel Aviv for 3 1/2 years. He holds certifications from Ulpan-Or and Ulpan-Bayit at intermediate level.

Dr. Ezell successfully completed two years of graduate and undergraduate classical/ancient Hebrew, as well as a course in the related ancient semitic language of Ugaritic. April 6-July 13, 4-6PM with break in Conference Room

A Look Ahead to: Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 13

10:30 A: children wave branches during service
11:30 A: Easter egg hunt and lunch after worship

Maundy Thursday, April 17

6 P: Dinner and service
sign up in the church office

Good Friday, April 18

6 P: Tenebrae service

Easter: Sunday, April 20

8 A: Bring flowers
8:30 A: Service around the cross
8:45 A: Potluck breakfast
9:30 A: Sunday School
10:30 A: Easter Service

MINISTRY OUTREACH

Home from the Hospital

Kathy Miller

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.

LLL Trip to The Towers Mansion

Thursday, March 27

Leave the church at 8 A

LLL (anyone over 50) are taking a trip to The Towers Mansion in Natchez, MS. Departure from the church is at 8A. We will take the Elegant Jeweled Easter Tour. The tour fee is \$25 per person, cash only. Please bring the exact amount. Payment will be collected at the Mansion. After the tour, we will have lunch at Pig Out Inn BBQ, with lunch on your own. Please sign up by March 24th. We will use the church bus and as many SUVs as needed.



BBC is currently looking for an individual to fill the position of Church Property and Facilities Manger following Mike Patterson’s upcoming retirement. The Church Property and Facilities Manager will be responsible for maintenance, upkeep, use and safety of BBC property, buildings, infrastructure and equipment. He or she will supervise the custodial staff, order needed supplies, schedule and coordinate the use of all BBC facilities and property (church, annex, and vehicles). He or she will work closely with the rest of the church staff and with the Trustees Council. This position is part-time, 25-30 hours per week with flexibility on Sundays and weekends. If you are interested in applying for this position email your resume to: Leonard@broadmoorbaptist.com