

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11

9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, September 13

8:30 A Common Grounds

Café Open

Labyrinth

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship Service,
Jon Parks
preaching

11:30 A Belles Rehearsal

Deacon Meeting

5:00 P Youth Sunday

Monday, September 14

10:00 A Labyrinth

Tuesday, September 15

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Quilting
Labyrinth

Wednesday, September 16

10:00 A Labyrinth

6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

10:00 A Labyrinth

Friday, September 18

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Labyrinth

11:30 A LLL Potluck

Saturday, September 19

10:00 A Labyrinth

Sunday, September 20

8:30 A Common Grounds

Café Open

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship Service

Shane McNary

preaching

5:00 P Turkish Feast

Tuesday, September 22

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Quilting

Catch Up over Coffee

AARP Shred Day

Saturday, October 10, 9-11 AM
In the East Parking Lot



This event is free and open to the public. Registration is suggested but not required to attend. To register, visit, events.aarp.org/BR2ShredDay or call toll-free (877) 926-8300, or scan to QR Code.

Organ Restoration Update

The contract with A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Co. has been signed and the first of five payments made. The project will take 12 to 14 months with payments required at the end of each of the construction steps. Of the \$200,000 needed to complete the project \$50,000 has been donated. Please consider making a donation to this special project. We are still waiting to hear from the Hampson Albert Sisler Foundation. The contact person is Carol Wicks.

Something New is Coming...

Starting in October changes are coming to the newsletter. To help us move to a digital newsletter please make sure the church office has your current email. Printed copies are available for mailing, please let the office know if this is your preference.

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H F A T S

Reclaim

Yesterday.

Today.

Tomorrow.



"Gearing Down by Gearing Up"

My sabbatical winds down at Duke University in Durham, NC. Duke has made concessions for me to start Study Leave earlier than others, to help me return to church by September 20.

Study Leave is an all-inclusive program that welcomes ministers to spend time reading, interviewing professors, attending classes, using their library, and walking their beautiful gardens. The last time I took Study Leave was several months after the September 11 attacks. My plan was to study and process the reactive mob mentality I'd witnessed as a response to the attacks. I found it both fascinating and disturbing how mild-mannered individuals could transform into angry, impulsive, and often thoughtless mobs, allowing themselves to be led by a "consciousness" not of their own, often taking on behaviors that ran contrary to their "individual selves'" values and religion (think college football crowds!).

This time, I plan to study and process the evolution of religious expressions from as early as we can speculate to contemporary expressions. The range of my personal research is to consider these contemporary expressions in light of the writings we have (aka: Bible, sacred writings from earlier and neighboring civilizations, inscriptions on steles, etc.) and material culture, especially from archaeological sites and museums that I've visited, and in light of my own Judeo-Christian tradition.

A comparative study means I will need to be aware of what I bring to it, like my own

biases and prejudices. I may be tempted to judge the sincere expressions of faith from early, pre-Abrahamic worshipers (and even modern ones outside my own) and disparage their so-called *ignorance*. After all, the ancients were expressing themselves from who they were and what they had. They sought to please their deity/deities just as we seek to please our God. I'm also aware of the tendency to compare my best to others' worst. I must remember that I am not the ideal representative of my own faith tradition. And I must be aware that religious writings, including my Bible, were not necessarily what practitioners believed and behaved, but how the writers *wanted* readers to believe and behave. Furthermore, just because my Bible describes ancient topics (creation, flood, etc.), doesn't mean they were written in the topics' times. I am reading the oral stories that more recent writers penned for a particular audience, often giving a more contemporary spin on the story (see Chronicles!). And finally, I must keep in mind that "archaeology doesn't lie," which is why there are often contradictions between what was written and what archaeologists find.

This is the task that I've given myself over the course of my sabbatical, and what I am working on at Duke. "Why?" Because "It Makes My Heart Sing!" See you soon!

Somewhere in a book!

Dr. Ezell

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Sunday Morning

September 13: Jon Parks,
Co-Pastor at UBC

Jon Parks currently serves as co-pastor of University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge alongside his wife, Tanya. Before moving to Baton Rouge, the Parks lived in Slovakia, where they served as Field Personnel for nine years among the Romani people. They have two daughters currently studying at LSU. Jon is a musician and a freelance writer, and spends his free time writing music and exercising outdoors.

Turkish Feast

September 20, 5P,
Church Activities Hall

Dr. Ezell invites you to a catered dinner celebrating your *Reclaim* and his Sabbatical! It's an occasion for catching up over delicious food and outstanding Turkish desserts within a festive atmosphere. Please sign up by calling the Church Office, emailing office@broadmoorbaptist.com, or on the list outside the Sanctuary. Dinner is furnished in large part by *The Endowment* of the Eli Lily Foundation. Cost per person: \$5
Deadline to sign up September 9

Catch-Up Over Coffee

Common Grounds Café

September 22, 23, 24 :10-11 A; September 27: 5-6 P

Dr. Ezell invites you to Catch-Up Over Coffee!
This is an opportunity to reconnect, share summer experiences, and look toward tomorrow.

Labyrinth Prayer Experience

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.

MINISTRY OUTREACH

In Loving Memory

Jim Chapman *united with this church on June 28, 1964 and departed this life on August 31, 2026.*

Welcome New Members

Rose Best

2562 S Turnberry Ave
Zachary, La 70791

Words of Appreciation

Betty Lou Nunneley

Layla Battley

Southeast Ministries

Our neighborhood food bank is in need of dried beans and clean, unbroken egg containers.

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

Interfaith Federation 40th Anniversary

For more info or to buy breakfast tickets: <https://www.ifedgbr.com/>

 MOVABLE PRAY-FOR-PEACE VIGIL <i>at local congregations</i> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 2–4 PM Visit one or all sites. Stay a few minutes or hours. <i>Pray for peace.</i> GO TO IFEDGBR.COM FOR LOCATIONS	 HOLY GRILL CELEBRATION LUNCHEON OPEN TO ALL <i>Special invitation to partners, Holy Grill volunteers and founders</i> WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 NOON CADILLAC STREET PARK (BREC) 6117 CADILLAC ST.	 ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST RECOGNITION OF CHARTER MEMBER CONGREGATIONS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 7–9 AM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 AM) BOUDREAUX'S 2647 GOVERNMENT ST., BATON ROUGE TICKETS AVAILABLE IN AUGUST COST: \$30 PER PERSON
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