

# The VISION

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## NEWSLETTER

### BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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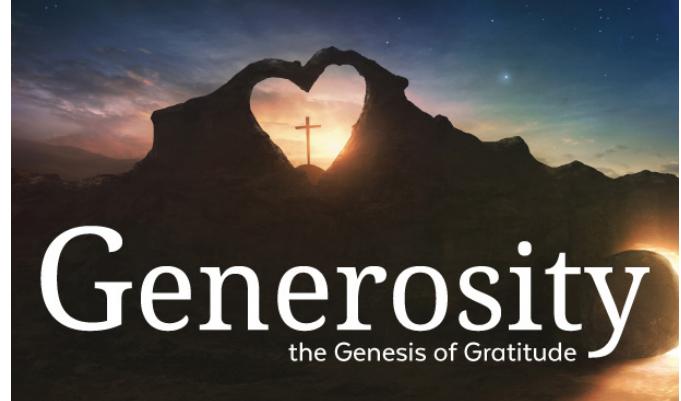
**DR. GREG DAVIS**  
Senior Pastor

The **genesis** (beginning point) of **generosity** (exuberant expressions of faith) is **gratitude** (being thankful for what God has done for us). So, a word about generosity. First, a word from John Wesley. In his sermon The Use of Money, his outline was “make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” Wesley understood that generosity is paramount for the Christian.

Jim Sheppard has described what he calls “contagious generosity”, and his writing has influenced my understanding of generosity. Generosity at its core is a lifestyle—a lifestyle in which we share all that we have and who we are as a response to God’s grace. It is not enough for the church to talk about generosity, nor is it enough for individual Christians to simply commit to being generous. What makes generosity a real and powerful witness to God’s love is what we do. Generosity flows from the understanding that all we have, are, or will ever become is not ours to possess; it is to be responsibly shared with others for the advancement of the kingdom and the glory of God.

God knows that our orientation toward money reflects our obedience to the Lordship of Christ. Our job is to fulfill the Great Commission until Christ’s return. Generosity offers one of the most powerful ways for us to advance the Kingdom. Best of all, when the church acts with generosity to serve others, it is a clear picture of Christ, who generously gave his life and all He had on the cross that we might find life forever.

Generosity embraces a Biblical understanding of stewardship. That is: (1) God is the owner of everything; (2) What we have has been given to us by God; (3) The resources we possess are assets to be invested in the Kingdom.



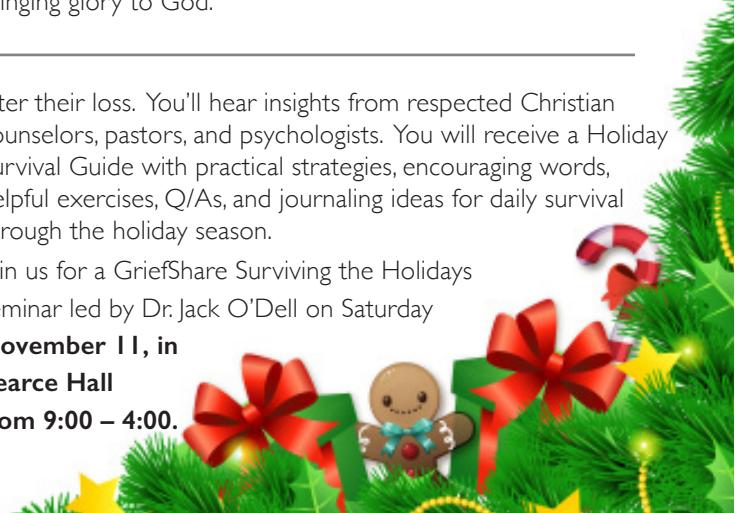
We are encouraged in our generosity when we understand what it means to be a steward, an overseer; recognizing that what we have is not ours to own and confessing that “Jesus is Lord” over our money, possessions, positions of authority and talents. Even the faithful Christian is challenged without an appropriate discipline of biblical stewardship in which generosity is essential. The free gift of the grace of God shapes our faith and leads to the conviction that all that we have—our time, talent, treasure, and witness—is something that we have been given for a purpose. We cannot separate our acceptance of God’s grace from the practice of generosity. We are generous because God was first generous with us, freely giving his life for our sake.

Stewardship is more than an obligation. It’s an opportunity—to witness to the reckless gracious nature of God who gives the free gift of salvation by grace to all who will receive it. Generosity is the fullest expression of the life of a steward, one who has been given a gift, a gift that must be used wisely and for a purpose, bringing glory to God.

after their loss. You’ll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You will receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season.

Join us for a GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar led by Dr. Jack O’Dell on Saturday

**November 11, in  
Pearce Hall  
from 9:00 – 4:00.**



### Surviving the Holidays | November 11

When you are grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligation leave you anxious and overwhelmed. Your sadness can seem unbearable. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of the next year – but you can’t. What can you do to lessen your stress and loneliness?

This seminar will offer practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this seminar you will view videos featuring advice from people in grief who’ve faced the holidays

## Memorials

### Building Fund

In memory of **Charles Chalfant** from  
Martha W. Johnson

In memory of **Louise Grubb** from  
Dr. James L. Tritton and Devonshire  
Dental

In memory of **Dr. Chad Hargon**  
from Curtis & Dianne Turner

In memory of **Jane Porter** from The  
Nelson Bell Family

In memory of **Ken Rodgers** from  
Judie Bell

### Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund

In memory of **Jane Porter** from  
Peggy Farmer

### Memorials Fund

In memory of **Mae Bray** from Joy  
Dunkelman

### Music Fund

In memory of **Jean Ford** given  
anonymously

In memory of **Chad Hargon** from  
Rick & Sandra Githens

In memory of **Jane Porter** from Rick  
& Sandra Githens

### Our Sympathy To:

Hilda Holder on the death of her  
brother-in-law;  
Peggy Robertson on the death of her  
son-in-law;  
Becky Koffman on the death of her  
husband,  
**Dick Koffman**

Judy Cox on the death of her  
brother in law,  
**George William Horton**

## Coming Soon in Missions...



**Curiosity Shoppes at Broadmoor**  
Oct. 20 & Oct. 21 | 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Donate, Volunteer, Shop**

This is an up-scale garage sale that will benefit Missions and Women's Ministry. Gather any treasures that you have and bring them to church. Small items and clothes can be brought to church now. Larger items

can be brought Wednesday evening, October 18 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Thursday October 19 from 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. Make sure things are in good shape and clothes are on hangers. Thank you. Contact Diane Valentine by texting at 617-7896.

### We are collecting donations for:

#### Lovely Creations Bazaar

Jewelry, scarves, purses, hats, etc.

#### The Rack

Mens & women's clothing and shoes.

#### Beautiful Babes

Anything for babies, clothes, baby items

#### Lads and Lasses

Children's clothes and shoes

#### Kid's Corner

Toys, puzzles, games, crafts, books

#### Sensational Seasonal

All seasonal items, costumes, wreathes, decorations, dishes, candle holders

#### Linen and Lace

Any type of linens from pillows, sheets, table cloths, towels, bedding

#### Rag and Bottle

All types of kitchen, cooking items, dishes, trays, glasses

#### Haute Decor

Home decorations, lamps, pictures, etc.

#### Sweat Shoppe

Sports items, tools, garden tools

#### The Empty Chair

Furniture (Large items brought Oct. 19)

#### Ye Old Book Shoppe

Books

## Events Coming Soon...



### **Painting and Pastries | Led by Reverend Peter Gaughan | October 20 6-8 p.m.**

Peter will give us step-by step instructions on creating a one-of-a-kind masterpiece as we enjoy painting, mocktails and delicious appetizers and pastries in Pearce Hall. Cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples.

### **Baptism Class | October 22**

As we continue to celebrate milestones in our children's lives, we want to recognize the importance of baptism. Baptism is a mark of the Christian faith, a covenant we enter into with God and our church family. Galatians 3:27 tells us "all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes." Join Dr. Greg Davis and Pastor Peter Gaughan as they delve deeper into this sacrament. We will be meeting in the Parlor on October 22nd during

the Sunday School hour. **Questions?**

Contact Kristen at 861-0586 or [kristen@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristen@broadmoorumc.org)

### **Lay Servant School | October 27 & 28**

Have you ever wanted to be a more effective church leader, a more confident Sunday School Teacher, or just a better servant for your church? Broadmoor will host the Shreveport District Lay Servant School, which exists to develop the skills and enhance the spiritual gifts of lay leaders and potential lay leaders in our church. This training can also prepare a layperson to preach when a pastor is not available in a local church. Registration forms will be available in the church office. Cost is \$45.

### **Book Chats | Led by Nancy Beauvais**

Read and discuss a new book each month with friends. Chats are facilitated by Nancy Beauvais and are open to all. This group meets the 4th Thursday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Coming Up in Book Chats:  
**October 26th** The Storied Life of A.J.

## Trunk or Treat! | October 28

We need your help providing trunks and treats! Join us on October 28 as we create a fun, safe space for our young neighbors to trick or treat! **TRUNKS:** Please sign up to bring your car and hand out candy to our young friends. We ask all cars arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 pm to prepare. The children will begin to trick or treat at 6 pm. **TREATS:** Beginning this Sunday, October 8th, collection baskets for those donating candy will be found at the welcome centers.

## Service Day | November 11

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Be a part of service day on November 11th, 2017 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. It will be a musical salute to veterans at the VA Hospital, Veterans Lighthouse and NW LA War Veterans Home. We need all musical members to join the BUMC Patriotic Singers. We will be providing music, treats, cards and visits. Plan on being a part of this special event! Contact Adam Philley at 861-0586 or adam@broadmoorumc.org or Diane Valentine by texting to 617-7896



In Acts, Paul says not to be bound up by fear about your life or your future so you can be free enough to share what you have and who you are with joy. Generosity is rooted in the belief in God's abundance and every act of generosity toward another is the same as giving that person a blessing.

What does generosity look like? It looks like a God who became vulnerable enough to enter fully into this human life, a Jesus who risked giving everything, even his life, to pour his heart and soul and body into a ministry of healing and transformation. As you have more gratitude for God's son and his ultimate generosity to us, you begin to exhibit more and more generosity yourself.

As the Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives, we begin to think less about ourselves and more about others. We begin to see and respond to the needs of others and wonder if I don't do something, who will? As this change takes place within us, we experience real joy. We find more joy in doing things for other people and for God than we ever did in doing things for ourselves. This is what Jesus meant when he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive",

We give because Christ first gave to us. Our generosity to God and others not only touches God and other people, it also changes us.

Greed and envy and materialism have been replaced and God's light shines within us in a way that gives light to others. As we allow Christ to work in us, seeking first his kingdom and striving to do his will, we begin to sense a higher calling---a calling to simplicity and faithfulness and generosity. We begin to look at ways we can make a difference with our time and talents and resources.

These spiritual realizations bring us to a central theological foundation for generosity: Life is a gift and everything belongs to God. We are managers of God's resources---both the natural resources of our planet and the things that we have.

Generosity changes us, filling us with joy and filling our lives with blessings. When we are generous with what we have, we find that unexpected blessings flow back into our lives, catching us by surprise. What's more, as our generosity blesses others, they are changed, too.

*Charles and Kay Allen*

Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

**November 30th** Camino Island by John Grisham.

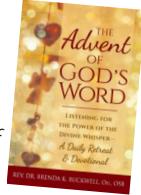
**December** No Book Chat

## Preschool Bibles | November 5, 10:30 am

Preschoolers in Pre-K4 will receive a new bible on Sunday, November 5th at 10:30 in the Parlor. On this special Sunday, we will celebrate these preschoolers as they receive their first Bible from the church. Kids and parents will enjoy a time of fellowship with one another; and the kids will receive a special blessing from the pastors and learn more about their new Bible. **For more information, contact Amy Simon at amy.b.simon@hotmail.com.**

## The Advent of God's Word | Begins November 8

Are you missing out on the true meaning and mystery of Advent amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season?



We will be using the book "The Advent of God's Word" as it invites you into a daily retreat experience, offering inspiring reflections, fresh perspectives on the season's traditional scripture readings, and creative ways to let God's word sink deep into your heart and soul. With prayer practices that engage the senses and guidance in creating a visual reflection in response to each day's reading, this study helps you move beyond articulation of what you know of God to discover the possibilities awaiting you. Cost is \$20.

## Come and Hear Randy Frazee Wed. November 8

We have been invited to join First United Methodist Church on Wednesday November 8 at 6:00 pm, in Bain Hall to hear Randy Frazee, author of The Story and Believe. Several of our Sunday School Classes have or are using The Story and Believe in Sunday School hour.

Randy will share his own story and the

importance of the Gospel message, as we seek to think, act and be like Jesus! Randy is a renowned author, passionate about spiritual formation and community.

He serves as the Senior Minister of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio where Max Lucado is the Teaching Minister.

There is no charge for this event which includes dinner but registration is required. Please be watching the Visions and the E-News for registration information.

## Turkey Bowl November 12

Mark November 12 on your calendars for our annual Turkey Bowl! More information will follow about how you can help our youth with this service project.



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## Over the EDGE

Peter will be descending the Beck building at 10:40 am on Saturday morning!

Thank you for supporting the Fuller Center! Look for more opportunities to partner with the Fuller Center in the future.

<https://fullercenter.org/shreveport/>



**ADAM PHILLEY**  
Director of Music  
Ministries

I am excited to announce our third annual Festival de Noël will take place on November 26th at 6pm. Over the past two years we have hosted over 1200 people, engaged over 400 volunteers and spread the joy of Christ to our Broadmoor Community. As we continue to live into our mission of inviting, nurturing, equipping and serving I implore you to pray about the way in which you can help with this event. Whether that is a personal invitation to a neighbor, friend or local barista to attend this event, nurturing your God-given talents by participating in the Festival Choir, equipping those in your circle to volunteer or volunteering yourself, your involvement is what makes this event a success! We will have a large portion of the concert that focuses on the joy of children during the holiday season. We will sing Santa Claus is Comin' to Town, Rudolph, Frosty, the Snowman all with full choir and orchestra. During a special

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### Mark your calendars!

As our event grows we are looking for corporate sponsors to help host the event. Contact Peter if you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor.



# Festival de Noël

Children's Moment we will have a fully orchestrated reading of The Night Before Christmas. These secular, joyful songs will be paired with some of the season's most iconic sacred pieces helping us usher in the season. For more information please contact Director of Music Ministries, Adam Philley, at adam@broadmoorumc.org.

**Festival Choir begins this week | Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15.**

Not ready to commit to singing with the choir every week but still want to be a part?

Can't read music but enjoy singing?

Come sing for our third annual Festival de Noël.

**Contact Adam by email at [adam@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:adam@broadmoorumc.org) with any questions.**