

The VISION

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MAY 12, 2016

SUNDAY,
MAY 22
12:15 IN
PEARCE HALL

The
Heart
of the matter

VISION



SUNDAY

WELCOMING • WORSHIPPING • SERVING • COMMUNITY



FROM THE
SENIOR PASTOR

Dr. Greg Davis

Where are we going? And what does the future hold for our church?

On Sunday, May 22, we will gather after worship to write a Mission Statement for our church that will help direct us and answer this question using input from the March 6 *Heart of the Matter* visioning survey and what we hear from those in this gathering.

Our survey asked the following questions:

In what new direction do we most want to grow at Broadmoor UMC?

What do you dream Broadmoor UMC will be doing in 10 years?

The answer to these questions will take us from where we are today to where we want our church to be in the future. At the same time, we will take into consideration the talents and resources of our congregation, our facilities and our clergy and staff leadership. Using your responses from our survey we will gather, examine the answers, and find common themes and goals among the data.

Regardless of your membership tenure, whether it be 3 months or 30 years, we need your input to help guide us forward.

Please come join us for lunch in Pearce Hall at 12:15. We have a great lunch planned: chicken & sausage jambalaya, layered salad, crunchy French bread & chocolate sheet cake for just \$7 per person. Childcare will also be available. We need an accurate count for food and childcare, so please let us know if you are attending and if you need child care by signing up at the Welcome Center, calling the church office 861.0586, emailing Laura Vaughan at laura@broadmoorumc.org, or filling out the online sign-up at www.broadmoorumc.org. Lunch payment can also be made on the kiosks or online.

The creation of the atomic bomb brought a great hurt into the world because, for the first time, we knew we could destroy ourselves. The deficit is so large now that many people predict another world depression. Traditional centers of hope, like the church, now often predict (almost with joy) that this is the Last Age and that the world will soon be destroyed. If this is not enough to discourage you there is always pollution.

Is there any reason for hope? I believe so.

The question becomes, "What do you hope for?" Look, if you simply hope all problems will go away, if you hope you won't encounter any challenges, if you hope that everything will go your way, then there is NOT much reason for hope.

But if you hope to love someone, if you hope to be more faithful, if you hope to serve others, if you hope to overcome your problems, if you hope to be a better friend, a better parent or grandparent, then there is every reason to be hopeful.

I am hopeful for BUMC's future.

I believe you join me in this. So I ask you to come to a meeting after late church on Sunday, May 22, at 12:15. The purpose is to answer the question, ***Where are we going?*** Answering this question takes us from today to tomorrow. Lunch, childcare, comfy chairs all provided.

This is the movement of hope taking form and substance in BUMC. Join me. Pray. Dream. Hope. Contribute.

RECAP: Our first step has been accomplished with answering the question – "Who are we and what do we value?" **We value welcoming, worshipping, serving and community.** Our next step after the May 22 meeting will take place **Sunday, June 12**, where we will create specific goals for our mission and vision to be carried out.

Memorials & Honorariums

BUILDING FUND

In memory of **GEORGE DOUGLAS** by Joyce Caffarel.

In memory of **MANUEL HERNANDEZ** by Mae Bray.

In memory of **DOROTHY JONES** by Mae Bray.

In memory of **JAMES WOOD** Ann Vise.

LAYETTE FUND

In memory of **JAMES WOOD** by Darrell & Kenda Fite.

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of **GRACE HAGUE** by The Friendship Class.

Birth

We welcome to the world
GEORGE WILLIAM SCHIRMER,
grandson of Susan & Jerry Schirmer,
born May 3.

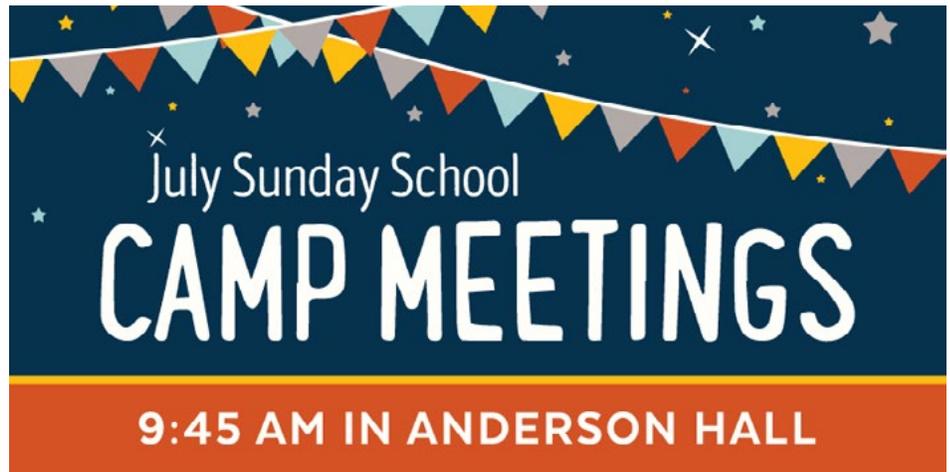


Layette Packet Donations

Thank you to our congregation for reaching out and adopting layette packets in celebration of Mother's Day. We had many mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and other special women honored or remembered. You have covered the new babies with love and prayers and gifted the Layette Ministry \$1,729.50. UMW thanks everyone for their participation, love and generosity in support of Layette Ministry. We are thankful, grateful and blessed!

Congregational Care Reminder

The office staff at Broadmoor tries to stay up to date on who might be in the hospital or going to the hospital. However, if you hear of anyone, please let us know just in case we are unaware. We never want to miss the chance to be there when anyone might be in need of a few extra prayers! Please contact Carrie Restel at 861-0586.



Summer Sunday School: Camp Meetings | Begin July 3

On each Sunday during the month of July, join us from 9:45-10:30 in Anderson Hall for a church-wide "Camp Meeting" featuring gospel songs led by Adam Philley, a message by Dr. Ray Branton and fun and fellowship with Dr. Davis and Rev. Gaughan! Take a break from teaching and mingle with other classes as we gather together to learn and grow deeper in our journey of faith. Casual dress is encouraged!

Missions in May

All are invited and encouraged to attend the remaining sessions of **Missions in May**, a month-long series hosted by the Searchers Sunday School Class that will feature speakers from various BUMC Missions on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in Room 302. This class is a great way to plug into one of our many diverse mission opportunities, and will broaden and expand your knowledge of how Broadmoor currently serves the community. Plan to attend the following sessions:

- **MAY 15: RED BAGS, NOEL PANTRY & NWLA FOOD BANK** with Susan Foster
- **MAY 22: FAITHWORKS** with Laura Vaughan
- **MAY 29: BUMC MISSIONS** with Lay Leaders

Widows' Support Group | May 25

Our new Widows' Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25 in the Parlor. This group offers a place to know that you are not alone and the comfort to be around other women who have experienced a spouse's death. Come and enjoy new friendships and the encouragement of others.

Wind Down Thursday | May 26

Join the young adult women of Broadmoor at Wind Down Thursday on May 26 at 5:30 at Highland Table. Please let Amy Blackburn know if you plan to attend by shooting an email to amyblackburn90@gmail.com.

Book Chat | May 26

Read and discuss a new book each month with friends! Book Chats are facilitated by Nancy Beauvais and open to all on the 4th Thursday of select months from 5:30-7:00 in the Parlor. May's book selection is **The Paris Architect** by Charles Belfoure, "a beautiful and elegant account of an ordinary man's unexpected and reluctant descent into heroism during the second world war." (Malcolm Gladwell)



Youth Week | Register NOW!

Youth entering 6th grade through exiting 12th grade are invited to participate in Youth Week! We have a full week of events planned for May 22-27. Price including Six Flags is \$50, and \$15 without. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 15. Email Brandon Winningham, Director of Youth Ministries, at brandon@broadmoor-mc.org with questions.

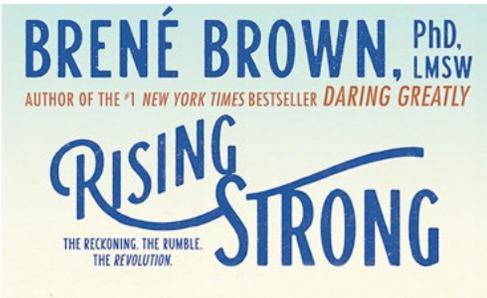
- **Sunday, May 22 - Glow Party 5-7**
- **Monday, May 23 - Messy Monday 3-8**
- **Tuesday, May 24 - Nukem and Community Projects 12-5**
- **Wednesday, May 25 - Six Flags 7am-10pm**
- **Thursday, May 26 - Outdoor Movie and Theme Party 7-10**
- **Friday, May 27 - Pool Party and Closing Celebration 5-8**

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS: SESSION ONE



Women's Study: *Sacred Secrets* by Beth Moore | Begins June 1 & 6

In a world obsessed with sensationalism, not all hidden things are poisonous and dark. Some secrets are forgiven, some are covered, and some are kept between you and God. Join Broadmoor Women and Beth Moore for a 6-week Living Proof Live experience as she explores the power and positives of secrets. Find out what happens when we let God teach us "wisdom in the secret heart." This class will be led by Betty Hochstetler on **Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30** beginning June 1, and Bonnie Daniel on **Monday mornings from 10-noon** beginning June 6. Both classes will meet in the Meeting Room. Cost of book is \$20.



Rising Strong by Brené Brown | Begins June 15

Brené Brown has ignited a global conversation on courage, vulnerability, shame, and worthiness. Her pioneering work uncovered a profound truth: vulnerability—the willingness to show up and be seen with no guarantee of outcome—is the only path to more love, belonging, creativity, and joy. Join Maegan Habich on **Wednesday mornings from 10:30-noon** beginning June 15 for a 5-week study that explores Brown's newest book *Rising Strong*. In this study we will discuss what it means to continually reckon with our emotions, get curious about what we're feeling, and rumble with our stories until we get to a place of truth—truth that if becomes practice can create nothing short of a revolution in our lives. Cost of book is \$20.



Galatians | Begins June 22

Join Dr. Davis for a Bible study on the book of Galatians, a Pauline Epistle (letter from Paul). It was written by the Apostle Paul about 49 A.D. prior to the Jerusalem Council, which had taken place in 50 A.D., to a number of early Christian communities in Galatia. Paul is principally concerned with the controversy surrounding Gentile Christians and the Mosaic Law during the Apostolic Age. Galatians has exerted enormous influence on the history of Christianity, the development of Christian theology, and the study of the apostle Paul. This study will be led by Dr. Greg Davis on **Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. and evenings at 6 p.m.** beginning June 22.



The Beauty of Nature in the Psalms | Begins July 5

The book of Psalms is a collection of songs and poems, many of which were written by King David. The poetry in the Psalms contains the whole realm of human experience: joy as well as sorrow and fear; worship for God's mercies as well as prayers for deliverance. The Psalms are full of nature imagery and language. They speak the same message the whole Bible speaks: God made the world and loves it and it demonstrates his character and attributes. This 4-week class will explore the beauty of the allegories of nature in the Psalms, led by Keith Asszony on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00** beginning July 5. Bring your Bible, and a notebook will be provided. Cost of class is \$10.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or Reception Desk. Payment can be made on kiosks. Childcare will be provided upon request. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you will need childcare, or call the church office at 861-0586 at least a week prior to date needed.



5th Grade Sky Ranch Retreat

15 BUMC fifth graders spent this past weekend at Sky Ranch in Van, Texas, enjoying zip lining, swimming, laser tag and outdoor games. It was a time of fun and fellowship for all. This trip was made possible by the generous support and donations from our congregation. Thank you for the opportunity to celebrate our fifth graders one last time before they move into the Youth Ministry. They are a great group of kids!

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THE DATE!**

**PICNIC
IN THE
PARK**

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

*** 5-7PM A.C. STEERE PARK ***

**FOOD TRUCKS * GAMES
LIVE MUSIC * THE HOLLOW DECKS
BIKE * STROLLER PARADE**

HOSTED BY  **BROADMOOR
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Picnic in the Park | July 3

Broadmoor UMC will host a neighborhood "Picnic in the Park" at A.C. Steere Park on Sunday, July 3 from 5-7 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out and celebrate Independence Day with food trucks, live music, games, contests, a bike/stroller parade around the track, and more! If you are interested in being on a volunteer committee for this event, please contact Carrie Restel at carrie@broadmoorumc.org and we will help you find the perfect place to serve!



Russia Missions Update | Summer 2016 Delegation

Twenty-five years ago, the first group from Broadmoor UMC traveled to Ekaterinburg, Russia. That trip marked the beginning of a unique and significant journey. Over the last two decades, countless members from Broadmoor have traveled to FUMC Ekaterinburg to lead Vacation Bible School, direct Bible Studies, visit orphanages, prepare food baskets, and make much needed repairs in the church.

This summer presents a special opportunity for the people of Broadmoor to partner with our Christian brothers and sisters in Ekaterinburg, Russia. We are expecting over 120 children for VBS this June. However, the VBS curriculum and materials are not available in Russia. A group from Broadmoor and Louisiana is traveling to Ekaterinburg on June 11th to take the necessary supplies to the church and help lead VBS. We are excited that the reach of this year's VBS goes beyond FUMC and includes children from 5 other churches in Ekaterinburg. The impact of this year's week of ministry stands to influence families all over the city of Ekaterinburg.

We are counting on our church family here in Shreveport to make VBS possible for our Russian brothers and sisters in Christ. Please consider making a contribution to the 2016 Russian Mission to Ekaterinburg, Russia. Know that your gift will immediately be used to purchase the necessary VBS materials to be hand delivered in June.

Many of you have traveled with our teams to Russia. You know firsthand the impact. Countless more have prayed and believed. And many have faithfully given their resources to people they have never met. And that's the gospel message in action that we read in Mark. It's the directive that Jesus gave his closest friends and his call to us. *Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all.*

Thank you for not only hearing, but being doers of this word. Please pray for safe travel for our group in June and consider making a financial gift. You may give by placing your check in the offering plate or leaving it in the business office. Please note "Russian Account" on your check and make payable to Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

In His Service,
James Gillespie, *Director of BUMC Russia Initiative*