

The VISION

NEWSLETTER

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A RESPONSE TO GRACE

Richard Halverson said, "There's an intimate correlation between the development of a person's character and how he or she handles money."

Take Zaccheus, an old crook in the Bible.

One day, Zaccheus heard Jesus was passing through, so he climbed a tree in order to see Jesus. When people saw Zaccheus in the tree, they were sure Jesus would have harsh words for him. They probably licked their chops as they saw Jesus stop, call Zaccheus down from the tree, and begin speaking to him. Can't you imagine it? "That crook is finally going to get what he deserves!" "Jesus will show him!"

Instead of condemning him, though, Jesus offered him the intimacy of table fellowship – a high honor in Middle Eastern culture. Sharing a meal was a sign of friendship. The biblical account does not mention Jesus criticizing Zaccheus. Instead, Jesus dealt with him in gracious love.

Zaccheus' response tells it all: he'd never experienced unconditional love! That moment Zaccheus felt valued and was taken seriously as a human being, he began to change. He was overwhelmed by a moment of grace.

He freely responded to God's grace by getting his life back in order. He began to live as a person of integrity. He decided to pay back the people he'd cheated and he opened his eyes, heart, and wallet to the poor. Zaccheus' spending and use of money was never the same again.

Whenever someone experiences grace and truly understands what it means to be loved, cherished, and forgiven by God, he or she becomes a new creation. One's spending of time and dollars begins to reflect the value system of Jesus Christ. One's entire life becomes a response to grace.

We discover that the only reason for giving is gratitude.

Dr. Greg Davis



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."

Genesis 1:28 CEB

From the beginning God called us to care for the animals of the world. We will gather together on October 21st at 2 p.m. at the corner of Albany and Anniston Ave.

to celebrate the animals in our lives. We invite you to bring your family and friends—human, furry, scaly, feather, or otherwise! This brief worship service celebrates God's love for all creation, reminds us to care for God's animals, and offers a special time for us to bless these animals. We will also be collecting items to donate to our local animal rescue shelters. We ask that you bring your donation with you to the Blessing of the Animals Service.



Rabbit Food // Rabbit Treats // Newspapers // Laundry Detergent

Dog Food (Pedigree Dry) // Dog Toys // Paper Towels

Cat Litter // Cat Food // Bleach // Dawn Liquid Soap

OUTPOURING - Our response to God's abundant gifts – a generosity emphasis – begins October, 14.

In the last VISION you were encouraged to begin an Outpouring Journal to help you remember how generous God has been to you. When we really get it in our mind that all we have is what God has given us, it sets a different tone in our soul when we think about what we are to give back to share in the grace of God.

Remember this truth from Paul. 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (NRSV)

Study the OUTPOURING logo above where a number of the blessings through which God works at BUMC are emphasized. Perhaps it will give you some ideas about God's gifts for your list.



OCTOBER 4, 2018

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Please welcome the following New Members to the Broadmoor family!



Gerald Northcutt



Julie and Kurt Lyles



John and Sarah Higginbotham
(John is a retired pastor with the Louisiana Conference.)

DEATH:

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Blakeman family with the passing of Rev. Warren Blakeman on Tuesday, October 2nd 2018

MEMORIALS:

Building Fund

In memory of Peggye Avinger from Denise & Diane Atkinson

In memory of Gwen Branton from Jim & Shirley White

In memory of Pixie Edwards from Tom & Bonnie Daniel

In memory of John Hayter, Jr. from Dr. & Mrs. William Wilder; Jim & Sandi Hill; Franklin Tutt; Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. McInnis, Jr.; Thursday Night Supper Club; Tom & Bonnie Daniel; The Ramey Family; Ann Green; Pat & Kim Johnson & Patrick Johnson; Dr. & Mrs. James Gillespie; Mrs. Renay Westerman

In memory of Mark Benjamin Jones from Rowena Jones

In memory of Rev. James Poole from Jim & Shirley White

In memory of Curtis Thurmon from Ann & Tommy Mook

In memory of Walker Thurmon from Dr. & Mrs. William Wilder; Jim & Shirley White; Milt & Judy Kelley; Greg & Penny Ferguson; Tanya & Rick Parker; Ross & Mary Whipple; Lynn Avinger Reeves; Steve & Becky Evans; Bill D. Cunningham; Sidney E. Cook, Jr. & Melissa McEntire Cook; Richard & Kathy Carruth; Charlie & Susan Adams; Richard & Gail McElhatten; AV Beebe Oil Co.; Jo Linn Burt; Samuel & Mary Doles; Joseph & Jean Devall; Tom & Bonnie Daniel; Upper Room Class; Dr. & Mrs. James Gillespie

In memory of Gwen Webb from Tom & Bonnie Daniel

In memory of Janyrue Whelander from Charles & Sandra Bounds

Endowment Fund

In memory of Dean Hurley from Jane & Paul Cooke; William & Marilee Marshall; Lauren Vanderkuy; Denise & Anthony Villan; Ann Spikes; Ellen & Conrad Masterson; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Hughes; Tommy & Debbie Kerr; Rebecca Hurley; Peggy Gouras; Dr. & Mrs. William Wilder; Glenda Laird & Karen Porter; The Kline Family Foundation; Amy Osborn; Randall George; Tom & Bonnie Daniel; Betty Ramey; Bob & Brenda Haley; Ann Vise; Darlene & Kirby Cole; Dr. & Mrs. Dean Griffen; Robert & Suzanne Kriscunas; James Collier; Dr. & Mrs. James Gillespie

Missions Fund – RED

In memory of Dean Hurley from Cynthia Williamson

Music Fund

In memory of Walker Thurmon from Kay & Charles Allen

HONORARIUMS:

Kid's Hope

In honor of Jan Bookter from Jim & Shirley White

Music Fund

In honor of Bill & Lee Marshall's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Tommy & Debbie Kerr

Building Fund

In honor of Martha's Ministry from the John Hayter Family

In memory of Gwen Webb, Vicki James donated her time and talent to the Nursery/Buddies area. A heartfelt thank you to this special lady.



OCTOBER

VIM TRAINING DATE: October 6

FUMC Bossier City is hosting a Methodist Volunteers In Mission (VIM) training this year on October 6 from 8-5 p.m. In the immediate wake of disasters, this training and certification is vital to being able to serve areas of greatest need.

VIM needs people for heaving lifting, cooking, and simply spending time with disaster victims. The cost for the training and certification is \$30. The Advanced class (Clean-Out and Assessments) is from 8-1 and cost \$25. Contact Robert Taylor at rtaylor55@att.net to confirm your attendance or for additional information.

Women's Bible Study, Job, a Story of Unlikely Joy by Lisa Harper Led by Betty Hochstetler | Thursday's 5:30 – 7:00 pm | (7 Weeks)

How is it possible to hold onto joy in times of sorrow? In this 7-session study by Lisa Harper, discover the redemptive side to Job's story of suffering. Learn to use pain to strengthen your faith, point others to the gospel, and remember God's providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you. Bride's Room | Cost is \$20

Baptism Class Sunday, October 21

"All who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes." Galatians 3:27. Baptism celebrates the becoming of a new person. It is a covenant in which we enter into with God and our church family.

Dr. Greg Davis and Pastor Kelly Berne will delve deeper into the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, October 21, at 10:00 in the Parlor. To find out more about this class please contact Kristin at kristin@broadmoorumc.org

Centering Prayer | Led by Alan Prater | Saturday, October 27, 1 – 5:30 pm | Room 200

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition which seeks to open us to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. Alan Prater, a teacher commissioned by the Contemplative Outreach, will be our presenter. There will also be three optional weekly follow up sessions. Cost is \$20

Lay Servant School | Friday evening and Saturday, October 26-27 | Cost \$45

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.

Book Chat, Radium Girls by Kate Moore | Led by Nancy Beauvais | October 25

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.

NOVEMBER

Mission Marketplace | November 2 & 3

Shreveport churches are again joining efforts to put on a fair-trade Mission Marketplace November 2nd & 3rd, right here at Broadmoor UMC. Vendors may apply to sell items that benefit a ministry, non-profit organization, fair trade organization or other program. All products must be high quality and new. Email mmpshvboss@gmail.com to request a vendor application.

A preview event runs Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a \$10 admission. There is no cost Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Burnt Offerings: Harvest Feast | November 4th at 5 pm in Anderson Hall

What a wonderful opportunity to share your favorite dish AND help our Missions Team raise money! Did you know this is our Missions Team largest fundraiser of the year? All proceeds from this event support all of our Broadmoor UMC missional projects. There are several ways you can participate:

- 1. Become a chef:** Sign up to bring a dish to share with everyone. There is a special prize for the most popular dish.
- 2. Donate auction items:** Unique, homemade, seasonal, special experiences, and gifts cards are appreciated. All donated items will go up for our Silent and Live Auction.
- 3. The Giving Tree:** If you aren't able to cook or provide a donated item, then be part of our Giving Tree. We are accepting monetary donations and all who donate are added to our Giving Tree!

Sign up cards to become a chef or donate items for our Silent and Live auction are available.

SAVE THE DATE! | Preschool Bibles November 4, 10:30

Children in Pre-K4 will receive their preschool Bible in a special ceremony on Sunday, November 4th at 10:30 AM. Stay tuned for more details. Questions? Contact Amy Simon at amy.b.simon@hotmail.com.

RED BAG SUNDAY | October 6

Items needed for October:

Canned Green Beans or Fruit (14 to 16oz)
Plastic Jars of Creamy Peanut Butter (16oz)
Corn Bread Mix (6 to 8.5 oz)



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Festival de Noël

DECEMBER 2 @ 6PM

Preparations are underway for our Festival 'de Noel #4!

This Advent evening will once again be filled with beautiful music bringing a message of hope and joy for our church and community. Your contributions help in making this happen.

Three categories of giving for your consideration are:

Musicians (\$200)

Decorations & Advertising (\$100)

Reception Needs (\$50)

All contributions can be brought or mailed to church office. Our Music Ministry along with many devoted volunteers look forward in giving "a thrill of hope the weary world rejoices." Remember that a Festival contribution is a meaningful way to honor and/or to remember a special person(s). All acknowledgements will appear in the Vision and on our monitors during the month of December.

Any questions, please contact Deborah Griffith at dggriffith@att.net.



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Broadmoor Youth Ministries

Broadmoor Family,

As we move into fall, I hope you are all settling into the groove of the season. I am very much looking forward to the many things that we have planned this month! Right now we are averaging about 30 as a group on Sunday nights, and I couldn't be more pleased with the direction we are moving together! We had a great turnout for the Youth River service this past Sunday, and a very fun time for The Amazing Couch Race, despite the rain.

We have a few things I want to draw your attention to as we move fully into the month of October:

The Celebration Singers Youth Choir will be joining us in Traditional Worship on October the 7th, as we welcome Gloria Fowler from the Congregational Transformation Process.

This Coming Sunday Night for UMY, we will have Alisa Politz from Mothers Against Drunk Driving talk to our youth about their program, but also about awareness of the effects of Alcohol. Parents are invited to come with their youth, and after the talk we will have time for a few new games, one that I'm particularly excited about introducing.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your continued support through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. When we support our youth, we support the future of the church!

Blessings,

Kyle Boston
Director of Youth Ministries



\$978,000

Loan Principal Balance

As I was reading from Renovate or Die, the accompanying book for our present transformation process, I came across the following section title,

URGENCY, VISION, AND REALITY WITH HOPE.

It struck me that these were the elements the Stewardship Committee acknowledged and acted upon when they laid out the BOLD Faithful Campaign to pay off the indebtedness of BUMC in 48 months.

URGENCY – there was a lot of debt, \$ 3.3 M scheduled to be paid over twenty years that would incur \$ 1.7 M in interest. There are also a lot of other places in the ministry of the church that need funding over the next twenty years.

VISION – pay off the debt as soon as possible.

REALITY WITH HOPE – when it was proposed to have a 48 month campaign to pay off the debt completely, there was the blind cheerleader enthusiasm of "we can do this" pressed up against the imposingly large mountain of \$3.3 M. Even against all the obvious obstacles, the SPIRIT was moving. The real consensus with the Stewardship, Finance and Trustees committees and Administrative Council was: Let's give this our best shot, and with hope in God's help, what we do will be blessed and be right for the future of the church. GOD IS GOOD and the debt now stands at \$ 978,000 with about \$200,000 in pledges outstanding.

So many have given so much, and we are all so grateful. You can see, however, that we still need your additional gifts in the next eight months to complete this work that God is doing here.

Please keep praying and trusting your hope in God's guidance to give what you can to finish the BOLD Campaign.

God bless, Terry Love