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Thank You Veterans

Honoring all who served



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Pastor's Message

Rev. Kelly Berne, Executive Pastor

Lessons from a Veterans' wife...

During the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, fighting ceased when an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations went into effect. The year was 1918 and the world had just experienced World War I. The following year, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, after World War II, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by removing the word Armistice and replacing it with Veterans. On June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The meaning of Veterans Day can be of little insight to those who have never served or stood by a loved one who has served. But for those of us who have lived that life, the importance of Veterans Day is more than another day off of work or school. It's about a life of self-sacrifice, loyalty, and commitment. In this world, everyone else, including the nation, comes first. It's always saying "yes" when you are called. It's leaving behind family and friends to fulfill a mission. It's about putting your faith and trust in your brothers and sisters in arms.

Being a military spouse, I have been given a special insight to the life of a veteran. As hard it was for me and my family to say goodbye, it was even harder for my husband to leave. And as much as we missed having him gone, we still had each other to keep us strong. Not only did we have each other, but we had our chosen military family and our chosen church family. I have experienced and learned so much as a military spouse. And so much of what I have learned and experienced has helped me to survive this unprecedented year.

As a Christian military spouse, I feel as though I have been given a unique set of strengths that have helped me to survive and handle the stress of storms and unpredictability. Here are a few things that have helped me and my family survive the storms:

- ◆ *Religion is always a community (another opportunity for chosen family)*
- ◆ *Patience is a virtue (in a time of waiting, care for yourself and let go of what you can't control)*
- ◆ *To trust is to survive (trust in God's goodness & plan for our lives)*
- ◆ *We are in the world, not of it (make the most of your life; we were made for heaven)*
- ◆ *Give it to God (if you try to hold on to it all, you will fall)*

May these words fill you with strength and reassurance. We walk the path to the cross together as the Body of Christ.

Grace and Peace



Did You Receive Your Packet?

A number of families did not receive their Shine ON packet in the mail. If you did not receive your packet, please call the church office at 861-0586 and we will get one on the way to you.

It is important for you to consider where you would like to plug into the service opportunities of BUMC and complete the service card.

It is equally a valuable part of your witness as a member or participant in the ministry of BUMC to work through the process of reviewing your finances, prayerfully considering what you believe your loyalty response for 2021 should be, and completing the estimate of giving card.

With all the uncertainty of this year we have been fortunate in having the continued support of many families in the congregation. For us to continue our forward progress it is essential that we all are vigilant in keeping our enthusiasm while courageously encountering the darkness of our time with the light of Jesus Christ. We may be experiencing a great deal of anxiety now because of the uncertainty before us. But the brightness of Christ's light will make the path appear clearly as we are faithful and hopeful.

If your financial and service pledge cards are still sitting on the counter, please fill them in and return them to the church as soon as possible.

God bless!

Terry Love, Business Administrator



The Advent Season is right around the corner and is a great time to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world.

We will begin the season with a **CHURCH WIDE ADVENT KICK-OFF!**

- ◆ November 29th
- ◆ Anderson Hall
- ◆ 5 - 6:30 PM

Keeping with the tradition of *March to the Manger*, we will watch the nativity story unfold, enjoy special music and break bread together. We are also collecting gifts for **Roy's Kids** to help local children in need experience a merry Christmas. Advent boxes will be available for pick up that evening. These special boxes will contain activities that will help us keep the focus on Jesus during this Advent season.



Reservations are required by Sunday, November 22nd to properly plan for dinner and setup.

If you would like to help with this event, make a donation to help with the cost or have questions contact the staff at office@broadmoorumc.org

Advent-in-a-Box!



This year, you can pick up a box of Advent supplies for your family to enhance your Advent experience!

You will find an Advent calendar of activities, a Scripture Sheet, a Talking About sheet, a Hands-on Activity sheet, an Interactive Prayer sheet, a Real-Life story, and a Shine Your Light Challenge. Everything you need to do the activities is in the box (aside from a couple of normal household supplies). Do the suggested ideas all at once or spread them out throughout the month.

You will also find communion juice and wafer and a candle for **Christmas Eve's Outdoor Christmas Candlelight Service**. These boxes will be available at the **Advent Kickoff on November 29th at 5 PM**, before or after worship during Advent, at the church office, or special arrangements can be made through office@broadmoorumc.org

TITHES & OFFERINGS

- ◆ **TEXT-TO-GIVE** | Text 'GIVEBUMC' followed by the amount you wish to give to 877-570-3715
- ◆ **BUMC WEBSITE** | broadmoorumc.org/give
- ◆ **DIRECT DEPOSIT** | Call office at 318-861-0586 & talk to Rev. Terry Love or click on Direct Deposit Form, fill out the PDF form & mail to BUMC
- ◆ **SNAIL MAIL** | Mail to: BUMC, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN NELSON AT KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG



PreK 4 Children received their Pre-school bible this Sunday, Nov 1st.



Christmas Poinsettias

**Donate a flower
In Honor/ In Memory of
a loved one!**

*All proceeds go to
Missions.*

- ◆ \$15 per plant
- ◆ Orders due by NOV 29th
- ◆ Pay by mail or online



YOUTH MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KYLE BOSTON AT KYLE@BROADMOORUMC.ORG

Broadmore Family, the youth ministry would like to invite you to join us in our 31 Day challenge: A CHALLENGE TO MAKE IT PERSONAL.

We are doing 31 days of prayers and reflections (beginning Sunday, November 8th) that we hope will help us move towards the best version of ourselves.

Go to broadmoorumc.org/youth & click on the image at the top of the page for **A Challenge to Make It PERSONAL**

31 Days of Making It Personal

Any time is a good time to make a personal restart. Working on becoming the best YOU is the best way to love and lead those around you. That's why for 31 days, we've provided you with something to think about or pray to help you prioritize your spiritual, mental, and physical health.

If you miss a day, or even a week, it's okay. You can pick up right where you left off or jump to the correct day. The purpose of this calendar isn't pressure. The purpose is to provide you with a tool to make it personal—to put yourself first when it comes to personal growth.

- **Day 1: Reflect** In 2 Corinthians 5:17, the Bible says, "What anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" (NIV). The past is the past—its triumphs, its tribulations, its wins, and its losses. And the new is before you—full of possibility and potential. Spend a few minutes in a prayer of gratitude, thanking God for the newness He offers us today and every day.
- **Day 2: Reflect** You can't pour from an empty cup. So how can you invest in yourself this year? Consider quiet time? Nightly walks? Signing up for a fitness class? Weekly dates with yourself, a spouse, or a friend? Just choose one and make your health and well-being a priority.
- **Day 3: Pray** God, thank You for a new start. I acknowledge that it won't be perfect—there will be pain and there will be failure. Give me the strength to handle those disappointments with grace and courage that can only come from You, Amen.
- **Day 4: Reflect** What's one bad habit you can break this year? Write it down and ask a friend to hold you accountable, remembering to ask God for help daily. "I do" to you, just as God does for us.
- **Day 5: Pray** God, I can make my plans all that I want, but it's Your will and Your plan that I want the most. I invite You to take my words, thoughts, and actions and align them with Yours—this year, and every year after. Amen.
- **Day 6: Reflect** (Read Psalm 22:19). Then, make a mental list of at least five ways you are stronger today than you were this time last year.
- **Day 7: Pray** I pray that this year I would be a force for Your good. I pray You would give me the wisdom and courage to be a positive and righteous influence in every situation possible, regardless of my personal fears or concerns.
- **Day 8: Reflect** Think about your past goal setting habits. What have been your biggest challenges in meeting your goals? What are some specific ways you can combat those obstacles? Being aware of what has hindered your progress with previous attempts is an important step in your success this year.
- **Day 9: Reflect** (Read Peter 4:10 says: "God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully." (NIV). What is one gift God has given you that you can use faithfully this year to serve others?
- **Day 10: Reflect** Each of us has been hurt or disappointed aren't easy to forgive. Who is someone you need to forgive? Write down their name. Then, crumple up the paper and throw it away. Commit to working on forgiving them and canceling out your "bitter" to you, just as God does for us.
- **Day 11: Reflect** (Read Philippians 4:11-13). Then, make a list of five things you are content with in your life right now.
- **Day 12: Reflect** What's a new skill you can learn this year? Changing a flat tire? Sewing? Distance-running? Choose something and do one thing this week to jump start the learning process.
- **Day 13: Pray** God, thank You for what I have right now, today, in this moment. Regardless of how it feels, You have given me everything that I need to accomplish all that You want me to. Help me to remember that each day as I face the coming year.
- **Day 14: Reflect** (Ephesians 6:10 says: "Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power" (NIV). Which one area you need the Lord to make you strong in this year? How can you depend on His "mighty power" for strength?
- **Day 15: Reflect** Think of someone who invested in you last year. Take a few minutes to send them a thank you text, email, or message.
- **Day 16: Reflect** Write down 10 things you are thankful for that happened over the last year—some may be obviously positive events, and some may be difficult situations you learned from. It's helpful to see that both are important.
- **Day 17: Pray** God, help me to lead my family "hellfire" this year. Help me to make difficult decisions, have tough conversations, and show grace to others today and every day.
- **Day 18: Reflect** What is something negative that you say to yourself about yourself? I'm so forgetful. I will never get it right. I can't get everything done. Pay attention to any negative thought you have today and replace it with a truth from God's Word about you.
- **Day 19: Pray** Who is someone positive who always brings you joy or inspires you? Invite them into your life on a more consistent level. You can text them, call them, or even send them a message over social media.
- **Day 20: Reflect** What is one quality you want to develop in yourself this year? Boldness, humility, responsibility, compassion, forgiveness, authenticity, courageousness, perseverance, generosity? Write down your choice somewhere you can see it every day.
- **Day 21: Pray** God, help me to be kind to myself. Refresh me with Your mercy, compassion and grace. Show me any area I need to forgive myself in. Help me to remember that part of loving Your creation is loving myself.
- **Day 22: Reflect** Using the notepad in your phone or a sheet of paper, write out 10 positive affirmations about yourself. I am a hard worker or I am a good parent.
- **Day 23: Pray** God, thank You for what I have right now, today, in this moment. Regardless of how it feels, You have given me everything that I need to accomplish all that You want me to. Help me to remember that each day as I face the coming year.
- **Day 24: Reflect** Who is a friend or family member you can reconnect with? Maybe it's as simple as a text—take a step toward them by reaching out today.
- **Day 25: Pray** God, I pray this year that Your voice is the loudest voice in my head and heart. I pray I would hear from you and obey without hesitation. I pray I would walk in Your will and Your way.
- **Day 26: Reflect** Whether it's by giving money, volunteering, or inviting a friend, how can you deepen your devotion to the local church?
- **Day 27: Pray** God, I pray for the peace and assurance that can only come from You. During periods of waiting and periods where it feels like You're silent, help me to remember that You're fighting for me, even when I can't see it.
- **Day 28: Reflect** Second Timothy 1:7 says: "God gives us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves." (NIV). God's Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control. Which of those three can you focus on exhibiting in the coming months?
- **Day 29: Reflect** Take 30 minutes today to do something that you love. Go for a jog. Call a friend. Watch your show. Give yourself permission to have some "me" time on a consistent basis.
- **Day 30: Pray** God, surround me and my family with people who love You. Put people in our lives who will point us toward You and Your truths, even when it's difficult to hear. In fact, help me to be that person in the lives of my friends and family.
- **Day 31: Reflect** What spiritual discipline can you practice more consistently this year? Quiet times? Memorizing Scripture? Attending church? Write down one way you can grow your faith this year. Put a reminder in your phone and make it a priority.



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HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE!

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LOCAL

- Common Ground
- Highland Center Ministries
- Gingerbread House
- Salvation Army
- Hope Connections
- Volunteer Youth Justice
- Gabriel's Closet
- HUB
- "Souper" Saturday
- Hope House

STATE

- LA Methodist Home
- UMCOR
- N. Rampart Community Center
- MacDonnell Children's Services
- Dulac Community Center

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- ♦ *Judie Bell* for her husband Nelson Bell
- ♦ *Heather Anderson* for her sister Paula Whitehead
- ♦ *Family of Jim Collier*
- ♦ *Amy Smith* for her father Frederick Lawhead