

# THE MESSENGER

Inspiring people to KNOW, GROW & GO in God's love!

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BROADMOOR UMC NEWS & HAPPENINGS!

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## Governance Board Message

*Gay Gaskins, Member*

### Report from the November Governance Board Meeting

November was the month that the Governance Board filled out the SPRC Appointment Consultation form for the ministers, which is confidential. The Board also responded to questions about our church in the Congregational Profile, which is not confidential. The Board's response to the question "What are your church's greatest strengths?" is set forth below:

Great preaching and spiritual lessons. Emphasis on love, mercy, and forgiveness and the positive effect it has on our laity. Congregational relationships and caring for each other. Energy that is being put into fellowship, missional, and evangelism activities. Our ministerial staff is strong in faith and maturity, and work well with each other and the laity. All the programs we provide and our connections with other churches and entities in our area. We evaluate all the evangelism, fellowship and missional activities to determine what portions should be changed or deleted, and also assess whether the activity achieved its goal. Our Evangelism group has served BBQ in local parks, while also seeking ways in which to bring the attendees closer to God. Also, our church has promoted the programs of our church while participating in Pumpkin Shine, a popular Halloween activity. During Lent, the members were encouraged to hand out a program listing of our Easter services to non-members. And, we take communion to shut-ins every month. Moreover, we had a Mission Marketplace event in which the surrounding neighborhood was invited, as well as any other visitor who stopped by.

This is just a portion of the positive attributes detailed in this report. You, the laity, play a big part in our church's strengths, under the wise and faithful leadership of our ministers.

Merry Christmas as we continue to know, grow, and go in God's love,

*Gay Gaskins*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Save the date to kick off the new year with BINGO! Sunday, January 28th 5 PM.**

## BOOK STUDY

**Join Bonnie Daniel in studying Phillipians by Lori Wilhite beginning January 22nd at 10 AM.** Many of us spend our lives chasing happy through relationships, success, and the next adventure. Yet, we only discover a dryness in our souls. We chase temporary happiness instead of the eternal happiness found in Jesus.  
**Cost to attend is \$20.**  
**RSVP on your connect card or by emailing [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org).**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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# YOUTH MINISTRIES

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## Summer Plans 2024

**Have you started making your summer plans yet? As we near the end of the year and start dreaming of a chance to get away during the summer, here are some activities and dates to keep in mind for our kids to enjoy.**

### Summer Buddies and TNT

Buddies/TNT is an opportunity for kids aged 6 months through fourth grade to enjoy some summer fun Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The times and dates for these programs are 9:30-2:00, June 9-11, 16-18 and July 13-15, 20-22. More information to come after the first of the year

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is an opportunity for kids to learn about Jesus, build relationships and have fun! We are planning to have VBS July 23-25, 9:30-12:00. More information will be available after the first of the year.

### Camp Caney

Camp Caney is a United Methodist operated camp in Minden They offer camps for students entering the second grade through seniors in high school. See dates below.



  
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**SUMMER 2024**  
**Pre-Camp I** May 31-June 2  
 (Fri-Sun) grades 2-4  
**Pre-Camp II** June 7-9  
 (Fri-Sun) grades 2-4  
**Elementary** June 10-14  
 (Mon-Fri) grades 5-6  
**Jr./Sr. High** June 17-21  
 (Mon-Fri) grades 7-12

*What are your  
New Year's  
Resolutions for  
2024?*

Join us Jan. 7th as we  
discuss the new year!  
5-7 PM  
PARENT/ STUDENT MEETING  
TO FOLLOW

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**We invite you to pick up at Broadmoor UMC, a Christmas Eve yard sign with stand and place it in your yard inviting others to join you in worship this Christmas Eve pm.**

These signs will be available at the church until Sunday, December 17, 2023. Please return your yard sign to the church after Christmas Eve to be used for future years. Thank you for helping to spread the Good News of the birth of our Savior.

**BROADMOOR  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Christmas Eve Services*  
 Contemporary Worship 3 PM  
 Traditional Worship 5 & 7 PM



**MISSION UPDATES**



*A special thank you to all that donated gifts and participated in our Angel Tree program this year! This will help BUMC support our local United Methodist Children's Home, and our local United Methodist Foster Care this Christmas.*



**December Mission of the Month - The Gingerbread House**

The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit organization that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in close collaboration with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families.

The Center assists in gathering evidence and documenting the victim's verbal testimony. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process in such a way that prevents further victimization. The Gingerbread House provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members, so that the healing process can begin. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.

**This month we are collecting 1-ounce Play Doh, 8-ounce bottled water, and washable markers. All of these items are used daily in sessions with the children they serve.**



**BLUE CHRISTMAS**  
DECEMBER 21ST AT 6 PM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 24TH\*

No 8:30 AM service | Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
Combined River and Sanctuary services in the Sanctuary at 11 AM

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
DECEMBER 24TH

River Contemporary Candlelight Service at 3 PM  
Sanctuary Candlelight services at 5 PM\* and 7 PM

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY**  
DECEMBER 31ST\*

Sunday School at 9:45 AM, 8:30 AM and 11 AM  
Sanctuary services & 11 AM River Contemporary service

*\*Nursery provided for ages 0-kindergarten*

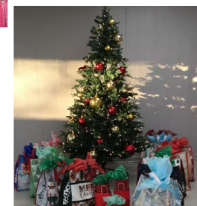
**Cookie Stroll**

A big thank you to all of the people who baked for The Cookie Stroll. We had 290 dozen cookies from so many people. **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN FAITH** was able to donate to all of our local charities and state charities. We were able to add a global mission supporting an orphanage in the Congo, money to Clinton Indian Methodist Church, and Community Center in Clinton, Oklahoma. We also donated a vacuum to Nanih Chito in Wright City, Oklahoma. Both of these churches are part of Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Again, thanks for baking, bringing and buying at the Cookie Stroll!



**Christmas Party for Girls of Grace**

On December 5th, **Grace Cooke Circle** hosted a Christmas party for Girls of Grace at Common Ground. The girls signed cards for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Shreveport as service project. Next on the list was a celebration with gifts for the girls. The girls had to solve a riddle to find the correct Christmas bag. After all had solved the riddles and had their present, they all opened them at once and found cuddly blankets of all colors. They opened other gifts and their sleigh favors that had candy and bracelets. A prayer was given to bless the food. A ham dinner was served along with cake for dessert. It was a fun evening for all!



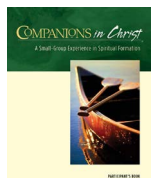
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# COMPANIONS *in Christ*



## Companions in Christ, and Other Small Groups

In the last "Messenger" you read information about "Companions in Christ" --a small group resource that focuses on Spiritual Formation. In "Companions", a person would learn to listen to God's Word and allow it to shape their lives. "Companions" uses a curriculum that lasts approximately nine months and meets once a week. While this is an option, the ultimate goal of any small group is to learn and grow in Christian friendship. You might not be ready for a Spiritual Formation group, or a Bible Study, but you want Christian friendships and Godly conversation.

A small group can be as deep as theological discussions or reading the Bible together, or as easy as meeting together for breakfast and discussing the Upper Room devotional. Consider these suggestions:

**A SUPPER CLUB-** meet monthly in someone's home and potluck, play games, include children or not. The goal is to form Christian friendships around the table.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST-** meet before work or share breakfast together. Start the day with a prayer devoted to honoring God in all you do. (Great for retirees too!)

**JOIN TOGETHER** at Starbucks or any coffee house to share your prayer needs, or parenting concerns.

### WHAT IS YOUR IDEA?

Any small group needs someone from the group who will be the "organizer". Small groups are self-led and will not need to be facilitated by a pastor or staff member. Small groups fall under the "GROW in God's Love" part of BUMC's Discipleship Path, and is coordinated by Rev. Megan Twyman. **However, questions about small groups may be referred to Bonnie Daniel at 318-617-2550.**

## Continuing the Story

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Many thanks to everyone who has turned in their 2024 estimate of giving. To date, we have received 137 commitments totaling \$658,380. If you have not yet submitted yours, please do so as soon as possible so we can begin working on our 2024 budget. *If you would like a new pledge card sent to you, please email [amy@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:amy@broadmoorumc.org).*

## MEMORIALS

### GENERAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ Fred Goza from Martha Goza

### MISSION FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ Janet Hyatt from Carol Porter McKenzie

## The First Gift



As we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child, I invite you to give your First Gift of the Christmas season to God in response to the grace given to us. We are so richly blessed, and our First Gift is a small way to express our gratitude for all we have been given. You may place your gift in the offering plate with a First Gift notation, you may donate online at [www.broadmoorumc.org](http://www.broadmoorumc.org), or you can mail your check to the church office at 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105.

**If you have any questions regarding year-end giving, please contact Amy Watts at [amy@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:amy@broadmoorumc.org) or 861-0586. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**