

Inspiring People to KNOW, GROW & GO in God's Love!

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Pastor's Message Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor

The Christmas season is the height of joy...and the pits. For people facing their first Christmas without someone special, who are in grief, who are a long way from friend and relatives, who live alone...Christmas can be the pits. A childhood friend always took his family skiing at Christmas. He would pack everyone in the car and head for Colorado, spending Christmas Day on the slopes. No turkey, no tree, just escape.

In a recent sermon, I pointed out that grouchiness runs rampantly this time of year, personified by the Grinch and Ebenezer Scrooge. Look, if Christmas is less and less fun for you, maybe you expect the wrong things to happened. There is no "perfect gift" found under a tree (or on a ski slope) that will bring you profound joy or change your life.

What will make you happy or change your life is a change in your inner intentions. Real gifts are seldom wrapped in bright paper. No, it comes from the hard work of looking at your life, finding out what is wrong, seeking help, and changing negative thinking into positive, faithful living.

This is the time of year when we remember that God sent the Truth into the world. Since that time, men and women have always had hope. Hope that we are lovable. Hope that things can change. Hope that we can be transformed. Hope that someone cares. Hope that love is stronger than hate. Hope that we can start over.

If any of us have the Christmas blahs, let us search the heavens until we find the Hope of Christmas, Jesus Christ, that mysteriously we can be made new.

Merry Christmas, and God bless you.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE EPIPHANY CELEBRATE THE CHURCH LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 9, noon, in Anderson Hall Gym to commemorate the members' and friends' completing the payment of the indebtedness of the church and reconnecting with one another.

Please R.S.V.P on the Connect Card, call the church office at 861-0586, or email office@broadmoorumc.org.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

For more information contact Kristin Nelson at Kristin@Broadmoorumc.org





CHURCHWIDE BINGO SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH | 5-7PM



OUTH MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KYLE BOSTON AT KYLE@BROAD-MOORUMC.ORG





Thank you to everyone for making March to the Manger a success this year. Gifts were delivered to Common Ground this week for their Christmas Market.





UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES STARTING IN JANUARY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT (318)861-0586 OR EMAIL OFFICE@BROADMOORUMC.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF OUR STUDIES USING THE QR CODE.

Luke Study- Starting January 26th for 8 weeks at 10 AM or 6 PM, learn from the book of Luke with Dr. Greg Davis.

Reason for God- Starting January 11th for 6 weeks, Tuesdays at 6 PM OR Wednesdays at 10 AM, led by Rev. Megan Twyman, we will discuss Christianity's most challenging questions using Timothy Keller's study guidebook The Reason for God. We will discuss the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. From questions like, "How true is the Bible?" to "Why does God allow suffering?" All of us from any stage in our Christian walk can be enriched and learn about our faith.

1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ- Starting Jan. 24th for 9 weeks at 10 am. The key themes of this study are humility, submission, and identity in Christ guide the study of 1 Peter as participants are challenged to read the book in its entirety each week. Come learn from Bonnie Daniel!

Sermon on the Mount- Starting Jan. 27th for 10 weeks at 5:30. Seat yourself on a mountainside to learn at the feet of Jesus. Ask for ears to hear and a heart to respond to the teaching of our King. Come learn from Betty Hochstetler.

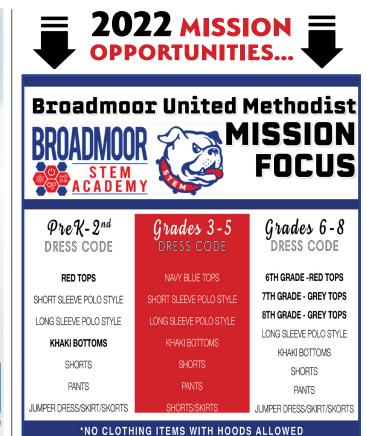
Ten Words to Live By - Starting January 18th for 5 weeks at 5:30 pm.

Jen Wilkin presents a fresh biblical look at the Ten Commandments, showing how they come to bear on our lives today as we seek to love God and others, to live in joyful freedom, and to long for that future day when God will be rightly worshiped for eternity. Learn to see the law of God as a feast for your famished soul, open to anyone who calls on the name of the Lord.

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Come learn from Kristin Nelson!





Jennifer Rothschild's Fresh Grounded Faith is coming back to Shreveport-Bossier!



Join us March 25th and 26th at Cypress Baptist Church for this life—giving women's event. Broadmoor UMC is a co-host church this year, which means you can buy tickets at a discounted price if you order through BUMC. We need at least twenty women from BUMC to order through BUMC to receive a discounted price of \$44 per ticket, so DO NOT order through the Fresh Grounded Faith website.

Please contact Bonnie Daniel at the welcome desk before Sanctuary worship to purchase your ticket, or pay through our kiosks at the welcome desks. You may also

purchase on our website: www.broadmoorumc.org under the "Give" link. Deadline to purchase is January 17th.



Being a parent is hard work, even more so in today's world. Moms are often left struggling to balance their own needs with the needs of their family and community. Are you interested in taking a little time for yourself to connect with other moms and build relationships?

Let us know what would work best for your schedule by scanning the QR code. Meetings will start in January 2022!!

- MOM group is open to any moms, expecting moms, moms of toddlers, moms of teens, single moms, etc.
- Any moms from inside or outside of the BUMC community so invite your friends!!
- Childcare will be provided.
- We will meet at BUMC.
- Meetings will include: fellowship/connecting with other moms, learning and growing in our relationships with Jesus, supporting outreach efforts at BUMC, and more.











FIRST GIFT of Advent Way to Honor the Christ Child

It has been a long-standing practice at Broadmoor United Methodist of requesting that members and participants give the FIRST GIFT of the Advent season to honor the Christ Child and celebrate all the hope He represents. These gifts are used to support the General Fund of the church.

The effects of COVID-19 have continued to impact participation levels of the church and the financial condition of the church. Though we have rebounded substantially from 2020, the fact remains that a shortage of revenue over expense does still exist for the year. This situation will require additional modification in the funding of the church for long-term stability and strength.

We have been extremely blessed through all the months since COVID-19 surfaced. We have been diligent in following the best information available to provide a safe place for worship and participation in activities at the church. We have been able to keep all our positions staffed and pay our expenses while reducing the debt significantly. We continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom to offer the insight necessary for each of us to stay well.

Please consider your generous FIRST GIFT to Broadmoor United Methodist as we continue to honor the ministry and sacrifice of Christ Jesus as we seek to inspire people to Know, Grow and Go in God's love.

Rev. Terry Love





