

# THE MESSENGER

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

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BROADMOOR UMC NEWS & HAPPENINGS!

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## Pastor's Message

*Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor*

### I've loved serving churches in FIVE different decades now.

Although each church has had its own personality, there have been constants. Well-established churches have a stable and predictable nature—change is usually carefully planned for, and seldom rapid.

That has gone out the window with pandemic issues. Instability and unpredictability are the new normal. Many of us have experienced feelings normally associated with grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and (thankfully) acceptance. Add General Church issues to the mix and we find ourselves in a time of great discomfort when we think about our own church.

In the midst of it all, this congregation pulled together to keep the church strong. Seeing the parking lot full of cars (and kids) on Christmas Eve deeply touched me: the love so many have for the Lord was on display. The faith of our congregation is a witness to the hope Christ offers the world.

Also, let me tell you how proud you should be of BUMC's staff. Let me tell you how they've worked together. Let me tell you how they've grieved the loss of all that stability and struggled to innovate and create new ideas. Let me tell you they are learning new ways of inspiring others to know, grow, & go in God's love.

We have had to reexamine our goals for 2020 and 2021 (and beyond) in light of what's transpiring before our very eyes. How do we effectively be the church going forward?

We are seeing it involves developing and refining our online presence. After all, how many of you are growing so comfortable with couch church that you're having a hard time even thinking about attending in person again?

Also, it involves developing ways of being the church off-site. How do we reach out to people who likely will never darken the doors but need the Good News?

We are trying to fall forward – it's scary/exciting, calls for creativity, and increases the expectation of trial and error. All this in the midst of a new normal that still does not feel normal to any of us.

Like Moses, God will lead us out of the wilderness. So, we rejoice in hope, friends. We are called to be patient in suffering...and persevere in prayer.

It's going to be okay.

### BUMC EARLY LEARNING CENTER CITED AS #2 KIDS & EDUCATION DAY CARE IN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR 2020!



**Congratulations**

**JANET NORTEN, Director**  
Broadmoor UMC Day School  
& Early Learning Center

ASST. DIRECTOR - **LISA SIMPSON**

#### TEACHERS:

**ASHLEY BROWN**

**LILLIE DANIEL**

**DANIELLE KIRSOP**

**SONJA SHOWS**

**SHELL SMART**

**KATIE SMILEY**

**MATARA VEAL**

**DOMINIQUE WILLIAMS**

**Congratulations**



## Pastor's Message

*Rev. Kelly Berne, Executive Pastor*

### 2021 Resolution: COURAGEOUS

"But David told the Philistine, 'You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel's army, the one you've insulted.'" (1 Samuel 17:45)

It is hard to be courageous and move forward in confidence when we cannot see or when we are left vulnerable and are forced to rely on the perceptions of others. The same is for us spiritually as well. Scripture helps to lift that veil and reveal the hidden truth.

It is no secret that my family has been through the ringer lately with illnesses. Once again under quarantine with COVID invading our home. So, I made a point to read scriptures each day of quarantine. The first day my Bible app reminded me: to put on the full armor of God so that I may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

The next day I was reminded of Psalms 34:4, "I sought the LORD and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."

Each time I turned to the scriptures I found comfort and peace. It didn't make COVID go away, it didn't solve my problems immediately, and I still had moments of meltdowns. BUT I was able to flip the switch and turn my fears into faith. Because I know that God is always with me. He comforts me, gives me strength, and calms my soul.

Here are three things to remember to stay brave and courageous:

1. Know and believe in God's promises
2. Build your spiritual army
3. Courage is NOT the absence of fear but the TRIUMPH over fear

Let's leave 2020 where it deserves to be—behind us. In a time when fear is gripping many hearts—even those of us who believe in Jesus, it's time to find freedom in a new year. Starting right now flip the switch; ask God to make you courageous through trusting Him.

Grace and Peace,  
*Rev. Kelly Berne*

## Broadmoor Methodist Day School

**The Day School has scheduled an early registration period beginning Tuesday, January 19th.**

This allows church members and children currently enrolled in the **Day School, Buddies program and the Early Learning Center** the first opportunity to register for the upcoming school year.

We are not currently giving tours during our school hours but will be hosting a virtual open house later this month.

If you have questions about the Day School, please feel free to call and speak with **Janet Northen, Day School Director**. We are very excited about the Day School and what is happening in our classrooms.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN NELSON AT [KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG](mailto:KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG)



### Acolyte Ministry

Acolyting is a very important milestone for our students here at Broadmoor. It is one of the first opportunities they have to serve in worship. During the service, the acolyte brings the Light of Christ into the worship space as a reminder to all that God is present, at the close of service the acolyte takes the Light out as a reminder for us to take Christ's Light into the world. This vital part of worship carries on a tradition that dates back hundreds of years. This opportunity is open to students in 3rd grade through high school. It also opens the door for our older students to participate in service in other ways. If your student is interested in taking part in this ministry for the Traditional or River service please contact Kristin in the church office or by email [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org)

## CHURCH-WIDE INVITATION

### From one of your fellow churchgoers:

Why is the Bible important to me? I need guidance in this world. There are so many clamoring voices, conflicting opinions, and changeable moralities. I need something that is solid, consistent, and purposeful. I know that when I come to God’s Word, it does not change or coddle me. It challenges me in a way that other books don’t. This book gives me hope and helps me see order and beauty in the world. I see value in myself and other people, which is not always readily apparent.

Ultimately, my relationship with God is a personal one. In meditating upon His Word, there is a place where I meet with my God. This is different from having someone explain it to you because no person is your God. Only God is your God. Like Jesus said, “The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice” (John 10:3;5). Hearing about someone is not knowing them. To know them, you must meet them in this text for it to be personal: “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you” (Job 42:5).

Please join us in a journey of knowing God’s Word for ourselves. The **BUMC Evangelism Team** is sponsoring a church-wide invitation to **read the Bible in a year**.

Go to your App Store or Google Play store and download the **“Bible in One Year”** app to read daily scriptures with us. Then, join the **BUMC Evangelism Team Facebook group** to join weekly discussions on the scriptures we are all reading together.

Let’s go into 2021 with direction from God’s Word.

Contact [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org) with questions.



Bible in One Year

# BUMC | Missions Moment

*The top needs are:  
khaki pants sizes 6-10, new socks, and new undies (boys and girls)*

## Broadmoor STEM

### Uniform drive

**January 2021**

**Drop off Sunday mornings or during regular business hours.**

PreK- 2nd DRESS CODE	GRADES 3-5 DRESS CODE	GRADES 6-7-8 DRESS CODE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RED SHORT SLEEVE POLO STYLE</li> <li>• RED LONG SLEEVE POLO STYLE</li> <li>• KHAKI BOTTOMS</li> <li>• JUMPER DRESS/SKIRT/SKORTS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAVY BLUE SHORT SLEEVE POLO STYLE</li> <li>• NAVY BLUE LONG SLEEVE POLO STYLE</li> <li>• KHAKI BOTTOMS</li> <li>• SKORTS/SKIRTS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6TH GRADE RED POLO TOPS</li> <li>• 7TH GRADE GREY POLO TOPS</li> <li>• 8TH GRADE NAVY POLO TOPS</li> <li>• KHAKI BOTTOMS</li> <li>• SKORT/SKIRT</li> </ul>



### COME TO GENTLE HOLY YOGA

Gentle Yoga with Bible Scripture

**Tuesdays | Thursdays | Saturdays**

- 9:30 AM | Room 200 (T & Th)
- Arthur Circle Breezeway (Sat)

(dependent on the weather)

**Sue Ottesen, Instructor**

(RTY 200)

# THE RIVER @ BROADMOOR UMC

More than  
all of me  
and every need  
with Your love  
in You is  
enough

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**BROADMOOR Buddies**

**Now Available**  
Wednesdays (\$20)  
9AM - 12PM

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

**BILL & DIANN WILSON**

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**CHRIS & NATALIE ADAMS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS** *Mark Your Calendars*

**JANUARY 2021**

- Sundays at 5 PM starting January 3rd for 6 weeks**  
*Meant for Good* by Megan Marshman led by Kristin Nelson and Rev. Kelly Berne (\$20)
- Tuesdays at 10 AM or 6 PM starting January 12th for 7 weeks**  
*The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller led by Pastor Megan Twyman (\$20)
- Wednesdays at 10 AM or 6 PM starting January 13th for 8 weeks**  
*2 Samuel* led by Dr. Greg Davis (\$20)
- Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. starting January 21st**  
*You Are Never Alone* by Max Lucado study led by Betty Hochstetler (please purchase hard back book before the first class)
- Mondays at 10 a.m. starting January 25th**  
*Take Courage: A Study of Haggai* by Jennifer Rothschild led by Bonnie Daniel (\$20)

## HONORARIUMS

### LAYETTE FUND

IN HONOR OF

- ♦ *Rosie Wood* from Darrell & Kendra Fite

## MEMORIALS

### FIRST GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Oscar E. Cloyd, Sr. & William Ralph Peal* from Martha Cloyd Peal

### BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Ken Franks* from Tom & Bonnie Daniel, Joyce Jordan, Robert Touchstone
- ♦ *Nelson Bell* from BAFB Associate Wives Club

### LIBRARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Ken Franks* from Cheryl Caskey, Jean Cottingham, Lee & Susan Larsen, The Bartlett Family: Donald, Jerry, Ann, Sharon, & Deuane; BUMC Women's Class, Ann Spikes, Mary S. Mitchell, Arline L. Colvin

## PASSINGS

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- ♦ *Sam & Mary Doles* for their daughter, Beth May
- ♦ *The Family* of Doris Greene
- ♦ *Nan Franks* for her husband, Ken Franks
- ♦ *Amy England* for her father, Allen Doughty

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

- ♦ **TEXT-TO-GIVE** | Text 'GIVEBUMC' followed by the amount you wish to give to 877-570-3715
- ♦ **BUMC WEBSITE** | [broadmoorumc.org/give](http://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