



Pastor's Message Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor

# A LOOMING QUESTION

With everything seeming to spin in opposition to everything else, there's a looming question each of us must ask ourselves at some point: is it possible to be happy - to be thankful, in the midst of this crisis?

Seriously, what makes you happy? Is it money? Does it have to do with a particularly prized possession? Is it another person? Is it a dream you have? Memories? Physical health? Aesthetics? Nature?

Are you happy with yourself, right now? Thinking about what makes us happy is more relevant than ever. The reason is this: there are so many reasons to be unhappy. There are so many alarms going off and purveyors of doom and gloom touting woe that it can be overwhelm-

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ing. Unless we finally say enough and begin to focus more on our own thoughts.

Oh, I'm not at-

tempting to be anti-intellectual by any means - keep track of what's happening. FYI, the Louisiana state government website will let you know what's happening around our parishes; it has links to other helpful sites. I am saying we finally have to make the choice for happiness. And we go about that by looking for the good, the true, and the beautiful anywhere and everywhere. Especially now. Do you realize how good it feels to experience joy? It has a powerful lifting effect upon our spirits.

And it makes us thankful! One of our members works in health care and shared with me the non-stop changes going on the last ten days or so. This dedicated employee has worked so hard they're finally in bed with fever after testing negative for the flu and the kids and the dog don't understand why they can't see their parent, who's now isolated from the rest of the family, while everyone else under roof is quarantined until the test results come back.

In the middle of this misery, this soul sent me the most upbeat, positive message

> - it brought me joy and filled my heart with thanks. Part of this person's secret is thinking beyond self to others, encouraging and

praying for them. It's not an intentional "if I do this, then I'll be happy" kind of fakery; it just comes from the heart. And brings joy.

There aren't that many things that bring us joy and make us thankful. I believe it centers on relationships, with others and with God. The God part of it is the spiritual care our own souls need to ward off the self-absorption that blinds us to the good, the true, and the beautiful that are around us every day. The God part of it also includes self-forgiveness and inculcation of values that help us get past ourselves.

I think I'll let the last words of this faithful person's note to me sign us off: "[God] loves us endlessly, even when our humanness makes us lose focus and need reminders of His power, omnipotence, mercy and grace!"

God bless you all. Six feet apart beats six feet under. Watch it.

God be with you,

Dr. Greg Davis

# **DRIVE-THRU LILIES**

You can pick up your lilies on Thursday, April 9th from 4 - 5 PM. We ask that you drive up to the Sanctuary entrance and someone will bring you your flower(s)!

Thank you for the support of not only your church but local businesses as well!



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

# "I'm fine. It's fine. No really, everything is fine."

We have all seen the memes where someone is saying everything is fine but in reality they look like they are about to crack. We find it funny because we have all been there before and we can relate. I found myself in this situation the other day. I received a mass email from a company that typically I would just delete, but for some reason that day I stopped and read it. This is what it said Dear Kristin, How are you doing? Wait, stop for a moment. Close your eyes and really think about your answer. So...how are you doing? In that moment, I just began to cry. I was at a loss. I did not know where this was coming from because really, I thought I was fine.

When I am feeling anxious, out of sorts or at a loss, one of the first things I want to do is go to God's Word. Whether it's through scripture, a devotional or music I can usually find some peace and comfort to calm my soul. So on that day I decided to read a devotional and this is what it said "pay attention to the cracks in your character; what you ignore today, you may drown in tomorrow." Wow! It seemed I had been ignoring some things because here I was drowning in tears that I didn't even realize were there.

As parents/caretakers we are so concerned about our children, our families and others being "fine" that we tend to forget about ourselves. We fill our days with the busyness of taking care of everyone and everything that our own feelings and needs get put on the back burner. We don't even realize we are doing it until something as simple as an email releases a flood of tears.

I'm here to tell you friends, if we don't take care of ourselves we can not take care of those around us. Jesus gives us an invitation in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Life is full of things that weigh us down; in order to face those burdens we need rest and restoration. Jesus offers us just that. My devotional went on to remind me that no matter how badly broken I may be, if I turn to God, He will restore me. My prayer is that we find refuge in our God so that we may be restored to go out and care for those around us. So I ask you now...how are you doing?

# Kristin

# TNT Summer 2020

Plans for our fun filled, summer program, TNT, are still in the works.

For those entering grades 1-6 in the fall of 2020, mark your calendars for *June 2nd through July* 2nd.

Kids will meet on *Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM*-2:00 PM for a fun activity and lunch. Due to our current situation with the Covid-19 virus registration won't begin until the end of April.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Kristin by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org





| MONDAY    | MONDAY MESSAGE<br>DR. GREG DAVIS<br>10 AM   POSTED ON FACEBOOK                          |
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| TUESDAY   | <b>DEVOTIONAL</b> DR. GREG DAVIS 10 AM   FACEBOOK LIVE!                                 |
| WEDNESDAY | HYMNS BY REQUEST<br>ADAM PHILLEY & DAN LEY<br>12 NOON   FACEBOOK LIVE!                  |
| THURSDAY  | GENEROSTIY MESSAGE<br>REV. TERRY LOVE<br>10 AM   POSTED ON FACEBOOK                     |
| FRIDAY    | <b>DEVOTIONAL</b> REV. KELLY BERNE & MEGAN TWYMAN 10 AM   FACEBOOK LIVE! (THE RIVER FB) |

## LINKS:

BUMC WEBSITE: broadmoorumc.org
BUMC FB: facebook.com/BroadmoorUMCShreveportLA/
THE RIVER FB: facebook.com/RiverWorship/



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# Broadmoor church family,

As the spread of the coronavirus continues, we are in the youth ministry have had to make some changes to how we do ministry. I wanted to bring everybody up-to-date on some of the things I'm doing to make sure we're still reaching our students.

If you are a student or group leader, please download the app ZOOM. We are looking at ways to incorporate that for small groups, and Sunday school with in the next few weeks.

I have a weekly schedule via the Broadmoor Youth Facebook page and Remind text messages that looks something like this:

- MONDAY | Video from Kyle around different scriptures and topics
- TUESDAY | Video outlining five things a student can try if they're bored or looking for something new to do this week.
- WEDNESDAY | Challenge, such as a scavenger hunt or photo recreation using materials in your house.
- THURSDAY | Scripture suggestion and questions in case you want to go deeper.
- FRIDAY | Another challenge, as well as a parent email.

You can sign up via Remind for three different classes:

- STUDENTS Text @bumy1 to 81010
- ADULTS Text @bumy2 to 81010
- If you would like to receive DEVOTIONS text @bumydevo to 81010

In the world that has so much darkness right now, I encourage you to be a light - both to those who you know, but also to those that need to know God's love.

Blessings,

Kyle



# **Pastor of Administration** *Rev. Terry Love*

# **Perspective is Everything**

Three brick masons were laying cinder blocks for a new building when a curious youngster walked by and began asking each, "what are you doing?" The first worker replied, "I am laying blocks." The second said, "I am building a wall." The last worker with a smile, "I am building a church."

We might lose sight of what our support for the church means. We might not be able to do all we want for the church at this difficult time. We can be secure in remembering that God blesses all the gifts we give and multiplies them and we can acknowledge that all our efforts are building up the church.

Thank you for your generosity that continues to lift up the church and the ministry of the church. May you continue to know the blessings of our Lord and Savior through it all.

God Bless.

Terry Love





# **WEEK 5 (MAR 29 - APR 4)**2 CHRONICLES 5

As soon as the word spread, the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

## **MEMORIALS**

#### **BUILDING FUND**

#### IN MEMORY OF...

- ◆ *Joy Dunkelman* from Rick & Sandra Githens
- Ann Vise from Paul & Jane Cooke, Jan Mason, Renay Westerman, Rick & Sandra Githens
- Dixie Love from Milton Pearce, Marty Vaughan
- Snow Terry from Rick & Sandra Githens

## **MUSIC FUND**

## IN MEMORY OF...

- ◆ **Ann Vise** from Charles & Kay Allen
- Ruth Stephenson from Allison Wray
- Jo Ann Molnar from Audrey Zahm
- Elaine Camp from Audrey Zahm, T. Wes Moore, Gene, Johnny & Elizabeth Coody, Deborah Griffith
- Dixie Love from Gaye Cranor

## **GENERAL FUND**

#### IN MEMORY OF

- ◆ Ann Vise from Dianne & Curtis Turner
- ◆ *Joy Dunkelman* from Dianne & Curtis Turner
- ◆ Dixie Love from Pesky & Carol Hill, Doug & Kay Robinson
- Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Love from Dianne Moore
   & Michael Sledge, First Baptist School
   Faculty & Staff
- ◆ *Snow Terry* from Dianne & Curtis Turner

# **PASSINGS**



# CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

 Susan & Jerry Schirmer for her father, Francis M. Kelly.

# **EASTER LILIES**

## IN HONOR OF

- Our Children and Grandchildren from Melissa & Bruce Simon
- Cherrie Robinson from Henry Robinson
- My Family from Hilda Holder
- Baby Master from The Gates Family
- ◆ Evelyn Rodgers from Your daughters, Diane, Jeanette Cook, & Annette
- ◆ Our grandchildren, Catherine McElroy, Cameron, Tess Tucker from Ron & Eneile Mears
- Rev. & Mrs. Leland Wade from Steve and Patsy Lavery
- ◆ Rev. Conrad Edwards from Steve & Pasty Lavery
- David O'Quinn from the Chairobics Class
- ◆ Fay DeKay, Horace Ladmon, DeKays of Colorado from Becky & Roger DeKay
- ◆ Our Children and grandchildren from Sandra & Craig Lang
- ◆ Carolyn and Robert Davis, from Kimberly & Mike, Brooks & Brennan
- ◆ Susan and David Belanger, from Kimberly & Mike, Brooks & Brennan
- Charles Hughes, from Kimberly & Mike, Brooks & Brennan

## IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ Our Parents, Barbara & Elmer Simon; Frances & George Hairston from Melissa & Bruce Simon
- ♦ Ernie Beauvais from Hank & Rhonda Anderson
- Frances Anderson from Hank and Rhonda Anderson
- Mary John Smith from Dana Graves & Family
- Our grandmothers, Estelle, Florcha, Vanette from the Gates Family
- Our Father, M.L. Rodgers, and brothers, Ken & Hal Rodgers from Jeanette Rodgers Cook
- Charles Simank from His Family
- Sharla Sanderson from Her Family
- Betty Pearce from Milton Pearce
- ◆ Elaine Camp from Adam Philley & The Chancel Choir
- Colonel B. L. Skipworth from His Family
- ◆ Samuel Walker Lees from Mom, Dad, Missy & Macy
- ♦ Linda Wilson Sanchez from Carla, Steve, Wil & Carl Lindsey
- ◆ Lonnie & Ellen Lindsey from Carla, Steve, Wil & Carl Lindsey
- ◆ Owen & Renie Wilson from Carla, Steve, Wil & Carl Lindsey
- Belle & Darrell George from Randall George
- ♦ Bob DeKay, JoJane Ladymon, Fred DeKay from Becky & Roger DeKay
- ◆ Bruce Dominique from Christina Dominique
- Jeri Edwards from Rev. Conrad Edwards

# **ALL APRIL ACTIVITIES - CANCELLED**

CONNECTION will continue via EMail Blasts, The Messenger, FaceBook & our website: broadmoorumc.org