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**Pastor's Message**  
*Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor*

## DON'T YOU WISH WE COULD CRY UNCLE ABOUT NOW?

Back when I was a kid, my brother and I would wrestle. He was older and larger, and whenever he got me in an especially painful position, I could yell - or groan - UNCLE! And that was enough, he'd relent.

Don't you wish we could cry UNCLE about now? We just want God to relent. We want to put this interruption of our lives behind us. But there are so many "known unknowns" and the dreaded "unknown unknowns" that it's unclear what the timetable to normality looks like.

That uncertainty weighs on our hearts. It seems people fall into one of two categories: impatience or weariness.

The Psalmist sang it and the Prophet complained about it. The problem of time. Our impatience with time. Our frustration with time. Our desire for time to flow the way we desire it to flow.

And, underneath, our impatience with God. We've cried UNCLE! Shouldn't that be enough? "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?" complains the Psalmist in the 13th Psalm. Then there's the Prophet Habakkuk. Evidently, he felt the same frustration we are feeling today: "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?"

It's like our cries of UNCLE! are falling on deaf ears - or God's not there. And

that's when we find ourselves alongside the Psalmist, the Prophet, and even Jesus upon the Cross.

Look, the absence of God is a major theme of scripture and a common struggle in the Christian life. If you call yourself a Christian and haven't struggled with God's seeming silence and absence, well, you will.

Here's the thing: the Psalmist and the Prophet cry their impatience directly toward the face of God. Their experience of the absence of God is not enough to make them deny the presence of the God in whom they trust.

There's a poem that speaks volumes about God's absence. About our impatience with God's timing. It was written during WW2, on the wall of a cellar, by a Jew in the Cologne concentration camp.

*I believe in the sun  
even when it is not shining  
And I believe in love,  
even when there's no one there.  
And I believe in God,  
even when he is silent.*

Believe. Express yourself to God. Love.

God be with you,  
**Dr. Greg Davis**



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



## Lenten Challenge in Review

Little did we know how challenging the Lenten Challenge was really going to be. The Covid-19 pandemic exploded right in the middle of Lent and we were distracted in every aspect of our lives. Even so, there were a number of the faithful who sent in weekly Challenge contributions in addition to their regular offerings, and I hope others who followed the daily readings and exercises. This is a great way to grow in our faith walk. Use a daily guide such as The Upper Room or other devotionals. Use questions like, "What do I hear this scripture saying?" "What insights does this scripture offer about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?" "What does it say about my response to the love God has shown me?"

Whether or not you were able to give your focus to the Lenten Challenge, going forward pause at least a few moments each day and offer your gratitude for God's generosity to you and consider what witness you can be to others today.

God Bless,  
**Rev. Terry Love**



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## Summer 2020

***Broadmoor's Children's Ministry wants more than anything for our summer programs to take place this year.***

Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, programs may look a little different this summer than they have in years past. Know that plans are still being made for Buddies, TNT and VBS, but our first priority is keeping children, staff and volunteers safe and healthy. We are monitoring the situation daily and working hard to get answers. We will continue to keep you up-to-date with plans. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we navigate these uncertain times.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Kristin by email [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org)



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Broadmoor Family,

We may be quarantined, but we're still doing ministry! Here are some details about the really cool activities we are producing that I hope you encourage your students to participate in!

- ◆ Monday, April 20th - Kyle's Quick Chat Video goes up on YouTube and Facebook.
- ◆ Tuesday, April 21st - Even MORE things to Do video goes up on Facebook.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 22nd - Our Next Photo Scavenger Hunt.
- ◆ Thursday, April 23rd - Scripture Reading and Questions posted on Facebook.
- ◆ Friday, April 24th - Online Games with Kyle, either via Zoom or Houseparty.

In all things, try to remember God's presence, guidance, and love. During this time of quarantine, I would love to be able to provide content that makes a difference. If you or a student want me to cover a specific topic, let me know!

Blessings,  
*Kyle*

***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

## DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATING SENIOR?



*If you would like your child to be a part of our  
**SENIOR SUNDAY** on **May 3rd** please send:*

**FULL NAME | PHOTOS (5-7) | SCHOOL NAME**  
to Rick Duet at: [rick@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:rick@broadmoorumc.org)

*The deadline for photos is  
**Wednesday April 29, 2020 at 5 p.m.***



## GIVING • GENEROSITY • TITHES • OFFERINGS • GIFTS

Remember, your continued donations during these difficult times are making it possible for us to keep ministry going at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. There are a number of ways to continue supporting our church ministries during these difficult times.

- ◆ Text GIVEBUMC to 877-570-3715
- ◆ Our website link: [broadmoorumc.org/give](http://broadmoorumc.org/give)
- ◆ Snail mail to: BUMC, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105

### ***Here are some ways we are trying to Stay Connected, Together!***

Also, we are doing Facebook posts, eBlast reminders & announcements, Daily Devotionals (Our Daily Bread) and website postings / archiving of our online communications to you.



DR. GREG DAVIS | MONDAY MESSAGE

DR. GREG DAVIS | DON'T YOU WISH... | APRIL 20, 2020

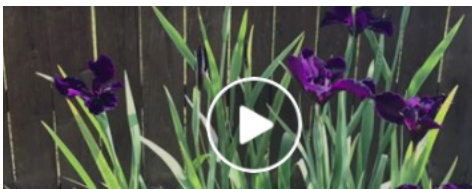


**MONDAYS** | Message with Dr. Greg Davis

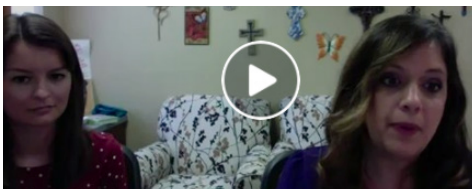
**TUESDAYS** | Dr. Greg Davis Facebook Live!



**WEDNESDAYS** | Hymn Requests with Adam Philley & Dan Ley



**THURSDAYS** | Generosity Message with Rev. Terry Love



**FRIDAYS** | Devotional with Rev. Kelly Berne & Megan Twyman



**SUNDAYS** | Sanctuary Worship & The River Worship on Facebook, YouTube & BUMC Website

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- ◆ Our sisters, Alice Coody French & Hope Ann Crain from Gene & Johnny Coody
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- ◆ Chandler Bounds from Debbie Noone

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- ◆ Valet Parkers (Frank Flowers, Derek Lane, & Jim Watts) from Leonard & Lucy Sudduth

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

Your continued donations during these difficult times are making it possible for us to keep ministry going at Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

**THANK YOU!**

Who would have ever imagined that the Sanctuary would be empty on Sunday, but through the marvels of technology the church is active and offering God's love to the community around us.

**THANK YOU!**

Your gifts sustain the efforts of the staff and ministers, looking forward to that day when we can all come together again.

**THANK YOU!**

And, if things are a little tight for you right now, your prayers are the most important contribution of all.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND COMPASSION!**

*Rev. Terry Love*

**ALL APRIL ACTIVITIES - CANCELLED**

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