



Pastor's Message *Dr. Wybra Price, Senior Pastor*

Checking Your Assumptions About Church Membership and Growth

The following article is written by one of my Doctor of Ministry professors, Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr. of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. in an edition of Leading Ideas.

Peter Drucker, a writer, management consultant, and self-described "social ecologist," maintains that most organizational problems are not the result of groups doing things poorly but rather because the assumptions on which the organization was built, and on which it still runs, no longer fit reality. Could our congregations be taking for granted some things that were safe assumptions in the past, but no longer fit? I listed common assumptions in church life that may require rethinking.

- ◆ *If new people are really interested, they will join the church.* Many people today participate actively in church without joining. Some may never join.
- ◆ *New people will attend worship first, some will then join a class, and eventually some will participate in mission.* The sequence today may be just the opposite, especially for the young. Serving may be their entry followed by a small group and then worship.
- ◆ *Visitors / Guest will check out our doctrines and then decide to stay or go.* Beliefs and values are important and should be clear, but decisions about choosing a church are based far more on relationship and belonging. People are more interested in what you believe once they feel they belong.
- ◆ *Most new members will come from our denomination.* There was a time when newcomers would find the nearest church of their denomination to attend. Denomination matters much less today while a church's vision, ministries, and relationships count for far more.
- ◆ *Guests will want to be recognized.* Some may, but many do not. There are multiple ways to show hospitality without public recognition.
- ◆ *People will attend a church near their home.* The distance people travel to church is getting greater. One example is that 25 percent of Roman Catholics who attend church go to a church outside their geographical parish.
- ◆ *We know our community well.* Make sure you do because the longer a church is in existence, the less connected it tends to be to community changes. A new congregation, however, is likely to know the pulse of the community well.

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What are our assumptions at Broadmoor UMC related to our church's present and future growth and membership? Please join me in inviting and sharing relationships with friends and strangers who can come to know the love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness of our blessed Savior – Jesus the Christ.

Thank you for being a part of Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport faith community,



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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Mom Group is back!

This is a great way to connect with other moms and build relationships. We meet every Friday at 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Parlor (near the Sanctuary). Childcare is provided.

Here are our upcoming dates and themes:

9/9 Welcome Back	10/7 Let's Share: Fall Festivities/Activities	11/11 Let's Serve: Gabriel's Closet
9/16 Let's Share: Back to school Tips & Tricks	10/21 Let's Serve: BUMC Mission Focus	12/2 Let's Discuss: Podcast or Bible study
9/23 Let's Serve: BUMC Red Bag Donations	10/28 Let's Discuss: Podcast or Bible study	12/9 Let's Serve: BUMC Mission Focus
9/30 Let's Discuss: Podcast or Bible study	11/4 Let's Share: Holiday Recipe Share	12/16 Let's Celebrate: Christmas Treat Exchange

For more info contact Kristina Millard at krstnamlld@gmail.com OR Anna Foster at aroserepp@gmail.com.

September Mission Focus



BUMC has partnered with St. Luke's UMC to help provide our community with an annual pumpkin patch.

This pumpkin patch enables us to continue to serve children and families in God's neighborhood. 100% of the proceeds collected will go to fund our Missional outreach efforts. The pumpkin patch also supports and helps improve the economy and quality of life for the pumpkin farmers and their families from the Navajo Nation in New Mexico.

On **September 25th** we will head over to St. Luke's immediately following our 11 AM worship for a community meal. Afterward we will help St Luke's unload pumpkins! This is a family friendly and all-hands-on-deck event. Not only will we need help unloading pumpkins, but decorating and setting up will happen as well.

Please consider signing up to work a time slot during the week. Shifts start **September 26th** and run through **October 31st**. Sign up by visiting one of our sign-up tables by the Sanctuary or River worship spaces. You can also sign up though our online SignUpGenius: <https://signupgenius.com/go/70a044aa8ad2aa3fc1-2022> or you can scan the QR Code.



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Pumpkin Unloading

Join us Sunday, September 25th immediately following the 11 AM worship services at St. Luke's UMC. We will gather at St. Luke's for a community meal before working together to unload pumpkins, decorate the space, and get things ready to open the patch on September 26th. You are more than welcome to come to church in your pumpkin unloading clothes or bring a change of clothes with you. For more information please call the church office at 861-0586 or email kelly@broadmoorumc.org.

Follow-Up Mission Trip to Nanih Chito UMC

On Sept. 9th, five members of the Broadmoor mission team left for the church in Wright City, Ok. The goal was to power wash 3 buildings to ready them for painting. A fire truck met us at church to fill over 500 gallon water tank to complete the job. There was also some other cleaning done. The group spent the night in Idabel, OK.

On Sept. 10th, 4 more team members from Broadmoor and 4 members from First Bossier UMC arrived, and everyone pitched in to replace old boards and paint the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and storage building. Four doors that were also painted. A sign was delivered to a sign painter from their congregation. He was happy to receive it. The last thing was to clean up paint chips.

The experience was joyful and spirited. It was hard work but truly a heartfelt journey of love!

We were fed hearty Indian fry bread tacos with all the fixings by a grateful group of members. We closed with a beautiful Choctaw blessing that touched your heart and made your spirit soar with lyrical beauty of the language. We hope to go again in the future to work on the roofs.



COMING SOON...

-SAVE THE DATES-



Friendly Feud Bible

Our next church fun night is Sunday Oct. 23rd, 5 PM - 7 PM. More info coming soon.



TRUNK OR TREAT

4 PM - 6 PM at St. Lukes, Oct. 30th.



Calling all our crafty and creative disciples!

Pumpkin Shine on Line will glow on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 when hundreds of jack-o'-lanterns fill Betty Virginia Park!

Broadmoor UMC will have a spot along the path where hundreds from our community will stop by to see us, and we need our crafty and creative disciples to create our display. We also need our outgoing disciples to pass out candy to kids and Broadmoor UMC welcome packets to the families. If you are one of these people, email office@broadmoorumc.org, call the office, or sign up on your connect card to join this team.



Festival de Noël will be November 27th at 6 PM in the BUMC Sanctuary.

Festival is a choral and orchestral concert provided to our church and neighborhood community free of charge and it is a great way to kick off the Advent season! We need you to help make this a success.

You can sing in the Festival choir by coming to choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 for 2 months from Sept. 28-Nov. 27th. Our theme for FDN this year is "Christmas on Common Ground" as we raise awareness and support the wonderful work of our partner organization, Common Ground.

If you have any questions about joining the Festival choir please let Adam know or just show up at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 28!



DISCOVER CLASSES

METHODISM	SPIRITUAL GIFTS
SEPT. 25TH	OCT. 23RD

All classes will be at 9:45 AM in Parlor

Methodism class is Sept. 25th and Spiritual Gifts is Oct. 23rd.

All Classes will be 9:45 AM in the parlor.

RSVP on the connect card or email: office@broadmoorumc.org.

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- ♦ *Lynell O'Quinn* from Julie Kirsop
- ♦ *Dot Law* from Upper Room Class

FESTIVAL DE NOEL FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Conrad Edwards* from Mary Caldwell
- ♦ *Dick Davenport* from Mary Caldwell
- ♦ *Betty Williams & JoAnn Blair* from Mary Caldwell

CHILDREN'S FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Audrey Todd* from Lynn Avinger-Reeves, Kenny & Nancy Beauvais

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Fred Goza* from Gaye Lefevers

RESERVE FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Dot Law* from Stafford & Marianne Comegys



THE MISSIONS TEAM IS RECRUITING DISCIPLES TO JOIN THEIR TEAM.

Next Missions meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 6 PM. We will meet at the church in the Fellowship Area. Zoom is available as well.

Email kelly@broadmoorumc.org for a zoom link or for more information on joining our Missions Team.



A big thank you to all who donated to Nanih Chito Mission!

Thank you to all the people who did Safe Sanctuary and background checks to be ready for other mission trips.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Cluster Charge Conference will be at 10 AM Saturday, October 15th at Christ UMC.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

- BUMC WEBSITE** | 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