

# WELCOME TO THE RIVER

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

DECEMBER 17, 2023

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE POWELLS

OPENING SONG

JOY TO THE WORLD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

KYLE BOSTON

JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

GRATITUDE

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

SERMON

GOOD NEWS FOR WHO?

Rev. Sione Tu'uta

CALL TO ACTION

OFFERING

CLOSING SONG

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

BENEDICTION

STAY CONNECTED!



CHILDREN



## OUR MISSION

Inspire people to **KNOW, GROW, GO** in God's love.

### KNOW

Connect people to Church & God.



### GROW

Develop as a disciple and leader.



### GO

Engage and serve the community.



## DISCOVER THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH!



### HOW DO I USE THE PATH?

The cross represents Christ. Place yourself in each section to discover where you are in your relationship with Christ. Then ask yourself these questions:

#### KNOW

**CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHURCH AND GOD**

Am I attending worship regularly? How often am I connecting with God and God's people?

#### GROW

**DEVELOPING AS A DISCIPLE AND LEADER**

Am I involved in a bible study or small group to help me develop deeper as a disciple?

#### GO

**ENGAGING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

How much mission work am I doing and is it deepening my relationship with God and people in my community?

Whether you find yourself in the lighter or darker sections of the path, see how you can grow deeper in your faith journey. We encourage you to consider joining a new small group, attending more worship services this year, or serving in one of our missions opportunities in the next few months. **Visit our website to see all the ways you can get plugged in!**

## GIVING

Offering is an act of worship. Please visit our website at [Broadmoorumc.org/Give](http://Broadmoorumc.org/Give).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We will have a combined service next Sunday, December 24th at 11am in the Sanctuary for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 4PM IN PEARCE HALL

The December Governance Board meeting will be this Sunday at 4pm in Pearce Hall.

### BUMC CHRISTMAS EVE YARD SIGNS

We invite you to pick up at Broadmoor UMC, a Christmas Eve yard sign with stand and place it in your yard inviting others to join you in worship this Christmas Eve. These signs will be available at the church these next two Sundays – December 10 and 17. Please return your yard sign to the church after Christmas Eve to be used for future years.

### FIRST GIFT

It has been our custom at Broadmoor for a number of years to offer our First Gift of the Christmas season to the Christ Child. As we celebrate his gift of grace to us, we bring to the Lord a portion of what has been given to us. Please write "First Gift" in the memo line on your check or on the envelope before placing it in the offering plate. You may also give a "First Gift" online at [www.broadmoorumc.org](http://www.broadmoorumc.org) or you can mail your check to the church office at 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105.

### PHILIPPIANS STUDY LED BY BONNIE DANIEL STARTING MONDAY, JAN. 22ND AT 10AM

"Many of us spend our lives chasing happy through relationships, success, and the next adventure. Yet, we only discover a dryness in our souls. We chase temporary happiness instead of the eternal happiness found in Jesus. Join Bonnie Daniel in studying Philippians by Lori Wilhite beginning January 22nd at 10 AM. Cost to attend is \$20. RSVP on your connect card or by emailing [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org)

## Holiday Schedule

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

December 21st at 6PM

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24th\*, No 8:30 AM service, Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
Combined River and Sanctuary services in the Sanctuary at 11 AM

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24th, River Contemporary Candlelight Service at 3 PM  
Sanctuary Candlelight services at 5 PM\* and 7 PM

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY

December 31st\*, Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
8:30 AM and 11 AM Sanctuary services & 11 AM River Contemporary service

**December Mission Focus: The Gingerbread House**  
*This month we are collecting 1-ounce Play Doh, 8-ounce bottle water, and washable markers.* All of these items are used daily in sessions with the children they serve. The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in closely with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families. Gingerbread House coordinates interviews and investigations with the referring agencies and other professionals from the initial screening to the final disposition of the case. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process to help prevent further victimization. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.

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