



“Marry A What?!”

Last Sunday morning, my combined Sunday school class on Zoom learned about Hosea. God tells Hosea to marry a prostitute because God’s people have played the prostitute. Hosea complies and marries Gomer. They have three children. God gave the children their names. The first is Jezreel, a pleasant name meaning “God plants.” It refers to a beautiful city and valley between the mountains of Samaria and Galilee, but the beauty of that place had been marred by acts of extreme violence: murders, beheadings, mass exterminations, etc. Naming one’s child “Jezreel” might be like naming a child today “Auschwitz” or “Hiroshima,” says James Limburg. And God said “I will put an end to the house of Israel.” No more Israel.

The second child they named “Lo-ruhama,” meaning “no compassion,” “no forgiveness.” The Lord will no longer have compassion on Israel! The third child they named “Lo-ammi,” or “not my people.” Since the days of the Exodus, God often referred to the Hebrew people as “my people,” like “I will take you for my people, and I will be your God ...” (Exodus 6:7). Now God says, “you are *not* my people and I am *not* your God.” There is no worse news one can be given: no God, no future. Israel is no more.

And the very next verse says, “Yet the number of Israel will be

like the sand of the sea ... and it shall be said of them, ‘Children of the living God.’ Whoah! Light in the darkness, hope in despair, a future out of destruction?

I don’t know about you, but a lot of us these days need a word of hope. We need to hear that God so loves us that God will even break a promise or have a change of heart. Now, we may or may not be under some punishment from God these days. Any answer to that is conjecture and speculation. The point is, God has very little appetite for the suffering of people. Remember, even when there is no light – God is light, God is love. Even if we don’t deserve it.

We learned this in Sunday school! Do you have a class to join these days? There are several available. Maybe you don’t know how to join a Zoom class – our staff can help. Maybe you’d rather come to class at church, but it feels unsafe – please see the announcement about on-location Sunday school coming soon. Maybe you’d just like to follow along on your own – we have books in the church office. Let me know how we can help you “come to class!”

Dr. Ezell

SCATTERED OR GATHERED

Trustee Council Meeting
Monday, July 13
6 p.m.

Zoom Deacon Meeting
Sunday, July 19
4:00 p.m.

Gathered and Scattered Class

BBC’s Combined Sunday School Zoom class is offering an on-campus option for those ready to meet together for bible study. Beginning **August 6**, the on-campus class will join with the combined Zoom class from 9:15am-10:15am. The class will be led by a variety of BBC’s Sunday School teachers. Please sign up in the church office to help us provide a safe environment in the Activities Hall.

Puzzle Exchange

There is a table filled with puzzles to exchange and share outside the church office for anyone who is interested!

Yoga
Tuesdays & Fridays
9:30 a.m.

Administrative Assistant Job Opening
BBC is now accepting resumes for the full-time position of Administrative Assistant in the church office to begin August 1. Job responsibilities include managing correspondence, welcoming visitors, production of the Sunday bulletin and the newsletter, and maintaining attendance records. Applicant must have good organizational skills, social skills, and computer competence with word processing and publishing software. Pay will be commensurate with experience and includes full benefits (health insurance and a retirement plan). Please submit resumes to:
felicia@broadmoorbaptist.com

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
with Dr. Ezell via Zoom
“Outliers in the Bible”

Call the church office if you are interested in being part of the Zoom group.

Face Masks
Our BBQuilters have made plenty of masks for health care workers and church members. Drop by the church office if you or a family member needs a mask.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital
Gwen Chiles
Pat Landrum
Carey Beam
Dick Parish
Glenn Girod
Gayle Hearne

In Loving Memory
Mr. Bill Johnson *united with this church on December 20, 1959, and departed this life on June 23, 2020.*

In Appreciation
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:
George Haile

Southeast Ministries

The Southeast Ministries Food Bank is located on Sharp Road adjoining the campus of Broadmoor Methodist Church. Since 1996, Broadmoor Baptist Church has supported the ministry financially, through regular food donations, and with volunteer workers. The current pandemic has created a need for additional volunteers. There are openings for those who can commit to work a 3 1/2 hour shift, once a week. There is also a need for substitutes to fill in when regular workers are absent. Please prayerfully consider helping if you are able by contacting the church office.

We Are Here to Help

If you are feeling anxious about getting out to run errands, please contact the church office. We have deacons, staff and church members ready to help you pick up your medications at the pharmacy, grab some dinner at the drive-thru, or pick up groceries. Call the church office at 927-5454.

Family Gathering

We will gather in the CAH, and boxed lunches from Jason’s Deli will be provided with a reservation; \$5 per person, \$20 family max. When you call the church office for a reservation, you may select from a variety of sandwich options. Water will be provided or you may purchase a soft drink from the vending machine. Social distancing measures must be implemented, so it is imperative that you let the church office know if you will attend, and if you would like a lunch. On the meeting agenda is the Education Committee report & vote, as well as a review of church financials.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 8

- 10:00 A Adult Bible Study-Zoom
Outliers in the Bible
- 6:00 P Children's Free Wheelin' Wednesday
- 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir-Zoom

Friday, July 10

- 9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, July 12

- 8:30 A Janet Pace Class-Zoom
- 9:00 A Combined Class with Dr. Ezell via Zoom
- 9:00 A Kerygma Class via Zoom
- 9:30 A Youth Class with Bobby via Zoom
- 10:30 A Worship Service, Communion
- 5:00 P Belles and Beaux
- 5:30 P Children via Zoom
- 6:30 P Youth Bible Study at the Hannie's

Monday, July 13

- 6:00 P Trustee Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 10:00 A BBQuilters

Wednesday, July 15

- 10:00 A Adult Bible Study-Zoom
- 2:00 P Wild Wednesday
- 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir-Zoom

Friday, July 17

- 9:30 A Yoga

Sunday, July 19

- 8:30 A Janet Pace Class-Zoom
- 9:00 A Combined Class with Dr. Ezell via Zoom
- 9:00 A Kerygma Class via Zoom
- 9:30 A Youth Class with Bobby via Zoom
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 4:00 P Deacon Meeting via Zoom
- 5:00 P Belles and Beaux
- 5:30 P Children via Zoom
- 6:30 P Youth Bible Study

Youth Bible Study

Sunday Evenings
6:30 p.m.

Locations vary



CHILDREN

Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday Evenings
5:30 p.m.

Led by Sherry Patton and
Katie Gilley

Free Wheelin' Wednesday July 8

6:00 p.m. at the church
Bring scooters, bikes,
trikes, or skates!

Wild Wednesday July 15

Greater B. R. Zoo
2-4 p.m.

\$1.50 admission per person

Dog Days of Summer

Wednesday, July 22
6:00 p.m.

Church Activities Hall

Volunteers from the LSU Vet School and the Tiger HATS program will be on hand with therapy dogs for the children to interact with. Admission is a small bag of dog food.

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Worship Service

Sunday, July 12

10:30 a.m.

Guest Preacher:
Dr. Roger Sullivan

Communion
will be observed



Family Gathering

and Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, July 26
immediately following worship
in the Activities Hall

Reservations Required-see inside

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