



“AKOLUTOS, Y’ALL!”

“Akolutos.” That Greek word has been on my mind a lot lately. It means “unhindered,” to be unimpeded or unobstructed. Its importance is elevated by the fact that the entire book of Acts, all twenty-eight chapters, is about that word. Imagine that! Well, to be fair, it is a combination of that word and the Greek word “euangelion,” which simply means “good news,” as in “the good news of Jesus Christ;” or, “the gospel.”

Over and over again, the book of Acts shines the light on a variety of scenarios that threaten to “hinder” the good news of Christ. It’s as if Luke, the author, anticipated questions his readers would ask: “What if people who believe in an ‘unknown God’, encounter the gospel?” “What if the gospel wants to reach people the Bible calls ‘unclean’ and ‘outsiders,’ like the Gentiles?” “What if people who eat food the Bible forbids, want to believe the gospel, but keep eating that food?” “What if a man whose physical and sexual condition the Bible forbids, wants to become a Christian?” “What if the Christian institution, which forbids behaviors the Bible and tradition clearly forbids, wants to prevent the gospel from people with those behaviors?” And on and on and on go the questions about challenging scenarios; and over and over and over, the book of Acts says “Unhindered!”

Those scenarios were

not born out of fantasy or hypothetical situations; but they were actual circumstances that posed real and present dangers to the burgeoning Church. What other scenarios might we add today to the book of Acts as we write our own chapter into it? Maybe we ask, “What if there’s a pandemic and meeting together for worship is virtually impossible?” “What if there are culture wars and people misuse the Scriptures for political purposes?” “What if a church is blindsided by financial bombshell and money becomes an issue?” Can these hinder the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Well, I have ... *euangelion* for us! Acts has *good news* for all churches of Jesus Christ. Nothing – NOTHING – can hinder the movement of God’s Spirit from accomplishing God’s plan! Neither food laws, foreign beliefs, physical and sexual conditions, pandemics, culture wars, financial bombshells ... NOTHING can hinder the good news of Jesus Christ. Though they may hinder us, challenge us, we overcome those challenges with a hope that defeats despair, light that defeats darkness, and life that defeats death.

Lift up your heart and be encouraged. God is never defeated. God always has more life to give. By the way, the last word in the book of Acts is ... *akolutos*.

Dr. Ejell

SCATTERED OR GATHERED

Special Called Business Meeting Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

The Trustee Council of Broadmoor Baptist Church has called for a special business meeting to be held on Sunday, March 21, 2021 in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The Trustee Council will be presenting a recommendation to the church body, which will be discussed and voted upon. Due to the nature and content of the discussion, this meeting will not be offered on Zoom, You Tube or recorded for any social media site. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and pray for our Staff, Trustee Council and congregation as we face difficult and challenging decisions.

Worship Services Each Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

We are so happy to hear members of the congregation have received the vaccine. We ask that you continue to wear face coverings and continue to social distance.

You may join us in-person or via Facebook, Youtube, and at:
www.broadmoorbaptist.com.
Use the hashtag
#findyourplacebbc.

Mid Week Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study - *Prayer* with Janet Pace. Call the church office for the ZOOM link to join.

College Bible Study

Tuesdays 8 p.m. via ZOOM. Contact Bobby for the link.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study “*The Parables of Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke*” Contact the church office to receive the ZOOM ID & password. For more info, contact Dr. Ezell.

Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Via ZOOM. Contact Bobby for the link.

Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Contact Bobby for link.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Hope Sunday School Rm 103
Gathered and Scattered Class,
CAH and via ZOOM
Youth Sunday School, Rm 221
Children’s Sunday School, Rm
219 & Zoom
Forum Class, Rm 218
40’ish Class, Rm 220
Young Adults Class, UR & Zoom
9:30 a.m.
Kerygma Class,
SDR and via ZOOM

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Home from the Hospital
Jo Ann Forbes
Frances Saxe
Katie Nell Morgan

In Appreciation
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:
Gene & Donna Scoggins

OLOL
Anne Baker

Prayers of the People

Sanctuary—a holy place, a place of refuge or safety. If we ever needed a place of community, now is the time. We have a beautiful sanctuary and courtyard area which are open for prayer and meditation. Or if you feel more comfortable, you can stay in your car in the parking lot and offer your prayers.

- open from 9 am – 4 pm, Mondays through Thursdays
- a prayer guide provided for you, or you can pray and meditate on your own.
- pray for our church family
- pray for our community
- pray for our nation
- pray for yourself and your family

Come by the church office for a guide. We will help you to a safe place of refuge and prayer.

Southeast Ministry

There is a need for canned and instant potatoes, as well as peanut butter at this time.

Hurricane Relief

There is a need for newborn and older diapers in the Lake Charles area. Please bring to the church office.

DEACON MINISTRY

Deacon Outreach Initiative

During a time when there is loneliness and disconnection across the generations, it is especially critical to our church family that they know their church remembers them and cares about them. Our deacons will be reaching out to members in the coming weeks to ensure our congregation feels connected as much as we can this year.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 3

- 10:00 A Adult Bible Study with Dr. Ezell via ZOOM
- 6:30 P Youth Bible Study-ZOOM
- 6:00 P Young Adult Bible Study - ZOOM

Thursday, March 4

- 7:30 P Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 7

- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 4:00 P Deacon Meeting - ZOOM
- 5:00 P Belles and Beaux
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, March 9

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 10:00 A Quilters
- 6:30 P Bible Study with Janet Pace via ZOOM
- 8:00 P College Bible Study - ZOOM

YOUTH

Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 4
at 7:30 p.m.



Mark Your Calendar

Passport Camp
July 5-10
Furman University
Greenville, SC

Wednesday, March 10

- 10:00 A Adult Bible Study with Dr. Ezell via ZOOM
- 6:30 P Youth Bible Study-ZOOM
- 8:00 P Young Adult Bible Study via ZOOM

Sunday, March 14

- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 11:30 A Day at the Park Event
- 5:00 P Belles and Beaux
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

CHILDREN

Day at the Park Event

Sunday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.
\$10 per adult, and \$5 per kid

Young families' crawfish boil & play date at Parkview park. **Please let us know if you plan to make it, so that we will have enough food.** Measures will be taken to prevent contamination. Bring chairs, games, and masks. Outdoors will be a great place to practice community even through social distancing.

Easter Egg Hunt

March 28 at 11:30 a.m.

All are invited for an Easter Egg hunt & picnic on the church grounds. We will provide drinks, each family will need to bring their own lunch. Kids will need to bring a dozen filled eggs (please keep food allergies in mind). There will be a dunking booth with special targets... ummmm guests.

Kids Lock-In

April 9

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