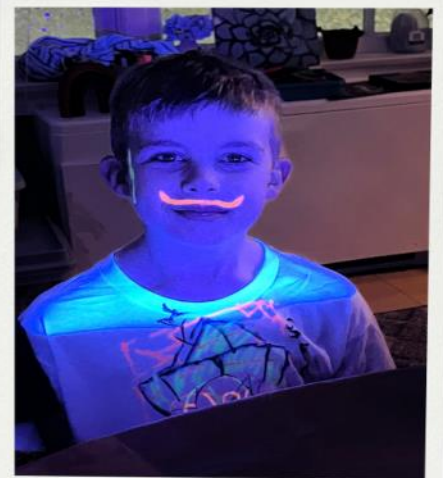


# Broadway Beacon

March 2024

## GLOW WITH GOD PARTY!





Beloved Broadway,

As the bulbs of Spring begin to blossom, we continue our lenten path towards the cross and empty tomb of Christ. As a child growing up at Freeman Heights Baptist Church in Garland, Texas (c.f., Arland, Texas in the animated series King of the Hill), we did not observe Lent. I remember my first experience of a Holy Week service at Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas while I was a college student. I will never forget how diving deeper into the darkness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday illuminated the joy of Easter in a whole new way. For my worship practice, walking the lenten path to Easter was like going from black-and-white to technicolor. On the coin of our faith, Easter celebration and Lenten suffering are two sides of discovering a joy that will not wither under the weight of life's challenges. As followers of Jesus, we are a people who know both the reality of Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Franciscan priest Richard Rohr writes of this journey, "Suffering, of course, can lead you in either of two directions: It can make you very bitter and close you down, or it can make you wise, compassionate, and utterly open, either because your heart has been softened, or perhaps because suffering makes you feel like you have nothing more to lose. It often takes you to the edge of your inner resources where you [as Hebrews 10:31 says,] 'fall into the hands of the living God,' even against your will." While we do not control what the day brings, we monitor and manage our inner life and our response. As the Irish poet Bono once sang, "What am I supposed to do? What am I supposed to say? I can't change the world, but I can change the world in me. I rejoice..."

This Lent, we are sitting with the stories of Simon Peter. By looking at the life of this brash, boisterous ex-fisherman, we are holding a mirror up to ourselves. Certainly, some of us are more quiet, more reflective, more anchored than others. However, if I were a bettin' man, I would bet that everyone one of us has a little "unbridled spirit," inside of us (and not in that good Kentucky way). Each of us are a work in progress, and with that inevitably comes growing edges. We are not perfect, and even if we were, what a graceless life perfection would be?

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are a seasonal reminder to us of two things: 1) Christ is risen once and for all proclaiming that all things are becoming new (Revelation 21:1-5), and that 2) as Jesus' disciples we perpetually live in a cycle of Crucifixion and Resurrection (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). Resurrection assures us that there will be a good, just, and peaceful end to the Story, and Crucifixion reminds us that we are not at the end of the Story yet.

When we find ourselves in the midst of suffering, may we be reminded by this season that after Crucifixion comes Resurrection. And when we are riding high on the hog, and things seem to be falling into place, may we also remind ourselves that we are not promised an easy life, but only in suffering and rebirth will we discover a good life. For this reason, I cling to the wise words of the Rev. Dr. William Sloan Coffin, "Despite appearances, it is an Easter world."

Wherever we find ourselves today, in Crucifixion or Resurrection, may we find the courage to hold the tension between both sides of the coin and say, "This, too, shall pass," while also saying, "Thank you, God, for the gift of today."

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kevin

# MUSIC MINISTRY

The Louisville Youth Orchestra will have their spring concert here at BBC on Sunday, March 10, 4 p.m.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 24 and concludes on Resurrection Sunday, March 31.

Thank you members of the Chancel Choir for your time of preparation each Wednesday night and then your intentional attendance and leadership in worship on Sundays!

The Children's Choir sang in worship in February and did very well.

We look forward to hearing them participate in worship again on Palm Sunday, March 24.

## SAVE THE DATE

Creative Arts Camp will return this summer, July 22-26.

# BROADWAY ARTS ACADEMY

The new semester began January 8. We have several new group classes/ individual lessons representing people of all ages. We added three new teachers too!

As of today, enrollment is at 85; with 13 students receiving full/partial grants.

BAA is grateful for the many ways that members of BBC have embraced the students and the academy.

We have numerous volunteers from BBC who welcome students/families every week.

However, we still could use a couple more; especially on Thursdays! Please contact Robert if you can give of your time to help as a volunteer.



Hello all- hoping this newsletter finds everyone well in this season of contemplation! Lent is upon us and the youth are learning about what Lenten discipline means to them. We are so grateful for our church community for supporting us in our fundraisers so far this year– between Trivia Night and the Flower Sale, we’ve raised over \$2,000 for our youth group to go to camp! Further deepening our gratitude, Broadway has graciously bestowed a Bible upon each of our youth, so that they can begin Bible journaling this Lent. If you have craft supplies, such as water colors, stamps, inkpads, highlighter pens, etc, that you are no longer using– the youth would be honored to help take them off your hands! Our next fundraiser will be our coffee shop “He Brews” at the Missions Yard Sale– please come see us and pick up some coffee and a book! Following that, we have a lot of service opportunities coming up as well: Goatwalker open mic on March 9; upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist build, for which we will be landscaping (date likely April or May); and even an urban farm experience coming up in May! We would love for you to join us in any of these activities, so please feel free to reach out to Alissa Vance at [alissa@broadwaybaptist.org](mailto:alissa@broadwaybaptist.org).



## Prayer Time in the Prayer Garden



### *Prayer Time in the Prayer Garden*

*March 19, April 16, and May 21 at noon.*

*You're welcome to bring a chair, food, and an open heart as we join together in a time of reflection and sharing prayer concerns and praises. In case of bad weather, check in at the office for our indoor location.*



Raise the Roof dates have been set. Those dates are March 7th-9th, with the first nail being on March 7th at 8:00 A.M. and the Ground Blessing being on March 9th at 11:30 A.M.

Contact Sharon Davis if you are interested in being part of a work crew on any of these 3 days!

Sdavis217@gmail.com or  
502.939.4682



## Holy Week Activities

Easter Egg Hunt



March 23

Maundy Thursday Service



March 28

Easter Sunday Service



March 31

*Holy Week*

At Broadway Baptist Church



## LifeTimers Game Day

Tuesday, March 12

Friendship Hall

11:00 am

Come join the domino table or Hand and Foot Canasta table.

Bring a snack or lunch for our fellowship time before the games begin.

## Other LifeTimers news:

Plans are in the works for day trips. Watch for the details. Another upcoming 'Lunch & Learn' will cover Elder Law.

LifeTimers welcome any and all who are looking for fellowship, good food, visits to interesting places and fun. If you have questions, contact Donna Williams at 502.774.0515 (call or text)



## LOVE IN ACTION BINS

Each week throughout the school year we pack bags to be sent home on the weekends with students from Chenoweth Elementary who are living with food insecurity. This year we are packing more than 150 bags! Our partnership with Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and the Missions Committee helps offset the cost of food - but we need your help! If you are able - the following food items are useful and can be placed in Love in Action bins around the church:

Ramen noodles, hearty canned soups or ravioli with pull-top lids, Granola Bars (no nuts or peanut butter), oatmeal packets, individual applesauce or pudding cups, etc.

If you'd like to join the team helping to pack the bags each week, please contact Susan in the church office or at [susanr@broadwaybaptist.org](mailto:susanr@broadwaybaptist.org)





# *Spring Missions Sale*

March 1-2, 2024

Pay Double Preview- Friday, March 1st 6-8 p.m.

Saturday from 8 a.m.- noon

**WATCH OUR SERVICE ANYWHERE!**



**LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE  
TO OUR YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL TODAY!**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## SAVE THE DATE!

HAND AND FOOT

## CANASTA NIGHT

03/08/2024

6:00 P.M.

\$5 DONATION, DRINKS, SNACKS, AND  
DESSERTS PROVIDED

RSVP TO TERI VEAL AT  
TERIVEAL5@GMAIL.COM

All skill levels welcome!

# Grounds Clean-Up Day

Saturday, March 9

9-10:30 a.m.

**LET'S GET THE CHURCH READY FOR EASTER!**

THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A CLEAN-UP DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9 FROM 9-10:30. MEET IN FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY AND BRING YOUR GLOVES, RAKES, SHOVELS, AND PRUNERS. ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT NANCY STOPHER (STOPHER@BELLSOUTH.NET).





## WOMEN ON MISSION

# *Spring Luncheon*

**Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m.**

Silent Auction and Entertainment

\$30 per person

Reserve and decorate a table

Invite friends to attend

Please RSVP to Donna Williams

call or text at 502-774-0515



**NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

**FOR THE SPRING LUNCHEON**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**CONTACT CONNIE ROGERS CALL/TEXT 502.592.9392**

**OR EMAIL CGORDONROGERS@AOL.COM**



# Wednesday Night Dinners

## Wednesday, March 6

5:30– Dinner Line opens  
6:00 – Bible Study, led by Kevin  
6:00– Elementary Missions, led by Amanda

## Wednesday, March 13

5:30– Dinner Line opens  
6:00 – Bible Study, led by Kevin  
6:00– Elementary Missions, led by Amanda

## Wednesday, March 20

5:30– Dinner Line opens  
6:00 – Bible Study, led by Kevin  
6:00– Elementary Missions, led by Amanda

## Wednesday, March 28

5:30– Dinner Line opens  
6:00 – Maundy Thursday Service

(Permanent or standing reservations are available. If you are unable to attend, the reservation must be canceled by Monday 1:00pm or you will be responsible for the charge.)

Gather around and join us for Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study!

# March Dinner Menus

## MARCH 6

Roast Beef  
Whipped Potatoes & Gravy  
Texas Toast  
7 Layer Salad  
Banana Split Dessert

## MARCH 20

BBQ Pork Sandwich  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Chocolate Cream Pie

## MARCH 13

Chicken Tenders Florentine  
Rice Pilaf  
Warm Roll  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Red Velvet Cake

## MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday  
Chicken & Rice Almondine  
Warm Rolls  
Broccoli Salad  
Apple Crisp

RSVP on Mondays by 1 p.m.



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Spring Missions Sale</i>	2 <i>Spring Missions Sale</i>
3 <i>Sunday School Worship Discovery Class</i>	4	5 <i>Pickleball</i>	6 <i>Supper &amp; Study Kids Missions</i>	7 <i>Habitat For Humanity Baptist House</i>	8 <i>Habitat For Humanity Baptist House Canasta Night</i>	9 <i>Habitat For Humanity Baptist House Church-wide Clean up Day</i>
10 <i>Sunday School Worship Louisville Youth Orchestra Concert</i>	11 <i>Deacons Meeting</i>	12 <i>Lifetimers Game Day Pickleball</i>	13 <i>Supper &amp; Study Kids Missions</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Sunday School Worship</i>	18	19 <i>Prayer time in the Prayer Garden Pickleball</i>	20 <i>Supper &amp; Study Kids Missions</i>	21	22	23 <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Palm 24 Sunday</span> <span>Easter 31</span> </div>	25	26 <i>Pickleball</i>	27	28 <i>Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30

## 2024 Pictorial Directory

Coming  
Soon

2024 PICTORIAL  
DIRECTORY

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY  
WILL BE COMPILED IN 2024!  
PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN THIS  
SPRING. MORE DETAILS TO  
FOLLOW ON HOW TO SIGN UP!

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