

# CALENDAR

## Wednesday, July 3

5:00 P Quilt Class

## Thursday, July 4

office closed

## Friday, July 5

9:30 A Yoga

## Sunday, July 7

8:30 A Common Grounds

Café Open

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship Service

6:00 P Bible Study, Heaven, Hell and the Devil

## Monday, July 8

6:00 P VBS Meal

6:30 P VBS Scuba

## Tuesday, July 9

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Quilters

6:00 P VBS Meal

6:30 P VBS Scuba

## Wednesday, July 10

5:00 P Quilt Class

6:00 P VBS Meal

6:30 P VBS Scuba

## Thursday, July 11

6:00 P VBS Meal

6:30 P VBS Scuba

## Friday, July 12

9:30 A Yoga

6:00 P VBS Meal

6:30 P VBS Scuba

## Sunday, July 14

8:30 A Common Grounds

Café open

9:15 A Sunday School

10:30 A Worship Service

6:00 P Bible Study, Heaven, Hell and the Devil

## Monday, July 15

6:00 P Trustee Meeting

## Tuesday, July 16

9:30 A Yoga

10:00 A Quilters

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# YOUTH, KIDS & FAMILIES

## Youth

July 18- Escape Room

July 25- Axe Throwing

## Children

July 16- Knock Knock

Museum

July 23- Glow in the Dark

Party

## VBS Scuba

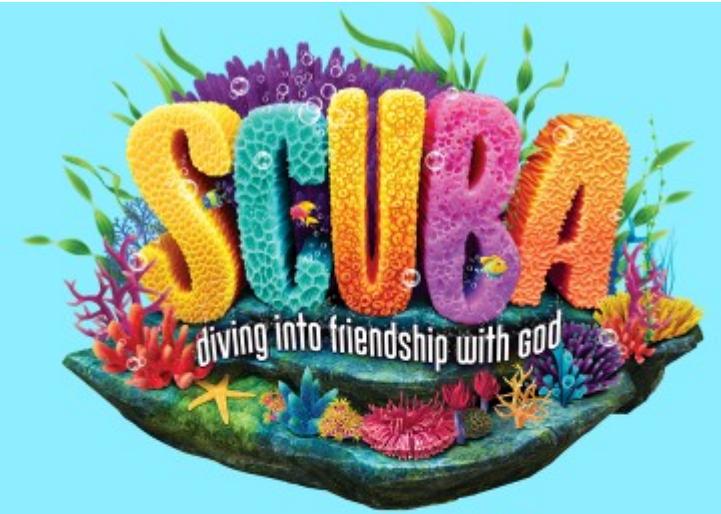
Diving Into Our  
Relationship with God

July 8-12

6:30-8:30 P

Join the excitement of nighttime VBS coming next week! Sign up now by contacting the office.

Volunteers also needed!!



JULY 8-12

6:30 - 8:30 P

MEAL PROVIDED AT 6 P

PARENTS, TEENS, AND KIDS!!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

Sign up with the QR Code below!!





## “July 4 Memory”

When I was 13, I was given a small part in a July 4 church musical that today makes me cringe. It was a multi-generational patriotic musical, the name of which now slips me. It involved adult and youth choirs with musical numbers, lines, and parts that were intended to rouse audience members in the fear of having religious liberties stripped. The opening of the musical was to establish the United States as the new Israel by substituting the scriptures original context with modern-day America. Once that had been established, actors portraying soldiers with weapons burst into the sanctuary, startling the unsuspecting, threatening Christians at worship. Several adults later admitted they came close to tackling the “soldiers.” Turns out that that was the intention of the theatrics – to unnecessarily foment and arouse fear.

I later learned ignorantly missed important details. First and foremost was that, ironically, the musical claiming Jesus, sounded nothing like Jesus; though it sounded a great deal like *Christian nationalism*. Also ironically, their fear was actually the fear of religious freedom. Second, as the “new Israel,” we were interpreting the United States as a theocracy, not a democracy. And third, as a theocracy, we were tying our government to a religion and to that religion’s claims; claims to which our country was never bound.

Christian philosopher/theologian Soren Kierkegaard once stated, “It is easier to be a

Christian when I am not one than when I am.” Kierkegaard was from Denmark, a church-state. The official religion was Christianity, meaning one is Christian by nationality. To be Christian simply meant following the laws of that country. Kierkegaard couldn’t tell if he was being Christian or being Danish! Freedom is better. In my last article, I mentioned that today in India, to be anything but Hindu is attracting violence. Similar restrictions are taking place across the globe. What I love about the USA is that we are free – to be Christian, or Hindu, or Sikh, or Jewish, or agnostic, or atheist.

My line in that 1980s musical began with Psalm 11:3 – speaking of Israel, though intending America: “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The foundation of our nation is Jesus. May we always remember this.” Well, I was close. What I would later come to appreciate is that the foundation of our nation is *freedom* – and that freedom affords the worship of Jesus. But it also affords the worship of Muhammed, or Brahman, or Abraham, or any god, whether I like it or not. That is neither conservative nor liberal; because Jesus never came to establish a religion, but a relationship – not a kingship, but a kinship.

Happy 4th!

*Dr. Ezell*

## GET INVOLVED

### Communion at Home Sunday, July 21

To best prepare for this special time please contact the church office if you would like communion elements delivered so you may participate from home.

### New Sunday Night Bible Study *A History of Satan Inside and Outside the Bible* Sundays, 6 P

### MUSICAL NOTES from Lori

We’re already deep into the heat of the summer months when many of us are traveling, going on vacations, seeing family and just finding some time to relax! For me, I have a couple of upcoming trips planned to which I am very much looking forward. However, music and worship plans are ongoing and continue to be exciting for me as well! Here are some invitations for you to consider -- Invitation #1... are you a singer? **Consider joining our outstanding choir!** Our regular Fall rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, 8/14 (6:30 p.m.) – contact me if you have questions! Invitation #2 ... do you play handbells? **We are in need of at least ONE (maybe TWO) ‘ringers’.** If you do not know how to play/ring – I can teach you! Please consider joining this fun bunch of ‘ringers’ – our regular Fall rehearsals will begin on Sunday, 9/8 (4:00 p.m.). Invitation #3 ... do you play an instrument or wish to sing a solo? **Please let me know what your talents are and what you might like to offer during a worship service!** Remember that “it takes a village” to make it all happen – I would love to hear from you. Contact me at [lori@broadmoorbaptist.com](mailto:lori@broadmoorbaptist.com)!

Please note on your calendars an upcoming choral concert given by BonaVox! The date is July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at University United Methodist Church (on the LSU campus). From their website: “BonaVox is a group of vocal musicians committed to providing access to high quality vocal music performance for the enrichment of SWLA and beyond. BonaVox is committed to promoting equity for careers in professional musicianship and fostering collaboration across the arts community in SWLA.” I happen to know many of the singers in this ensemble and the concert should be terrific!

## MINISTRY OUTREACH

### In Loving Memory

Judy Drell *united with this church on September 3, 2017 and departed this life on June 20, 2024.*

### Southeast Ministries

Needs canned tuna and cereal

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, July 21 following worship

vote on Sunday School teachers for the 2024-2025 year.



**Bags of Hope**  
August 3rd 11am-2pm  
at the Soul Food Festival

Free Backpacks and school supplies for all East Carroll Parish Students  
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