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PASSPORT KIDS CAMP









Children and Family Ministry

BY REV. AMANDA LANGLANDS

We had an AMAZING time at Wonder Camp talking about God's beautiful work and how all the elements of creation work together for good! A HUGE thank you to everyone who made the week possible and loved our kids and showed them that God's love is bigger than they could ever imagine!

What a wildly Wonderful world, God! You made it all. You made the earth overflow with your Wonderful creations. Psalm 104



Right after Wonder Camp, two of our 5th graders left for a week at PASSPORT Kids Camp. We had a great time learning about following God! Following God is like running the most important race of your life— a race that's not about speed, but about purpose. You don't just show up; you prepare, you listen for God's direction, and you build strength through every challenge. God is calling you to join in making the world more like heaven— full of love, hope, and light. Are you ready to run? Vamos! Let's go.



Godly Play Refresh Workshop on July 12th
For all those who are a part or interested in being a part of our Godly Play program here at Broadway, we are having a refresh workshop right after church on July 12th. Lunch will be provided. We will go over the mission of Godly Play and how we do it at Broadway. We are in need of new volunteers and this is a perfect opportunity to join.

Upcoming: Promotion Sunday, August 9th



Youth Ministry

BY SARAH SPARKS
(INTERIM YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR)

This summer our youth have been reflecting on our interim activities, giving feedback, and brainstorming further ideas for our Padawan Program to see where we can plug in to our church community. In Sunday School, we continue to ponder the question “Who is My Neighbor?” as we learn about Christian denominations and other world religions as they compare to what we believe as Baptists. Mr. Bob has been walking us through the pillars of Baptist beliefs in quick speed-round discussions at the start of Sunday School. We look forward to diving deeper into this study throughout the summer.

In June and July, we are also hanging out through the “Summer Jam” sessions at host houses of church members. We have played games at the Callan’s, had a pool party at the Smith’s, and look forward to our hangouts at the Langlands’ and Hook’s houses in July. If any other families would like to host our youth in the future, please contact Sarah Sparks to coordinate (sarahwsparks@gmail.com).

As we approach the start of another school year and promotion Sunday for our newest youth group members, more adults are needed to build our team for Sunday School leadership. If you have considered becoming more involved with the youth of our church, now is the time! You can visit with the youth as a shadow during Sunday School, train to teach occasionally, or become a chaperone for social or service events. If everyone does a little, the impact will be a LOT! Contact Sarah Sparks for more details.

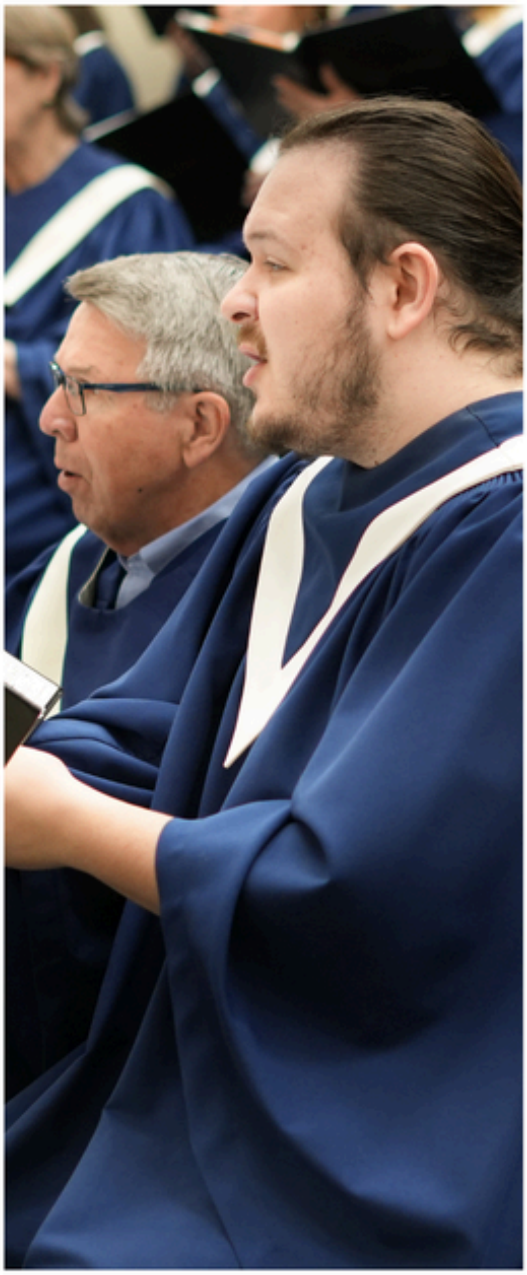






Music Ministry

BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON









Truly, we are grateful to the members of the Chancel Choir who meet on Wednesdays for 90 minutes to prepare choral anthems for the worship of God on Sundays. During rehearsal time, choir members work diligently to offer their time and talents to the best of their abilities. They discuss the text and how it speaks to them and discover how it is planned to fit within the context and theme of worship each week. All of this and more goes into the overall goal: to tell the story of God through the gift of song and to offer God their best in worship.



A Word of Thanks

Dear Broadway Baptist Church,

We live in turbulent times. Voices of division grow louder. Violence and power are presented as solutions. People are reduced to their utility. That's why this season calls us back to the heart of the gospel: loving our neighbor as God commands.

How can we make a difference in such times? By forming daring faith leaders - women and men answering God's call to ministry with wisdom, compassion, and bold creativity. Your generous gift is doing exactly that.

Each BSK graduate will touch countless lives. Ministers counsel the grieving. Chaplains sit with the suffering. Counselors guide people through darkness into healing. These graduates don't just serve individuals - they transform communities into reflections of God's beloved community.

Your investment multiplies exponentially. One student becomes a pastor who serves hundreds. A counselor who helps dozens of families find wholeness. A chaplain brings comfort in a hospital's darkest hours.

Thank you. Because of your partnership, daring faith leaders are forming right now at BSK - and through them, God is already at work in ways we can barely imagine.

Peace,
Dr. David Cassidy
President
BSK Theological Seminary

Dear Family of Broadway,

My deepest thanks for your outpouring of love and encouragement following my 20-year anniversary. It has been an absolute joy to think back on so many years of serving God alongside you. Each of you is a blessing in my life and I look forward to all that God has in store for us in the future!

With deep gratitude and love,
Susan Reed

Church Happenings

BY REV. SUSAN REED

LifeTimer's Lunch

The LifeTimer's will have 2 lunch outings in July with Bob Johnson to Berrytown (The Watson-Powell Community Center). The dates are July 14 and July 28. Each date is limited to 12 people. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. to carpool and be back by 1 p.m. at the latest. This will be a great time to make new friends, play games (ex: Bingo), and enjoy a meal together. Lunch is "pay what you can," and we suggest a donation of $10 per person. Please RSVP to Susan Reed by July 7 at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org or (502) 409-3825. All ages are welcome!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Robin Riddle, will begin work in July, recruiting Deacons, Church officers, Committees, and Team Leaders for 2027. If you would like to nominate someone to be considered as a deacon, visit the members' page on our website. If you are interested in serving on a committee or as a Team Coordinator, visit the members' page on our website.

Save the Dates:

July 12- Godly Play Workshop
July 20-24- Creative Arts Camp
August 9- Promotion Sunday & Back to School Blessings
August 10- Broadway Arts Academy Fall Semester Begins
August 23- Ministry Fair
August 26- Quarterly Business Meeting & Dinner
September 2- Fall Kick-Off for Wednesday Nights
September 13- Service in September
September 24-26- Photo Directory Picture Days
October 28- Trunk or Treat



Upcoming Events

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS & PROMOTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 9, we're celebrating a special morning of blessings for educators, students, and families during worship. Children and youth will also move into new Sunday School classes, meeting their teachers as we pray for and encourage all who are starting a new school year.

Broadway Baptist Church
every story matters.

Ministry Fair



Sunday, August 23

After worship in Friendship Hall.

If you'd like to host a table for your committee, team or ministry area, please contact Susan at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org

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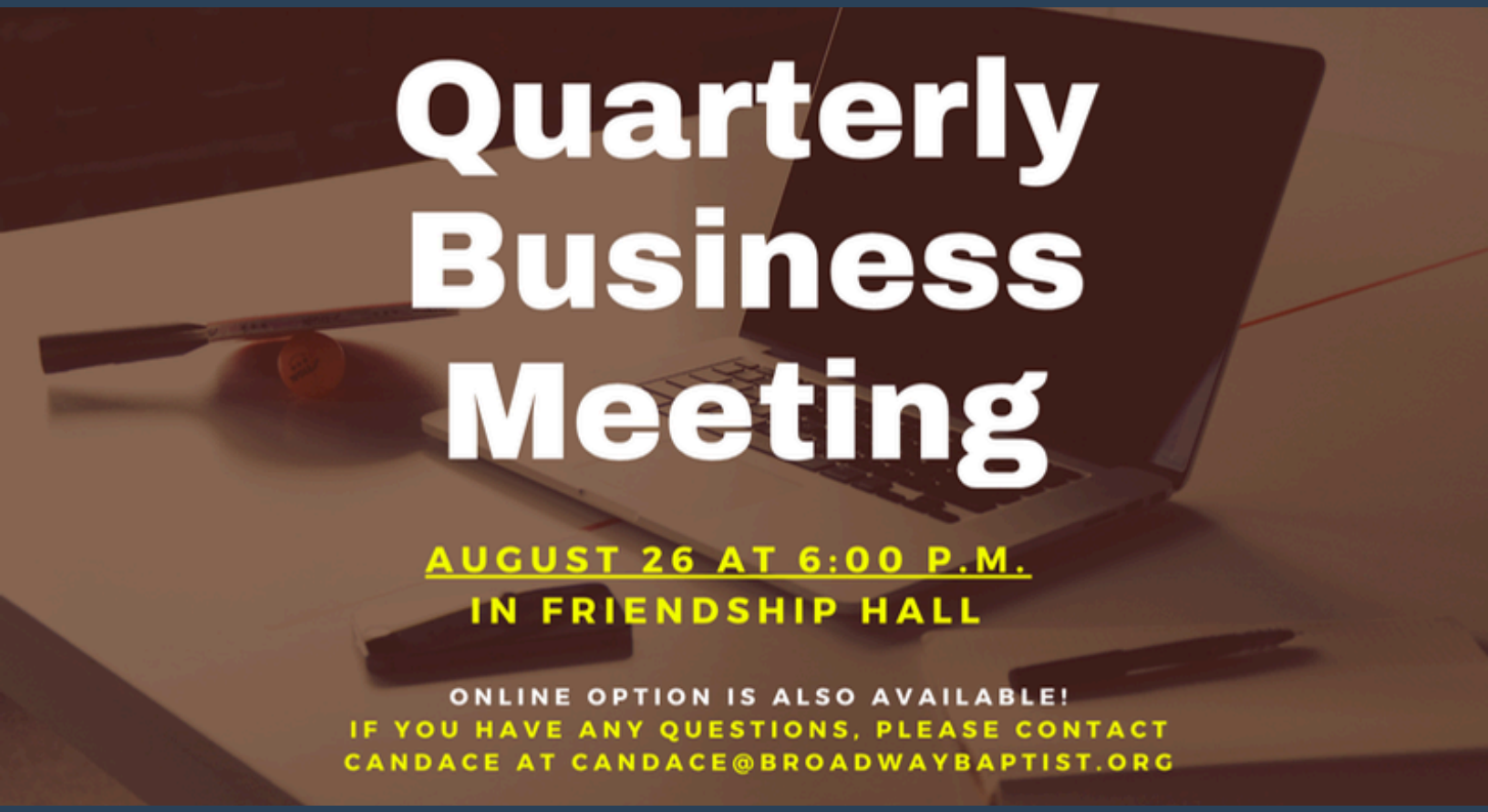


Photo Directory Picture Weekend

September 24-26

Camps at Broadway



Communications

Stay Connected

Please help us keep our church records current by submitting any updates to the church office. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Examples:

Name	Email Address
Address	Marital Status
Phone Number	Births/Adoptions
Date of Birth	Updated Photo

Contact Candace Runyon in the office for any questions!

REACH ALERT

REACH Alert is an alert and notification system allowing BBC Staff to deliver messages instantly *via text message, voice call, and/or email* to church members.

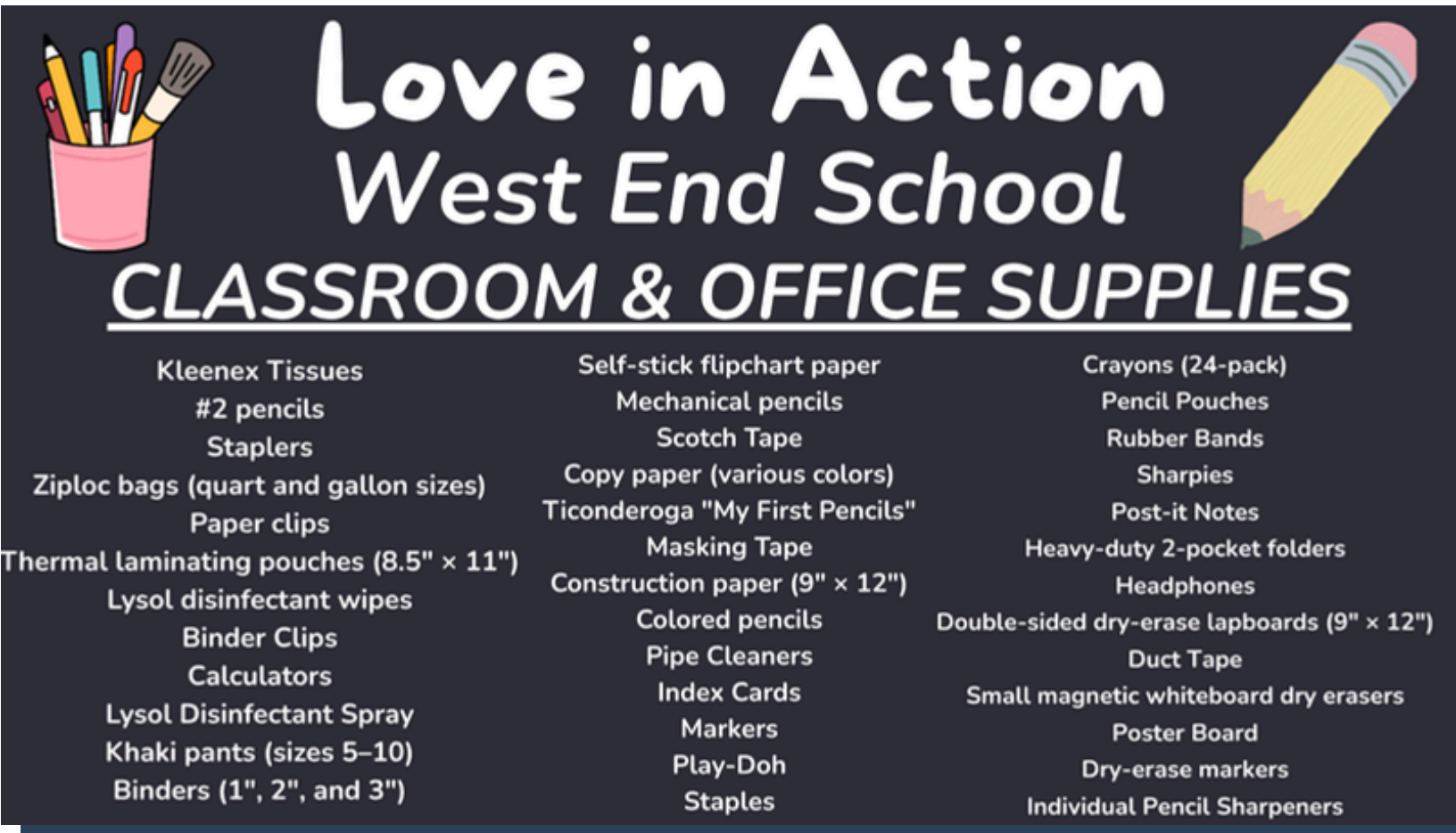
- ✓ Upcoming Events Reminders
- ✓ Delays or cancellations
- ✓ Deaths and memorial services of members

WEEKLY EMAILS & MORE

Weekly Emails (& more) are sent out every Wednesday with a detailed list of upcoming events.

- ✓ Weekly Emails
- ✓ Letters from the Pastor
- ✓ Monthly Newsletters
- ✓ Business Meeting Items

Service in Action



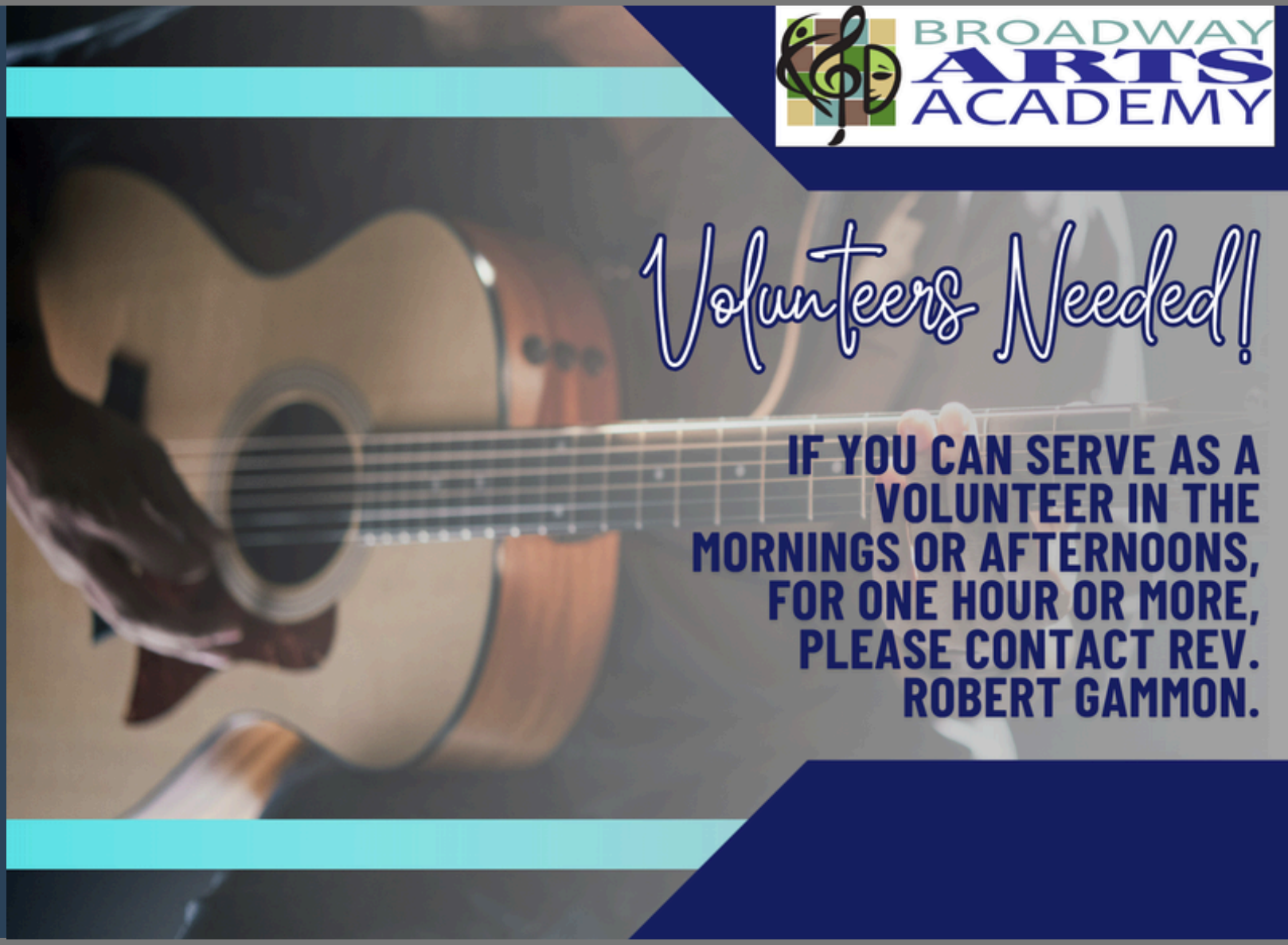


Broadway Arts Academy

BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON

AS WE PREPARE TO BEGIN YEAR 5, THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, WE ARE EXCITED FOR ALL THAT IS PLANNED TO MAKE THIS A SPECIAL YEAR! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP LESSONS, PLEASE REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT BROADWAYARTSACADEMY.ORG



Mission Partners Spotlight

Extreme Build













What is Extreme Build? Extreme Build engages churches, community partners, and residents in building a home for a local family in only 10 days. Ultimately, Extreme Build not only provides homes for families living in poverty, but empowers them to purchase the home for only the cost beyond what has been donated or funded by donations. This purchase is typically made possible through low-interest loans through the USDA Rural Development.

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