

Benbrook United Methodist Church

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The Spirit...

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Vision Statement: Our vision is for Benbrook UMC to be Benbrook's vibrant, loving, Christ-centered fellowship for worship and witness, united in mission and service to our neighbors.

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**Focused on Christ;
United in Prayer**

Shirley Goodnest and Marcy

A touching story has been circulating on the Internet. It's about a little five-year-old boy named Timmy. Timmy's Mom loved him very much and, being a worrier, she was concerned about him walking to school when he started kindergarten. She walked him to school the first couple of days, but when he came home one day, he told his mother that he did not want her walking him to school every day. He wanted to be like the "big boys." He protested loudly, so she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor, Mrs. Goodnest, if she would surreptitiously follow her son to school, at a distance behind him that he would not likely notice, but close enough to keep a watch on him. Mrs. Goodnest said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, Mrs. Goodnest and her little girl, Marcy, set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, the little friend of Timmy noticed that this same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yea, I know who she is." The little friend said, "Well who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest" Timmy said. "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers cuz she worries about me so much. And in it, the psalm says, '~Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life.' So I guess I'll just have to get used to it.

Goodness and mercy do follow us all our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. love all of you and will be back amongst our flock as soon as possible.

Your Friend in Christ,

Mike





Prime Timer events are open to those 50+.

The Prime Timers enjoy breakfast and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month at Westside Café. Please contact Linda Sullivan, at 817 249-5145 to reserve your seat for the next breakfast on June 17th.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet June 2nd, 16th and 30th. Feel free to contact Frances for more information at 817 249-0084.

Remember our home bound members and those in the nursing homes. Please consider sending them a note or making a call to brighten their day. Missed someone in church for a few weeks? Please call to check on them.

Ladies take Summer Break

Our May luncheon for Mary and Martha Fellowship was a huge success! We wish you an enjoyable summer, and hope to see you in September when we return after summer break.

Continue to be inspired, be aware finding God in the ordinary daily experiences

Priorities



My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, “You’re tearing up the grass.”

“We’re not raising grass,” Dad would reply. “We’re raising boys.”

—Harmon Killebrew

Words of thanks

Thanks to everyone who donated and participated in Benbrook’s Relay for Life. Team Benbrook UMC exceeded their goal with donations totaling \$4,800. Great job Relay Team and church family.

Jane McMillan– BUMC Team Captain

Concessions update

The concession stand is closed for the summer, but will resume when the Y schedules games again in the CLC this fall. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work, bake cookies and brownies or came to enjoy the fellowship over a very inexpensive lunch. This became the “meeting place” for many of us to sit and enjoy a meal together on Saturdays. Looking forward to seeing you there in the fall.

A hymn's long journey

The beloved hymn “How Great Thou Art” came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled “O, Great God,” he probably never dreamed he’d hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From “the rolling thunder” echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the “woods and forest glades” of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.



Sunday, June 25

Summer will be here soon

With summer fast approaching, WestAid is getting ready by trying to fill the shelves with more kid friendly items. In order to do this though they need our help! They are in need of the following items:

applesauce	canned fruit
mac'n'cheese	peanut butter
jelly/jam	canned meats
canned pasta	cereal

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Welcome to our family

We congratulate Kaleigh Kontak and Angel Hernandez on the birth of their daughter Corey Ann Harleen Hernandez. Corey was born April 27. Karin Kontak is her grandmother. Great grandparents are Kay and George Moreland. We welcome this blessed new life into our church membership.

Hit the road

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, “I’ll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we’ll talk about it.”

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. “Son, I’ve been real proud of you,” the father said. “You’ve brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn’t get your hair cut!”

The teenager replied, “You know, Dad, I’ve been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair ”

“Yes,” the father said, “and they walked everywhere they went!”

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



A reception honoring Glory Merworth and Abigail Presley will be held in Reed Hall Sunday, June 11 following the second service. Glory plans to pursue a career as a chemical engineer. She will begin her studies at TCC in the fall. Abigail will be attending Trinity University in San Antonio as she begins her studies to become a neurosurgeon.

Youth update

Wednesday Youth Nights 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Be sure to bring a friend!

June 7 - Swimming
 June 14 - Cancelled
 June 21 - Swimming
 June 28 - Game Night

Please keep our Youth in your prayers and in your hearts. Call / Text Teri Houston-Martin 817-675-9479 Email: tahmtahm@charter.net

Calendar of Special Events

June 2	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
June 3	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
June 16	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
June 17	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
June 18	Happy Father’s Day	
June 20	Trustee Meeting open to congregation	7:00 pm
June 25	Church Potluck	noon
June 27	Church Council Meeting Congregation encouraged to attend	7:00 pm
June 30	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm

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2 CORINTHIANS 13:11

JOYS AND CONCERNS - Please use this list during private prayer.

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ongoing need for prayer

Pastor Mike Redd
Michael Jones
Frances Covington
Bill Moore

Pastor Mike Redd and family
Church Staff and Lay Leadership
Police Officers and Firefighters

Homebound

John Adams
Jean & Thurman Hefty
Wanda Ort

Pat Fuchshuber
Erma Miller
Nadaline Thomas

Assisted Living

Pat Ashburn
Aggie Cassidy
Joan Lamb-Hardin

Nursing Facilities

Joyce Kimberlin
Theda Kornegay

**Remember to keep members of our military
and our nation's leaders in your daily prayers.**

Please inform the Church office of any changes to this list.