

# Benbrook United Methodist Church

AUGUST 2017

## *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.

### **BUMC Staff**

Rev. C. Mike Redd  
Senior Pastor

Cindy Merworth  
Music Worship Leader

Glenn Ecker  
Director of Music

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Benbrook UMC Preschool

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Director of Children's Ministry

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Nursery Attendant

**Focused on Christ;  
United in Prayer**

### **The Other Child**

Often times when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son we only remember how the father reached out to the Prodigal Son. We forget the older brother. The brother who had worked hard in the field for his father all those years while the Prodigal Son played in the far off land. God loves the older brother just as much as he does the younger brother, and I think that it's time that the older brother hear about it.

There have been a lot of elder brothers in the history of the church. There was St. Teresa, who lived in the 16th century. She never left the Father's home. She went into a convent at an early age and developed a life of self-discipline that would fill anyone with awe. She spent hours a day in prayer. One day, when she was in her mid 40's, she was entering the chapel to pray as she did every day. And as she entered she noticed a picture, which had been on the walls for years. It was a picture of Jesus being scourged prior to the crucifixion. And suddenly the realization came to her that Christ had been died for her. And those who have studied her life say that this was the great turning point. She had stayed at home in the Father's house. She had done the right thing. But she needed to know that Jesus Christ was whipped for Teresa!!! And there was joy in heaven that day—not over a soul returning from wild living but for a soul returning from the fields after a hard day of work.

United Methodists certainly know about the elder brother, because their own John Wesley was the best of them. He was so earnest, so methodical about his devotional life that people called him a Methodist and the name stuck. But it was not until his 35th year, when he was at Aldersgate, that Wesley experienced God in such a way that he was able to write: "I suddenly felt my heart strangely warmed! I felt that Christ had died for my sins, even mine and had saved me from the law of sin and death." Wesley had never gone to the far country. But Wesley needed to know how much God loved him too. He needed to feel some excitement about his religion. He needed a home coming party too, like the Prodigal Son, even though he never left the Father's home.

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 August 19th.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet August 11th and 25th. 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.

**You cannot do a kindness too soon,  
for you never know how soon it will be too late.**  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Small churches have long been a powerful and vital part of our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Small churches are vital parts of the communities

they serve, but they do have significant and unique challenges – challenges larger churches generally don't face. Lay and clergy leaders conference-wide are requested to register and attend the 2017 Small Church Summit from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Stephenville FUMC.

Detailed information and registration is available at <http://www.ctcumc.org/scs> Please notify Pastor Mike or Jane that you plan attend - they can help you register if necessary.

A Rummage Sale benefitting Relay for Life has been scheduled for **Sat. November 4**. Last year's sale was a huge success because of your generous donations. As you begin your fall cleaning please consider putting your items aside for us again this year.



Because we have no room for storage we will not be able to accept donations until a few days before the sale. Donation dates and times will be posted in October. Thank you.

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### Women's fellowship

Mary and Martha Fellowship, our ladies' group, will resume meetings for the year September 12 at 7pm. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through May.

Ladies of all ages are welcome.

We hope you are enjoying your summer finding God in simple pleasures and daily events.

Hope to see you in September.

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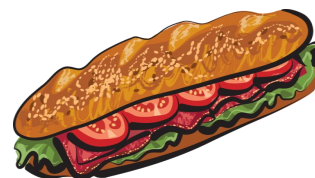
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### The heart of Jesus

The idea of a spiritual heart transplant is a vivid image to me; once you have the heart of somebody else inside you, then that heart is there. Jesus' heart is inside me, and my heart is gone. So if God were to place a stethoscope against my chest, he would hear the heart of Jesus Christ beating. —Max Lucado

### Build a Sub Lunch Sunday, August 27 after Traditional Worship

Bread will be provided. You bring your favorite filling ingredients. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.



## Remember WestAid

WestAid sees an increase in the demand for food while children are home from school. They are trying to keep the shelves filled 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

The services of this outreach ministry are ongoing and your monetary donations are greatly appreciated as well.

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## Youth update

Come join the Youth on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm and bring a friend.

Swimming - August 2nd, 16th, and 30th  
(last swimming of the year)

Game Night in Reed Hall - August 9th and 23rd.

The Youth will be collecting school supplies for Benbrook children in need at Benbrook and Westpark Elementary Schools from August 2nd - 13th. Please consider picking up a few items on your shopping trips to drop in the collection bins.

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

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## Back to school

The first day of school for Fort Worth ISD is Monday, August 21.

BUMC Preschool Meet the Teacher Night is Thursday, August 31. Their first day of school is Tuesday, September 5.

Remember to keep our teachers, staff, volunteers, children and their parents in your prayers as the children return to school.

Help us welcome our newest members by introducing yourself and encouraging them to share in our small group activities. Please contact the church office for their addresses.



Dale and Deanna Ruckle

Ann Taylor

Jerry & Linda McDaniel

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## It's a girl

Natasha Witchley and Darrell Elliott joyfully welcomed Zoe Rae born Friday, July 21st. Phillip is her proud grandfather. Great grandmother is Karen Witchley. Our prayers are with them as they celebrate this blessing.

## Calendar of Special Events

Aug. 6	Children's FUNday Sunday	noon
Aug. 11	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Aug. 12	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
Aug. 13	Children's Sunday School Recognition & Promotion	
Aug. 15	Trustee Meeting open to congregation	7:00 pm
Aug. 19	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
Aug. 22	Church Council Meeting Congregation encouraged to attend	7:00 pm
Aug. 25	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Aug. 26	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
Aug. 27	Build a Sub Luncheon	noon

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

Celebrations

The birth of Zoe Rae Witchley

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ruby Mavis Van Der Berg - Mike's mother

Ongoing need for prayer

Margaret Hoelscher  
Michael Hefty  
Sandy Garrett  
Betty & Harold Baird  
Erma Miller  
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.**