

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.

BUMC Staff

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**Focused on Christ;
United in Prayer**

What's in a Name?

Dr. William B. McClain is the Professor of Preaching and Worship at Wesley Theological Seminary. Dr. McClain once told about meeting a South Korean tailor in Seoul, Korea. Amazingly, this South Korean tailor introduced himself as "Smitty Lee." Dr. McClain was fascinated to discover a Korean named Smitty and he asked whether the name Smitty was a Korean name. The Korean tailor said "no" and then he told the story of how his life had been saved (some years before during the Korean War.) His life had been saved by a courageous American soldier from Virginia who was called Smitty Ransom. The tailor went on to explain a rather familiar custom in that Asian culture and he summed it up in two simple sentences: "He saved my life. I took his name!"

That is precisely what happens when Jesus Christ comes into our hearts. He saves our lives. And we take His name. We take on the name Christian, one who is of Christ, one who follows Christ, one who belongs to Christ, one who serves Christ and one who lives daily in the Spirit of Christ.

Fiend in Christ,
Mike

Faith statement

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest, who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger; for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger, Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise





Prime Timer events are open to those 50+.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet October 6th and 20th. Feel free to contact Frances for more information at 817 249-0084.

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 October 21.

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.

Charge Conference approaching

Charge Conference will be held 3:00pm Sunday, October 15 at University UMC, 2416 W. Berry St. in Fort Worth. All members of the Church Council are encouraged to attend with other North District churches at this annual meeting with our District Superintendent.

As many of you know, Ben Huebner is a member of our church and is in the process to become an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. In October 2016 Ben was appointed to the staff of Acton UMC as the Associate Pastor of Evangelism. He works with the outreach ministries and membership process. Ben is excited to work with the church's Community Center and will help open a new Community Center in January 2018.

He lives in Granbury and continues to be a student at Texas Wesleyan by taking classes online and on campus. Each year at Charge Conference we are asked to renew our recommendation for Ben as a Candidate for Ministry and that time is fast approaching. We ask that you pray for Ben as he continues in this process and as we affirm his progress over the past year.

Words of thanks

Due to your generous donations last month we were able to assemble and deliver 42 hygiene kits and send a significant contribution to UMCOR for Hurricane Harvey disaster relief.

The time has come

The carpet in our Sanctuary is over twenty years old. It has held up well but is in desperate need of replacement. Can you help us out? Your donation will help present a warm and welcoming place of worship for guests and members alike.

Flooring options are being explored and we expect the cost to be approximately \$18,000 - \$20,000. We will happily accept donations in any amount. Please make your checks payable to BUMC and note flooring in the memo area.

Youth update

Come join the Youth each Wednesday evening in Reed Hall from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

This month - Come play your favorite board games while watching our favorite Super Hero Movies. Bring a snack or dessert, and a friend.

Questions? Call or text Teri Houston-Martin at 817-675-9479 Email: tahmtahm@charter.net



It's almost here! BUMC's annual Rummage Sale benefitting Relay for Life is **Saturday, November 4**. Your donations of gently used items are greatly appreciated. **No adult clothing please.**

Because our storage space is limited we will begin accepting your donations on **Thursday, Nov. 2**. Donation times will be announced as the date draws near.

Remember WestAid

The standard peanut butter, mac & cheese, pork & beans and cereal are always appreciated.

Cash donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to BUMC and write WestAid on the memo line. The services of this outreach ministry are ongoing and your monetary donations are greatly appreciated as well.

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 address.



Mickey and Judy Wilson

A simmering idea

During a lesson on 1 Kings 18, a Sunday school teacher explained the confrontation between the prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal. He described how Elijah built the altar, placed wood on it, prepared the bull, laid it on the altar and instructed God's people to pour water over the altar.

“Now,” the teacher asked, “can anyone tell me why they would've poured water over the animal?”

A girl eagerly raised her hand and answered, “To make the gravy!”



The Concession Stand is open in Reed Hall each Saturday from 11am - 2 pm from Sept.30 through Nov.11. Step right up for a hot dog, chili dog & chips, nachos or Frito pie.

Women's fellowship

Join us on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00pm in Beavers room for our next meeting of Mary and Martha Fellowship.

Our programs monthly programs offer inspirational, thought-provoking topics. Lively discussion and light snacks follow.

Please consider bringing toiletries for WestAid, our monthly service project.

We welcome women of all ages. Join us any second Tuesday of the month, September through May, for fun and fellowship Hope to see you there!

Military Care update

Please consider sending a card, extending a hand or hug to celebrate the following birthdays.

- October 1 Bryan Dames
- October 20 Don Clark
- October 26 Thurman Hefty

Remember to include all military personnel in your prayers. They make great sacrifices to protect our freedom.

Calendar of Special Events

Oct. 2-6	Office Closed	
Oct. 6	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Oct. 7	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
Oct. 10	Mary & Martha Fellowship	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	Charge Conference University UMC	3:00 pm
Oct. 17	Trustee meeting open to congregation	7:00 pm
Oct. 20	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Oct. 21	Prime Timers Breakfast Westside Café	8:00 am
	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
Oct. 24	Church Council Meeting Congregation encouraged to attend	7:00 pm

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

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Lewis Mullinax

Ongoing need for prayer

Those affected by hurricanes and major fires
John and Mary Edgar
Jim Nixon

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

Homebound

Pat Fuchshuber
Erma Miller
James & Lolly Pinkston

Jean & Thurman Hefty
Wanda Ort
Nadaline Thomas

Assisted Living

Pat Ashburn
Aggie Cassady
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.