

# Benbrook United Methodist Church

APRIL 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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Director of Student Ministries

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Administrative Assistant  
Director of Children's Ministry

Felicia Albin  
Nursery Attendant

**Focused on Christ;  
United in Prayer**

### **Christ Wants You To Rise Too**

Her name was Carol. She was the organist at her church. She was an outstanding musician, but she did something no organist should ever do. She overslept on Easter morning and missed the sunrise service.

She was so embarrassed. Of course, the minister and the church forgave her. They teased her about it a little, but it was done lovingly and in good fun. However, the next Easter, her phone rang at 5:00 in the morning. Jolted awake by the loud ringing, she scrambled to answer it. It was the minister, and he said, "Carol, it's Easter morning! The Lord is risen! And I suggest you do the same!"

The message is clear. We too can be resurrected. Christ shares his resurrection with us. He rises, and so can we. We too can have new life. We too can make a new start. We too can rise out of those tombs that try to imprison us!

I hope that you will be here on the weeks leading up to Easter right up to our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. You are important to Jesus. He died and rose from the grave for you! He wants to see you rise someday too!

Friend in Christ - Mike

## HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday, April 9 - Services at 9:45am and 11:00am**  
**Holy Thursday, April 13- Service at 6:30pm**  
**Good Friday, April 14- Service at 6:30pm**  
**Easter, April 16 - Sunrise Service at 7:00am**  
**at Dutch Branch Park - Baseball Field 7**  
**Church Services at 9:45am and 11:00am**



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 April 7th and 21st. 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 April 15th.

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.

### Our Easter outlook

During World War II, when the Blitz was at its worst in London, theologian Leslie Weatherhead said there had been no loss of life among the Christians there. Many Christians had been killed in London, but there was no loss of life. People who believe in the risen Lord have true life in him, no matter their earthly trials and circumstances. Because God raised his Son from the dead, Christians are assured of immortality in Christ. Eternal life is ours, thanks to the empty tomb.

For people who believe in an ever-living Lord, every Sunday is resurrection Sunday.



**APRIL 30**  
 Following the 11am service  
 Plan to stay, visit and share a meal  
 with your friends at BUMC.

### HE IS RISEN!

Please bring fresh cut flowers Easter Sunday to place on the Living Cross. The cross will be placed outside following the service for the community to enjoy.

### It's NOT too late!

**Relay For Life** is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. One night. One community.

On **Friday, April 28 at 7:00pm** survivors will begin the event with a "victory lap". Community members will have booths set up to raise money for the American Cancer Society. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it all right here in your community. Please contact Jane McMillan for more information in any of the following areas.

#### You can help raise money to beat cancer.

We need **people** to walk - especially during the late night hours. This is not a race. We are just asked to have someone on the track during the entire event if possible. A sign up sheet will be posted on the window in the Narthex.

We need **donations** of 2 large cans of nacho cheese and 1 jar of jalapenos for our fund raiser at the event. We are **"NACHO"** ordinary church! Contact Jane **before** you purchase please.

We need **volunteers** to serve nachos. We will serve from 6:00pm till dark.

We need **donations** in any amount you wish. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. Consider purchasing a luminaria for \$10 (price set by ACS) in honor or memory of your loved ones. Lit luminarias will line the track as we walk a memorial lap. Contact Jane for more information.

We need your **support** by your presence at the Relay for Life! **Come celebrate our survivors!**

Please search your heart and let us know how you would like to help. **Thank You!**

**Words of thanks**

Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy at the recent loss of my father. He lived a long happy life and was ready for the next step in his journey. Your expressions of kindness have helped me accept his passing.  
Glenn Ecker

Thank you so much for recognizing me with the Laity Award. I really appreciate it. I enjoy making the pocket crosses.  
Karen Witchley

**Youth update**

Come join us for food and fun as we play board games on Wednesday nights. Eat before you come, or bring food with you. Be sure to bring a friend.

**Wednesday Board Game Nights 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Reed Hall on April 5, 12, 19 and 26.**

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)

**Ladies enjoy fellowship**

Mary and Martha Fellowship will met on Tuesday, April 11th at 7 pm in Beavers room. We welcome women of all ages. The programs are inspirational and lighthearted followed with discussion and light snacks. We collect toiletries for WestAid as an ongoing mission project. Hope you can join us for our last official meeting before summer break.

In upcoming news, our Spring Luncheon will be Saturday, May 6th at 11:30 am at the Historic Camp Bowie Antique Mall. Make reservations through Frances Covington at 817-249-0084 by Thursday, May 4th.

**“The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes had no tears.” —Native American proverb**



**We're back!**

Our Super Fantastic Concession Stand will open again on April 1st from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. We plan to be open each Saturday through May 20th.

Contact Pat Clayton if you would like to volunteer to work, make cookies/brownies, or contribute financially.

Please join us for great fellowship, delicious food, & an inexpensive lunch. You will love it!!

**Military care**

Remember to include all active military personnel and veterans in your prayers.

**Calendar of Special Events**

April 2	Children’s FUNday Sunday	noon
April 7	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
April 11	Mary/Martha Fellowship in Beavers Room	7:00 pm
April 13	Holy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
April 14	Good Friday Service	6:30 pm
April 15	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
April 16	HE IS RISEN! Sunrise Service-Dutch Branch Park	7:00 am
April 18	Trustee Meeting open to congregation	7:00 pm
April 21	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
April 25	Church Council Meeting Congregation encouraged to attend	7:00 pm
April 30	Church Potluck Luncheon	noon

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

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Robert Warhurst - Cindy Ellis' father

Ongoing need for prayer

Rebecca Castillo  
Wayne Wilson  
James Pinkston  
Frances Covington  
Michael Jones  
Bill Moore  
Charlotte Welch

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.**