

# Benbrook United Methodist Church

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## *The Spirit...*

**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

Teri Houston-Martin  
Director of Student Ministries

Terry Grant, Director  
Benbrook UMC Preschool

Jane McMillan  
Administrative Assistant  
Director of Children's Ministry

Felicia Albin  
Nursery Attendant

**Focused on Christ;  
United in Prayer**

### **God's Mercy**

As some of you know, Fiorello LaGuardia was mayor of New York during the Depression, and he was quite a character. He would ride the city fire trucks, take entire orphanages to baseball games and whenever the city newspapers went on strike, he would get on the radio and read the Sunday "funnies" to the children.

At any rate, one bitter cold winter's night in 1935, Mayor LaGuardia turned up in a night court that served the poorest ward in the city, dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench himself. After he heard a few cases, a tattered old woman was brought before him, accused of stealing a loaf of bread. She told LaGuardia that her daughter's husband had deserted her, her daughter was sick and her grandchildren were starving. But the shopkeeper, from whom the bread was stolen, insisted on pressing charges. "My store is in a very bad neighborhood, your honor," he said. "She's got to be punished in order to teach other people a lesson."

The mayor sighed. He turned to the old woman and said, "I've got to punish you," he said. "The law makes no exception - ten dollars or ten days in jail." But even as he spoke, LaGuardia was reaching into his pocket and pulling out a ten dollar bill. "Here is the woman's fine," he said, "and furthermore, I'm going to fine everyone in this court room fifty cents for living in a city where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Baliff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

The following day, the New York Times reported that \$47.50 was turned over to the bewildered old woman. It was given by the red-faced store owner, some seventy petty criminals, people with traffic violations and city policemen - and they all gave their mayor a standing ovation as they handed over their money.

That's how it will be with God's world. Just when it seems that all hope is lost, and goodness and mercy shall never win, the Great Judge will come to set things right, deciding for the hungry and the meek of the earth. Yes, there is also an promise for the nations of the world in perplexity and distress: "Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Fiend 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 September 16.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet September 8th and 22nd. 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.

**“Don’t worry about failures. Worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.”**  
—Jack Canfield

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.

## Words of thanks

Kyle Arnold, Frances Covington’s nephew, is doing well after his surgery. He sends thanks to everyone for their prayers in his behalf.



Thanks to you, over four crates of school supplies were collected and delivered to Benbrook Elementary and Westpark Elementary on Friday, August 18th for students in need. Thank you for your generosity and support. — BUMC Youth

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## Women’s Bible Study begins

A women’s Bible study will begin Thursday, September 14 at 7:00pm in Reed Hall. In *Laughing in the Dark: A Bible Study on the Book of Job*, Chonda Pierce, in a unique and entertaining way, looks at Job through the lens of a woman. She parallels her life and many women’s experiences to Job’s struggles and enduring faith.

Contact Pat Clayton to register. The \$10 study book fee is due at the time of registration. Books will be ordered when registration closes Tuesday, September 5.

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**“Don’t find fault. Find a remedy.” —Henry Ford**

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## Military Care update

Please send a card, extend a hand or hug to celebrate the following birthdays.

Dick Hardin    September 17  
Matt Martin    September 27

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

## Remember WestAid

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

Cash donations are also appreciated. 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.

## Welcome new baby

Brianne Bransom joyfully welcomed daughter Charlie born Sunday, August 6. Congratulations to Pat and Charlie Clayton on the birth of their great granddaughter. Our prayers are with them as they celebrate this blessing.

## Youth update

Join the Youth Wednesday nights for a few rounds of board games in Reed Hall from 6pm - 7:30 pm on Sept. 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Bring a friend or two.

Please keep our Youth, Teachers, and Schools in your prayers as the new school year gets under way.

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

## Congratulations Graduate

Congratulations to Patrick Huebner who recently graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Our prayers are with Patrick as he pursues employment in his field.

## 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. Hope you will join us.

Last year's Rummage Sale benefitting Relay for Life 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's sale is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4.**



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.

**"I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe can exist without a clockmaker."**

**—Voltaire**

## Calendar of Special Events

Sept. 2	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
Sept. 4	Office closed in observance of Labor Day	
Sept. 5	First day of Preschool	9:00 am
Sept. 8	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Sept. 12	Mary & Martha Fellowship	7:00 pm
Sept. 14	Women's Bible Study begins — Reed Hall	7:00 pm
Sept. 16	Prime Timers Breakfast Westside Café	8:00 am
	Small Church Summit in Stephenville	9:00 am
	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
Sept. 19	Trustee meeting open to congregation	7:00 pm
Sept. 22	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Sept. 26	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**

The birth of Charlie Bransom

**Remembrance and Celebration of Life**

**Ongoing need for prayer**

Nancy Fletcher  
Waylon Kennedy  
Brienne Bransom  
Margaret Hoelscher  
Bill Moore

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

**Homebound**

Pat Fuchshuber  
Erma Miller  
Nadaline Thomas

Jean & Thurman Hefty  
Wanda Ort

**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.**