

# 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**

Rev. C. Mike Redd  
Senior Pastor

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**Focused on Christ;  
United in Prayer**

### **Becoming More Like Christ-In Little Ways**

When a person comes to worship Christ, he experiences, or should experience, a change in life. We should become people who work toward loving like Christ loves us. There is a story told by Jimmy Carter of a change he made in his life that enhanced his marriage and showed his wife his love for her: Carter tells the story like this:

"Perhaps because of my Navy training, punctuality has been almost an obsession. Rosalynn has always been adequately punctual, except by my standards. A deviation of five minutes or less in our departure time would cause a bitter exchange.

"One morning I realized it was Rosalynn's birthday and I hadn't brought her a present. What could I do that would be special for her? I hurriedly wrote a note: 'Happy birthday! As proof of my love, I will never make an unpleasant comment about tardiness.' I signed it and delivered it in an envelope, with a kiss.

"More than four years later, I still keep my promise. It has turned out to be one of the nicest birthday presents for Rosalynn - and for me." A simple gesture of love, and yet if becoming more like Christ is what we wish to do with our lives, those are the most important... (Quoted in Reader's Digest, July 1989, p. 183.)

Friend in Christ,  
Pastor Mike

### **Epiphany wonder**

**GOLD**  
*myrrh*  
& **incense**

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look ... their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

—Peter Chrysologus (5th century)





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 January 12th and 26th. 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 January 20th.

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.

**“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”**  
—Martin Luther King Jr.

### Ladies group winter meeting

Our next meeting of Mary and Martha Fellowship will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00pm in Beavers room. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

Our programs aim to be inspirational and fun, and allow for discussion with light snacks following. We collect toiletries for WestAid as our mission project.

Hope you will join us in the New Year as we renew our spirits and enjoy fellowship.

### Local schools benefit

A percentage of the Concession stand proceeds was designated for a local mission project. One hundred eighteen pair of underwear and one hundred six pairs of socks were delivered to Benbrook Elementary for their clothing closet. Eighteen boxes of pretzels, goldfish and cheese nips (765 individual snacks) were delivered to Westpark Elementary for their pre K and Kindergarten classes snack closet.

Both school counselors were excited to receive such generous donations.

The concession stand will reopen in January. As you continue to support the concession stand it will continue to support our community.

### From the correct perspective

A child sat at his grandmother’s feet as she embroidered. Looking up, he saw a mishmash of threads and ugly knots but no discernible picture or words. “Nana,” he said with concern, “that’s not very pretty.”

“Come up here,” Grandma invited, “and look at it from this side. You have to see it from my perspective.”

“Oh!” the boy exclaimed then. “It’s beautiful!”

Seeing the world from our human, earthly viewpoint, we can’t grasp the masterpiece that God is completing. But when we finally see it from his perspective, we’ll discover that the threads and knots all contribute to a beautiful work of art. That work won’t be finished until Jesus returns, but in the meantime, may God grant us an occasional glimpse of the work in progress — from God’s side!



## January 28 Souper Sunday!

Chicken, beef and vegetable stock will be provided. Bring your favorite soup ingredient to add to the pot. You may also bring bread, crackers or a desert.

## Words of thanks

Many thanks to everyone who participated during the past year providing Communion elements, and to those who prepared and served. Without ALL of you, we could not celebrate Communion on a weekly basis. Thank you for your continued service.

Barbara Hoelscher, Communion Steward

BUMC provided one hundred dozen cookies for our troops for Christmas. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate. It was a great success!

Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in the Spirit of Christmas program last month. I know your generosity blessed many children and hopefully brightened your Christmas as well.

Jane McMillan

Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts you sent to our residents. These gifts mean so much to them as most of them have little or no family and your gifts are so often the only new things they receive all year. Your kindness has touched our hearts.

Benbrook Nursing and Rehab

## Youth update

Come join us for 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.**

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)

## Military birthdays

Please extend a hand or hug for the following January birthdays:

January 16 - Cotton Johnson

January 25 - Randy Welch

Remember to include all military personnel in your prayers. Happy New Year! - Military Care

## A penguin “parable”



During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “crèches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can’t survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.

## Calendar of Special Events

Jan 6	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
Jan. 9	Mary/Martha Fellowship in Beavers Room	7:00 pm
Jan. 12	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00pm
Jan. 16	Trustee Meeting open to congregation	7:00pm
Jan. 20	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00am
	Men’s Bible Study	10:00am
Jan. 23	Church Council Meeting Congregation encouraged to attend	7:00pm
Jan. 26	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00pm
Jan. 28	Souper Sunday Lunch	noon

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

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ongoing need for prayer

Jane Houdek  
Patricia Clayton  
Robert McMillan

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 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.**