

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.

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**Focused on Christ;
United in Prayer**



Lent is Coming! Are You Getting Ready For Easter?

In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves.

If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn't, which side would get your money and why?

When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?

If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?

Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?

Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?

If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing business all in all, but if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end.

—from Buechner's *Whistling in the Dark*, later published in *Beyond Words*

Friend in Christ,
Mike

Lenten Sermon Series

Sunday, February 18 is the first Sunday of Lent. Pastor Mike will be preaching a sermon series entitled "Jesus Heals". We trust you will be able to attend all services to experience the entire series.



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 February 9th and 23rd. 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 February 17th.

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.

10 Biblical ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening — that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

—From various websites; all Scriptures NIV

Step right up!

Our concession stand is open Saturdays Feb. 3, 10 and 24 in Reed Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We offer yummy lunch and snacks to church members and YMCA families playing basketball in our Christian Life Center. \$1 hot dogs, \$2 nachos & chili pie, drinks and homemade desserts. Please join us for wonderful fellowship and super good food.



Ash Wednesday service

In order to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season there will be a service of imposition of ashes at 6:30pm, February 14. The minister will make a small cross on your forehead with ashes. The ashes remind us of our mortality and sin, while the cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection (life after death) and forgiveness.

Lent is a time of prayer, self-examination, and penitence for Christians as we prepare to celebrate Easter. It's a time to re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus.

We hope you will come join with us in this meaningful service.

Ladies enjoy fellowship time

Our next meeting of Mary and Martha Fellowship is Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm in Beavers room. You can join us at any time during the year as our programs are new each month.

We strive to present inspirational programs with time allowed for discussion and light snacks.

Please consider bringing donations of toiletries for WestAid families, our monthly project.

Join us as we continue to Be Inspired and Be Aware of the many opportunities around us to witness God's grace and love, and to serve others.

Words of thanks

I appreciate the many well wishes and gifts of love extended to me during the Christmas season.
Jane McMillan

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards after the death of our son in law. And also thanks and appreciation to those that provided food for the family after the service. It was such a cold day. The family was surprised and thankful. BUMC is one of the most caring and awesome churches anywhere. It just cannot be beat on any level. Our deepest thanks to all.

Margie and Lynn James and Janice Holland.

Watch for Bears!

Watch for sales after Valentine’s Day if you plan to purchase a cuddly bear (or more) for Cook Children’s Hospital “Prayer Bear” ministry in May. It is difficult to find bears in spring but they should be plentiful this month and prices are usually deeply discounted.

Welcome new babies

Congratulations to Justin and Sara Perkins on the birth of their daughter Olivia Mae born December 25. Brenda and Bill Zorger are Olivia’s grandparents. Her great grandparents are Betty and Harold Baird. We welcome this new life into our church family.

On December 29, Paula and Josh Kapper welcomed their daughter Sienna Rose. Sienna’s proud grandparents are Carmen Gaume and Phil Walker.

Risking love

To love is to risk not being loved in return. To hope is to risk pain. To try is to risk failure, but risk must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. Love comes to those who still hope even though they’ve been disappointed, to those who still believe even though they’ve been betrayed, to those who still love even though they’ve been hurt before.

—Author unknown

Youth update

Come join the Youth on Wednesdays for Board Game Night at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Reed Hall. Bring a friend and some snacks.

February 14th is Movie and Dinner Night.

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

Military birthday

Please send a card, extend a hand or hug to Darryl Edgar to celebrate his birthday February 26.

Don’t miss the Valentine sale in the Narthex on Sunday, February 4.

Remember to include all military personnel in your prayers. - Military Care

Calendar of Events

Feb. 3	Men’s Bible Study Concessions	10:00 am 11:00 am
Feb. 9	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
Feb. 10	Concessions	11:00 am
Feb. 13	Mary/Martha Fellowship in Beavers Room	7:00 pm
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 pm
Feb. 17	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café Men’s Bible Study	8:00 am 10:00 am
Feb. 20	Trustee Meeting open to congregation	7:00 pm
Feb. 23	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
Feb. 24	Concessions	11:00 am
Feb. 27	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 Olivia Mae Perkins.
The birth of Sienna Rose Kapper

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Kenneth Green
Tony Welch

Ongoing need for prayer

Jo Green	Pastor Mike Redd and family
The Merworth family	Church Staff and Lay Leadership
Wayne Wilson	Police Officers and Firefighters
Charlotte & Randy Welch	
Rosemary Mobley	
Wayne Cole	
Jane Houdek	
Patricia Clayton	

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.