

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**

Dealing With The Easter Message

J. Wallace Hamilton, the great preacher of yesteryear, once told the story of a group of American soldiers stationed in London during the first World War. They had received orders that the next day they would be going to the front lines. The church where many of the men attended while away from home hastily gave them a dinner.

It was a joyous time and the conversation was light and upbeat. Before the pastor gave the benediction, one of the soldiers was selected to share words of appreciation. He was a man of charm with the gift of speech. As he brought his speech to a close he said, "Tomorrow we are leaving for France, and the trenches, and to die." He did not mean to say that. Looking around with embarrassment, struggling for some better words to say, he said: "Can anybody tell us how to die?" And, nobody laughed or even smiled. There was an awkward pause as though he had said the wrong thing--and then a period of strange silence in which nobody said anything. Then someone walked quietly to the piano where they had been playing and singing fun songs and began to play and sing the old gospel hymns. In the quiet that followed, every man's soul was forced to deal in a serious way with the question of life and death. Without anybody planning it, a party became a prayer meeting in which they had to turn to God.

Easter gives us the opportunity, without being morbid to reflect on the ultimate meaning of things. Are we mere creatures of the dust who are here only for a moment--or were we created for eternity? On the southwest coast of Scotland lies the little town of Whithorn. In its ancient cemetery can be found a tombstone with an intriguing epitaph: YOU THINK I'M FORGOT. I'M NOT. Written By King Duncan

Friend in Christ,
Pastor 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 April 21.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet April 6th and 20th. 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.

Ladies enjoy fellowship time

Spring is here! And so come our final meetings of the year. Join us on Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm in Beavers room for our next meeting.

We aim to have inspiring programs with time allowed for discussion and light snacks. As always, we collect Toiletries for WestAid, our monthly service project.

Our Spring Luncheon will be on Saturday, May 5th, at The Historic Camp Bowie Mercantile Tea room. More information will follow regarding time and RSVP deadline. All ladies of the church are invited.

We hope you are enjoying this time of renewal. Remember to Be Inspired, and Be Aware of the people we might reach daily as servants of God. KEEP LISTENING! The opportunities are many!

“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength.”
—St. Francis de Sales

We're back!

Our concession stand will open again on April 7th in Reed Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We plan to be open each Saturday through May 19th. We offer yummy lunch and

snacks to church members and YMCA families playing volleyball 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.



Youth update

Come join the Youth on Wednesday nights at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Reed Hall. Bring a friend and dinner or a snack.

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

Change agents

A cartoon depicts a man at a podium firing up a crowd. “Who wants change?” he shouts. You can almost hear the excitement and urgency. “We do!” the listeners cry, all raising their hands.

But the next frame features a follow-up question: “Who wants *to* change?” The audience is silent and somber, with their hands down.

The gospel Jesus announced and lived out promises monumental change: life instead of death, healing from sickness, hope to replace despair, peace and justice instead of war and oppression. Although God could wave his hand and make the world perfect, he chooses to work through humans. That means we must be willing to change too.

Change can be scary, but God’s newness will so transform the world — and us — that we’ll never miss our old, broken reality.

—Heidi Mann

It's NOT too late!

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

On **Friday, April 20 at 6:00pm** 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 4 large cans of nacho cheese and 1 large 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 held on the track of Benbrook Middle-High School. **Come celebrate our survivors!**

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

Words of thanks

The Biblical Meal was a great success and well attended. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate. —Kay Moreland

We now have the capability of printing an in-house pictorial directory! For those of you who have a digital picture available, preferably a "head shot" of you or you and your family, we ask that you email a copy to the church at bumc@benbrookumc.org.



Our new **online directory** will include both family and individual pictures of each church member. This will allow us to easily update our directory to keep it current. Just notify the office when you change phone numbers or email addresses, or update photos as your family changes. You will be able to access an up-to-date and accurate directory at anytime on your phone, computer or tablet.

We will be announcing some dates soon when you can have your picture taken following the worship service.

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

—Mary Anne Radmacher

Calendar of Events		
April 6	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00 pm
April 7	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
April 10	Mary/Martha Fellowship in Beavers Room	7:00 pm
April 20	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00 pm
April 21	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am

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

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ongoing need for prayer

Susan Rush
Dick Hardin
Linda Sullivan
Anita Banks
Phillip Witchley
Margie James
J.D. Needham
Pat Fuchshuber
Rosemary Mobley
Wayne Cole

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.