

Benbrook United Methodist Church

MAY 2018

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**

When Tragedy Strikes

When Theodore Roosevelt was an Assembly man in the legislature of the state of New York, events developed in his personal life that would wound him deeply. On February 13, Roosevelt, seated on the floor of the Assembly, received a telegram informing him that his wife Alice had given birth to a baby girl late the night before. He received the congratulations of his colleagues but decided to finish work on legislative matters before leaving for home to be with his family. Several hours later he received another telegram telling him that his wife was very ill and so too his mother. He immediately left for the train station. When he got home, he found that Alice, ill with Bright's disease, was semi-comatose and near death. Alice barely recognized him as he sat with her in his arms. Not only was his wife near death, but also his mother Mittie was dying with typhoid fever on the floor below. Theodore Roosevelt was informed that if he wanted to see his mother for the last time he had better do that now. Finally, at three in the morning, Mittie died and Theodore went back upstairs to be with Alice. When the morning passed over into the afternoon, Alice died. It was February 14, 1884, and Roosevelt wrote in his diary: "The light was gone out of my life." Two days after Alice's death, he wrote in his diary: "For joy or sorrow, my life has now been lived out." Imagine, Theodore Roosevelt believed that his life was virtually over. He saw very little reason to go on with life. Yet this is the same man who would go on to be the President of the United States. As President, he would develop our national park system, develop laws against abusive child labor and laws to regulate the nation's food supply, develop the Panama Canal, and will always be remembered for the immortal words "speak softly and carry a big stick." Obviously, his life was not over when his mother and wife died. Jesus proved with his life, death, and life after death, that God can do far more than we can ever anticipate. When we think that all hope is lost, God is still in the miracle business.



Friend in Christ,
Pastor Mike



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 May 4th and 18th. 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 May 19.

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.

Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.



Sunday, May 27
Mexican Catered Lunch
Following Traditional Service
Love offerings greatly appreciated



Prayer bears spread God's love

Every year the Pastoral Care Department of Cook Children's Medical Center gives out nearly 12,000 Prayer Bears to their young patients, but it's during the summer months that supplies tend to get low.

During the month of May we invite you to bring new cuddly, soft bears to fill this need. **Their only rules are they must be new and bears** (no kittens, dogs, rabbits or other friendly critters please).

We will bless the bears during a worship service, commissioning them as ministers of God's love, and deliver them to the hospital in June. Last year we delivered 149 bears. Let's top that this year!

Summer will be here soon

With summer fast approaching, WestAid is getting ready by trying to fill the shelves with more kid friendly items. In order to do this though they need our help! They are in need of the following items:

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| applesauce | canned fruit |
| mac'n'cheese | peanut butter |
| jelly/jam | canned meats |
| canned pasta | cereal |

Ladies Luncheon invitation

Mary and Martha Fellowship, our ladies' group, meets once a month September through May.

Our final gathering before our summer break will be on Saturday, May 5th. Join us at 11:30am at The Rose Garden Tea Room in the Historic Camp Bowie Mercantile on the traffic circle. Contact Frances Covington at 817 249-0084 for reservations no later than Thursday, May 3rd. This venue is very popular with our group. Hope to see you there.

The more we share, the more we have.

Help us welcome our newest member Janelle Nowell, by introducing yourself and encouraging her to share in our small group activities. Her contact information is available in the church office.



Words of thanks

Thank You to all who have brought food, sent cards, visited, and prayed for Charlie. You will never know how much the love that we get from everyone means to Charlie and me. You are a wonderful church family and I love all of you. Pat Clayton

Church directory update

The **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.

For those who don't have a cell phone or computer we also have the capability of printing an in-house pictorial directory for you.

You will be notified when everything is complete and we are ready to launch our new directory.

Congratulations on the New Arrival



Danielle and Jeremy Chancellor are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Sullivan Kate born April 19. Aubrey is Sullivan's big sister. We thank God for this blessed new life and welcome her into our church family.

“The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.” —Julia Alvarez

Youth update

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

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

Don't miss this opportunity!

Our concession stand is open 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.

Calendar of Events

May 4	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00 pm
May 5	Men's Bible Study Mary & Martha Luncheon Rose Garden Tea Room	10:00 am 11:30 am
May 13	Happy Mother's Day	
May 15	Trustee meeting	7:00 pm
May 18	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00 pm
May 19	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café Men's Bible Study	8:00 am 10:00 am
May 27	Church Fiesta Lunch	noon
May 28	Office closed in observance of Memorial Day	
May 29	Church Council 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 Sullivan Kate Chancellor 4-19

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ongoing need for prayer

Joe Maynard
Natasha Witchley
Charlie Clayton
Joan Lamb-Hardin
Febe Nixon
Susan Rush
Dick Hardin
Linda Sullivan
Anita Banks

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.