

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

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Focused on Christ; United in Prayer

My wife loves Les Miserables because of the wonderful music in it. I just love the story line. It makes me tear up each time we have seen the play, musical, opera. In the opera by Victor Hugo, Jean Valjean served a 19 year sentence for stealing a loaf of bread in order to feed his sister's family. Finally, he is set free. A Bishop is the only one who will befriend the embittered man. Valjean rewards him by stealing some of his silver. He is caught red-handed by the police.

The Bishop is called to the police station to prefer charges. Instead of doing that, he brings Valjean his silver candlestick holders in an effort to fool the police into thinking that Valjean had not stolen. Valjean is forever changed. He extends grace to an orphan child and raises her as his own. He forgives the police man who wanted to put him back in jail. Finally he dies, holding in his hand the two candlesticks that the bishop gave him. What is it that so completely changed this embittered man? He learned to extend mercy, because mercy had been extended to him.

That is what happens to us too. As 1 John 4:10 says, "In this is love, not that we love God but God loved us and gave his son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins..." Now that is mercy, that God loves us and forgives us and we should love and forgive others too.

Friend in Christ
Mike

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Brush Arbor Days are here again

Let's get ready for a fun time when you get to sing many of your favorite hymns - when we come to church a little less formal. Shirt sleeve worship services where we get back to that old time religion that many of us loved growing up. The choir will be taking a summer break during this time.

Brush Arbor Sundays will be July 1 thru July 29. Invite your friends to enjoy worship with us. —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 817 731-5098 to reserve your seat for the next breakfast on July 21.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet July 13 and 27. 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.

School's out for the summer

WestAid needs 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 or jam | canned meats |
| canned pasta | cereal |
| fruit snacks | small juice boxes |

Monetary donations are always appreciated!

Military care update

Extend a hand or hug for the following July birthdays:

- July 11 Harold Baird
- July 30 George Moreland

Remember to include all military personnel in your prayers. Happy July 4th! - Military Care

Life saving step

It is recommended to place an AED where large numbers of people at risk for heart attacks congregate. Children even experience sudden cardiac arrest therefore placing AEDs in schools and sports complexes is important as well.

Automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, are a medical product that many people have heard of, but might not know much about. An AED defibrillator can be used during sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA generally occurs when a person's heart stops beating due to ventricular fibrillation. When this happens the victim's ventricles (the lower pumping chambers in the heart) begin beating erratically and out of rhythm. If a person's heart beat is not returned to normal quickly by being "defibrillated" their chances of survival can drop 7 to 10 percent for every minute during the time their heart is not beating normally. If the SCA is not treated within minutes, the person can die. Having an AED defibrillator close at hand can make it possible for anyone trained in their use, including non-medical personnel, to treat a heart attack victim and increase their chances of survival.

A representative from Benbrook Fire Department visited May's Church Council meeting for education and recommendations. Church Council voted to purchase an AED for the church and the CLC. CPR classes will be offered soon after the purchase. The cost will be a minimum of \$1,200 each. If you would like to make a contribution to cover the cost please make your check payable to BUMC and write AED in the memo area.

With this purchase we are taking a simple step towards fulfilling an essential medical resuscitation need. Sudden cardiac arrest does not show warning signs. It strikes suddenly, and the results can be devastating. By having AEDs close by, we will have the ability to save a life that may be placed in our hands.

Finding freedom

The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness.

—Vincent Nichols

Words of thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate all of you, your prayers and friendship! We are so blessed to have you in our lives!

The bears you sent our way for our “Prayer Bear” ministry here at Cook Children’s were absolutely beautiful. In 2017 we passed out over 15,000 bears so you can see we go through a lot of them.

Seeing the smiles on the faces of the kids leaving to go home and clutching their bears would make you smile too. Thank you for giving from your hearts.

Blessings to each of you,
Patsy McDaniel - Pastoral Care Department

You did it! You topped last years’ total! Thanks to Lynn James for delivering 154 teddy bears to Cook Children’s hospital in June. Thanks to everyone for your generous support of this important ministry.

~ Jane McMillan

Youth update

The Youth will not be meeting Wednesday nights in July. Wednesday Night Game Nights will resume in August.

Sunday School members are continuing their studies in Proverbs.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and keep our youth in your prayers.

Call / Text Teri Houston-Martin 817-675-9479
Email: tahmtahm@charter.net

Directory update

Many thanks to Jerry McDaniel for taking and editing pictures for our pictorial directory. The projected date for directory delivery is the first week of July.

We are anticipating many of you will enjoy using the online directory or mobile app so the directory will be updated and available at all times. Printed copies will be available to those who do not have computers to access the online directory.

Prints of your pictures will be available for a very low cost. You may purchase individual pictures or consider purchasing a package. Order forms and all necessary information will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, July 1. **The deadline to place your orders is Wednesday, July 25.** Purchase of all pictures will be handled through the church office.

**“He who sows courtesy reaps friendship,
and he who plants kindness gathers love.”
—St. Basil**

**Sunday, July 29
in the CLC after
Brush Arbor Service**
Bring your favorite picnic
foods. Homemade ice
cream is always a treat.

Calendar of Events		
July 4	Office closed	
July 7	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
July 13	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
July 17	Trustee meeting Open to congregation	7:00 pm
July 21	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
July 27	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
July 29	Indoor Picnic Lunch	noon
July 31	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

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ongoing need for prayer

Charlie & Pat Clayton
Anita Banks
Mildred Rainwater

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

Homebound

Jean & Thurman Hefty
James & Lolly Pinkston

Wanda Ort
Nadaline Thomas

Assisted Living

Pat Ashburn
Aggie Cassady
Joan Lamb-Hardin

Nursing Facilities

Anita Banks
Joyce Kimberlin
Theda Kornegay
Mildred Rainwater

Remember to keep our nation's leaders and members of our military in your daily prayers.

Please inform the Church office of any changes to this list.