

# 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

Cindy Merworth  
Director of Music

Quanzhou Yan  
Pianist

Teri Houston-Martin  
Director of Student Ministries

Terry Grant  
Preschool Director

Jane McMillan  
Administrative Assistant  
Director of Children's Ministry

Felicia Albin  
Nursery Attendant

**Focused on Christ;  
United in Prayer**

### **THANKS!**

The word "maranatha" is a Syrian expression that means: "our Lord comes." It was used as a greeting in the early church. When believers gathered or parted, they didn't say "hello" or "goodbye" but "Maranatha!" If we had the same upward look today, it would revolutionize the church. O that God's people had a deepening awareness of the imminent return of the Savior!

I am retiring after August 31. It isn't without regrets. I was hoping to have 300 in worship every Sunday and a whole new crop of young people who show up on Sunday. I wanted to be here and do some of your funerals, and be by your side with you in your hospital stays, and in life's painful moments. But I wasn't able to do it. It is funny how God has a way of working isn't it? If health issues hadn't interrupted my stay here, I might have stayed 3-5 years more before I retired.

**That is because of you!!! YOU HAVE BEEN A JOY!!!** But my health doesn't allow me to stay. I can't do the calling of a minister any more. You need a leader who can lead you into prosperity of new members, and I am not that person.

**THANKS FOR BEING A JOY TO WORK WITH IN GOD'S WORKS.  
So I say Maranatha and I hope to see you on the other side...**

Friend in Christ,  
Pastor Mike

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### **What spills out?**

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?





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 August 18.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet August 10 and 24. 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.

### Kid friendly items still needed

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!

### Pop tab ministry

The small metal (soda) pop tab is like a gold nugget to the Ronald McDonald House. Pop tabs support the operations of Ronald McDonald Houses across the country. This fundraiser benefits seriously ill children by helping provide a place for them and their families to stay while they are out of town for medical treatment. You may drop your tabs off on Sunday or bring them to the church during office hours.

### Pastor Mike retires

Pastor Mike will be retiring from the ministry on August 31. He and Sandy have served our congregation for the past 6 years. They have shared their ministry and love with us and this is our opportunity to show our appreciation for all they have meant to us.

A farewell luncheon will be held in the Christian Life Center following the Traditional Service on Sunday, August 26 to celebrate time with the congregation. We wish them well as they embark on a new chapter in their lives in Houston.

### Youth update

Come join the Youth at the Back to School Game Night on Wednesday, August 15th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in Reed Hall. Bring a friend. Dinner will be provided.

The Questionnaires for the Senior Youth Project are due by the end of August. You may turn them into Dominic and Julie, or the Youth box in the Church Office.

**\*\*\*Our Youth Seniors would also like to invite you to the BMHS Senior Class Car Wash at Pin-nacle Bank on August 11th from 11 am - 3 pm.**

Call / Text Teri Houston-Martin 817-675-9479  
Email: [tahmtahm@charter.net](mailto:tahmtahm@charter.net)

### A sermon on legs

I'd rather see a sermon  
than hear one any day:  
I'd rather one would walk with me  
than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,  
and more willing than the ear.  
Fine council is confusing,  
but example's always clear.

—Edgar A. Guest

**“To handle yourself, use your head;  
to handle others, use your heart.”**  
—Eleanor Roosevelt

### Military care update

Please send a card, extend a hand or hug to Rosemary Mobley celebrating her birthday on August 2nd.

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

### School supply collection

During the month of August we encourage you to provide school supplies for the children who are staying in SafeHaven shelters. Many stores are currently having SALES on supplies. The shelter not only provides supplies to begin school but also throughout the school year.

If you are unable to shop we would also welcome your gift of money and we'll do the shopping for you. Any amount of money or one or more of the items listed below will help bring a smile to the face of these needy children.

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| crayons (24 pack)            | #2 pencils   |
| colored pencils (12 pack)    | blue pens    |
| composition notebooks (wide) | red pens     |
| scissors (blunt & sharp)     | pink erasers |
| pocket folders               | highlighters |
| notebook paper (wide rule)   | pencil case  |
| spiral notebooks (wide rule) | glue sticks  |
| washable markers (8 pack)    | rulers       |



Place your school supplies in the box provided in the narthex **August 5, 12 and 19.** Need us to shop? Just place your check or money envelope marked - School Supplies in the collection plate or drop it off at the office.

### Directory update

The new directory is now available online and on your mobile phones. We hope you take this opportunity to have the updated directory available at all times.

Printed copies of the directory are available in the narthex or the church office.



The first day of school for Fort Worth ISD is Monday, August 20.

BUMC Preschool Meet the Teacher Night is Thursday, August 30. Their first day of school is Tuesday, September 4.

Remember to keep our teachers, staff, volunteers, children and their parents in your prayers as the children return to school.

Calendar of Events		
August 4	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
August 10	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00 pm
August 18	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
	Men's Bible Study	10:00 am
August 24	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington's home	1:00 pm
August 20	First day of school for Fort Worth Please drive carefully	
August 26	Farewell luncheon for Mike & Sandy	
August 30	Preschool Meet the Teacher Night	

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

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

Ongoing need for prayer

Greg Gibson  
Linda Sullivan  
Harold Baird  
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  
John Owens  
Nadaline Thomas

Wanda Ort  
James & Lolly Pinkston

Assisted Living

Pat Ashburn  
Aggie Cassidy  
Joan Lamb-Hardin  
Linda Sullivan

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.**