

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

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**

“Surely he has borne our griefs ...”

When veteran Joe Serna confessed that he’d been drinking — behavior prohibited in the Veterans Treatment Court program — Judge Lou Olivera sentenced him to one night in jail. That might not seem like much, but while deployed, Serna had been trapped underwater when his truck toppled into a canal. A buddy managed to move him to an air pocket, saving his life, but the buddy and two others died. Years later, even the thought of confinement triggered flashbacks.

As Serna arrived for his jail stay, Olivera, also a vet, saw his anxiety, entered the cell with Serna and spent the night. His kind act nearly brought Serna to tears, but the judge believes any vet would have done the same. “These are our brothers,” Olivera says. “We never leave each other behind.”

Similarly, Jesus entered our troubled story alongside us, sharing in our suffering, brokenness and even death. As a comrade unlike any other, Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, refusing to leave us behind with our self-imposed burdens. Above all, Jesus does what only God can: redeems us for the joy of new life.

+Christian Symbol - Seal



A seal is the mark of God’s promises to the believer and of the believer’s consecration to God. Old Testament priests wore a piece of gold against their forehead, as a seal, engraved with the words “Holy to the Lord.” For Christians, the sign of the cross serves as a seal of salvation. Paul declares, “He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV).



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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 September 7 and 21. 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 817 731-5098 to reserve your seat for the next breakfast on September 15.

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 and inform the church office or Pastor of any needs.

**“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 celebrate the following birthdays.

Jimmy Montgomery September 5
Dick Hardin September 17
Matt Martin September 27
James Nixon September 29

Remember to include all military personnel in your prayers. They make great sacrifices to protect our freedom.

Renewable energy

Keep close to nature’s heart ... break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean. —John Muir

Remembering WestAid

The standard peanut butter, mac & cheese, pork & beans and cereal are always appreciated.

The services of this outreach ministry are ongoing and your monetary donations are greatly appreciated as well. Please make checks payable to BUMC and write WestAid on the memo line.

All ladies invited

Summer is winding down and our ladies' group will resume meetings in September.

We hope you have had a summer of rest, relaxation, and inspiration.

Join us as we start our year on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00pm in Beavers room.

We look forward to seeing our returning members and hope to see many new faces as well.

Ladies of all ages are welcome. Our programs are new each month so you can join us at any time.

Keeping score

Baseball purists often delight in keeping detailed scorecards. So do many Christians — often unknowingly. Do you give yourself “credit” for your years in the faith? for the number of services or studies you attend? for the good deeds you perform? for the Bible verses and creeds you know by heart?

In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul recites his impressive scorecard, yet despite those credentials, he couldn’t earn God’s favor. Neither can we. Our tallies are all “loss” (v. 7) when compared to the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ (v. 9).

Attending church, serving and memorizing Scripture are good things. But we do them not to *get* right with God but because we *are* right with God — through Jesus.



Look what you did

Thanks to your generous donations six boxes of school supplies were packed and delivered to SafeHaven of Tarrant County for children in need. Thank you for helping teach our children about service ministry. Your support is truly appreciated. — Children’s Ministry

Words of thanks

Thank you for the kind words, cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy we received from so many of you when Wayne passed away. It’s such a blessing to have the support of a loving church family.
Marge Cole - the Rutledge and Cole families

Our family was overjoyed with the outpouring of love Saturday at John’s celebration of life. The food was out of this world. We will never be able to thank everyone enough. Love Wanda, Rosamarie, Randy, Kevin and families.

Thanks to all who were able to donate for the purchase of two AED defibrillators. A class on CPR and the use of the AEDs will be scheduled sometime this month. The class will be open to all church members. -Trustees

Youth update

Come join the Youth on Wednesday nights in Reed Hall from 6pm - 7:30pm for fun and games.

Bring a friend and join us on Wednesday nights in September.

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

“No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.”
—L. Frank Baum

In earthen vessels

The dear Lord’s best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The gospel of a life like His
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,
The saintly fact survives;
The blessed Master none can doubt,
Revealed in holy lives.
— John Greenleaf Whittier, from “The Friend’s Burial”

Calendar of Events		
Sept. 1	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
Sept. 3	Office closed in observance of Labor Day	
Sept. 4	First day of BUMC Preschool	
Sept. 7	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
Sept. 11	Mary & Martha Fellowship	7:00 pm
Sept. 15	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
Sept. 18	Trustee meeting	7:00 pm
Sept. 21	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
Sept. 25	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

John Owens - 8-18

Ongoing need for prayer

Joyce Kimberlin
Family of John Owens
Jeff Green
Frances Jones
Linda Sullivan
Charlie & Pat Clayton

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
Dick 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.