

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**



Dear Church Family,

What an exciting month is before us each November! By this point, well-seasoned fall decorations make their final showing, with all of the cornucopias, turkeys, and pumpkin spice you care to throw cranberry relish and pecan pie at. And ready or not, Thanksgiving meal (or meals) are fast on their way to our tables, our church, and our homes!

I am very excited to be kicking off a new three part sermon series called "Gratitudelike" on Sunday, November 11th. We'll be addressing a vital question in the life of the church and Christians throughout the world, namely, what does gratitude look like? I know plans are underway for all kinds of events that may be creeping into your calendar, but I hope you won't miss joining us each Sunday as we explore together what it means to be "gratitudelike"!

Also coming up is a special 4 week Bible Study I'll be leading, every Thursday evening at 7 pm called The Redemption of Scrooge. This study will look at Charles Dickens' classic tale, A Christmas Tale, through our Christian lens of faith. This Advent study will "bless us every one"! You'll want to make sure you sign up now as space is limited. Contact Jane McMillan at the church office to order your book.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Don

Charge Conference approaching

Arborlawn UMC will host this year's Charge Conference for the North District of the Central Texas Conference on November 18 at 5:00pm. Church Council members are encouraged to attend.

As many of you know, Rev. Ben Huebner is a member of our church and is in the process to become an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church.

Ben is currently the Pastor of Outreach at Acton UMC. He lives in Granbury and continues to be a student at Texas Wesleyan by taking classes online and on-campus. Each year, we are asked to re-recommend Ben for the Ordination process at Charge Conference. We ask that you pray for Ben as he continues in this process and as we affirm his progress over the past year.



Prime Timer events are open to those 50+.

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.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet November 2nd and 16th. 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 Frances Covington, at 817 249-0084 to reserve your seat for the next breakfast on November 17th.

BUMC adults are welcome

Come fellowship with the Youth on Wednesday evenings in Reed Hall at 6 pm and play some old fashion board games, or try your hand at a trivia challenge, or a geography location game. If you'd like us to provide dinner for you, please text Teri Houston-Martin at 817-675-9479 before 5 pm on Wednesday.

*No Youth Game Night the week of Thanksgiving.

Remembering our college students



“Exam Cram” boxes filled with treats will be sent to eight students later this month. Congregational Care will shop and deliver boxes. If you are able to help, please place donations in the offering plate or bring to the office no later than Monday, November 12.

Make checks payable to BUMC and write “college” in the memo area. Thanks for your support.

Holiday needs for WestAid

WestAid will collect the following items for their Holiday Meal Programs.

Please place your donations in the box provided in the narthex.

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| Canned Sweet Potatoes | Cornbread Mix |
| Stuffing/Dressing Mix | Instant Potatoes |
| Canned Vegetables | Jell-O |
| Canned Fruit | Cake Mix & Frosting |

Cash donations are always appreciated. Contact West Aid at 737-9338 to volunteer.

WestAid serves people living in area codes 76107, 76116, and 76126.

Save the Date: Sanctuary Decorating in Preparation for Advent Saturday, December 1 — 9:00 am

Register now

We recently purchased AED’s for the church and Christian Life Center. Now it’s time for us to learn how to be prepared to help those in need if it becomes necessary.

AED and CPR training has been scheduled for Thursday, November 8 from 7:00-9:00pm and Friday, November 9 from 10:00am till noon. Jackie Hartman, Benbrook Fire Department’s EMS Coordinator, will conduct the classes.

Be sure to contact Jacquie Messer now to register for training. 817 300-0527

Transformations

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

—William Arthur Ward

**Annual Church Family
Thanksgiving Feast**

**Sunday, November 18
following Traditional Worship Service**

**Please come celebrate with
your church family to give thanks!**

**Watch for the food sign-up sheet
posted in the narthex.**



Update from Military Care

Make plans to attend the 11:00am service Sunday, November 11 as we honor our Veterans.

Wayne Wilson is celebrating his 90th birthday November 21. Please take a few minutes to wish him the best.

“Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie.” —Jim Davis

All women invited for fellowship

The next meeting of Mary and Martha Fellowship is Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00pm in Beavers room. We will watch a documentary of Benbrook’s History “Once Upon a Time in Benbrook”. Lynette Spence will lead the discussion.

Women of all ages are welcome. We guarantee you will share a laugh and be well fed.

Please consider bringing a donation of toiletries for WestAid, our ongoing service project.

Hoping you will join us for this interesting program.

Calendar of Special Events

Nov. 2	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Nov. 3	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
Nov. 8	AED & CPR training	7:00 pm
Nov. 9	AED & CPR training	10:00 am
Nov. 13	Mary and Martha Fellowship - Beavers Room open to all women	7:00 pm
Nov. 16	Prime Timers Bible Study	1:00 pm
Nov. 17	Prime Timers Breakfast	8:00 am
	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
Nov. 18	Church Thanksgiving Celebration Lunch following Traditional Worship	
	Charge Conference	5:00 pm
	Arborlawn UMC	
Nov. 20	Trustee Meeting	
	November meeting cancelled	
Nov. 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
Nov. 26-30	Office closed	
Nov. 27	Church Council	
	November meeting cancelled	

Happy Thanksgiving

“I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich.”

—The Turkey

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

Celebrations

Remembrance and Celebration of Life

James "Pinky" Pinkston

Ongoing need for prayer

Brad Davis
Family of James Pinkston
Robbie Robinson
Darrel Head
Tessa Trimble
Linda Sullivan
Jerry McDaniel
Harold Baird
Charlie & Pat Clayton
Jeff Green

Pastor Don Petty and family
Our country's leaders
Church Staff and Lay Leadership
Police Officers and Firefighters

Homebound

Nancy Davis
Wanda Ort
Wallace Thomas

Jean & Thurman Hefty
Lolly Pinkston

Assisted Living

Pat Ashburn
Anita Banks
Aggie Cassady
Joan Lamb-Hardin

Nursing Facilities

Joyce Kimberlin
Theda Kornegay
Mildred Rainwater
Dick Hardin

**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.