

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.

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**Focused on Christ;
United in Prayer**

Dear Church Family,

When we had our Remembership class back in the late Spring, the history portion of our class received a lot of exciting questions, but not nearly enough time to cover the amount of information. It also became clear to me rather quickly that this would make for an excellent short term study in itself. I am happy to announce we'll be doing a four week study on United Methodist History starting Tuesday, July 16th at 10:30 AM. We have had several requests for a daytime class, but will need people to sign up with Jane McMillan in the office by July 10th!

Here's the full schedule:

- Tuesday, July 16 at 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, July 23 at 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, July 30 at 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, Aug 6 at 10:30 AM

Each week of the study we'll focus on different material, and if you miss a week or two, it will be informal enough that you will still be able to pick right up. Some of the topics we'll be focusing in on include biographical information on John, Charles, and Susannah Wesley, Count Von Zinzendorf, Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, Fanny Crosby, and Thomas Welch. We'll talk about important historical and theological events such as the Great Awakening, The Azusa Street Revival, Racial Division, the Women's Christian Temperance Movement, and Prohibition. We'll also trace the United Methodist Church's connections to many other denominations, such as the Pentecostal Holiness, Salvation Army, Free Methodists, African Methodist Episcopalans, Nazarenes, and Moravians, to name a few.

I hope you come out to a few sessions or all of this study. I'm looking forward to sharing and engaging us in fun and interesting Methodist History!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Don

Trees and shrubs and weeds, OH MY!

We're looking for people who might be interested in helping us plan some landscaping around the Bryant Street entrance to the church. We have been blessed with some wonderful trees, shrubs, and flowers in the past, and are hoping to continue these in the near future. Contact Jane in the office for more information.





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 Frances Covington, at 817 249-0084 to reserve your seat for the next breakfast on July 20.

A Bible Study is held every other Friday at 1:00pm in the home of Frances Covington. They will meet July 12 and 28. 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.

Don't miss the fun!

Make sure you register students for each STEM Night by July 1st so we know how much supplies we will need. Register on our website: benbrookumc.org

If you'd like to volunteer to help children with their projects, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex.

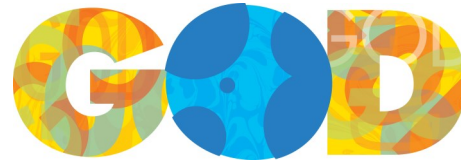
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camp is scheduled for Wednesdays, July 10, 17 and 24 from 6pm - 7:30pm.

If you aren't able to volunteer you can still help by donating a few necessary supplies:

- plastic straws
- #64 rubber bands
- popsicle sticks
- few rolls of twine
- few boxes of aluminum foil
- foam craft sheets
- pipettes
- Elmer liquid glue

Please contact Teri Houston-Martin at 817 675-9479 for more information.

God is everywhere



We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

—Thomas Merton

Hot air

Scientists have discovered that sound travels faster in the summer than in the winter. In hot summer air, sound travels at 1,266 feet per second. But in cold air, sound travels as slow as 1,066 feet per second. So that means sermons preached in the summer will naturally be shorter, right?

'As you did it to one of the least of these ...'

In his book *God's Politics*, theologian Jim Wallis, who frequently speaks on matters of faith and society, tells of an old Pentecostal mentor of his named Mary Glover. He says he learned more about Jesus' relationship with the poor from her than he did in seminary.

For instance, Jim recounts, every time they were about to open the doors to a neighborhood food line in Washington, D.C., Mary prayed, "Lord, we know that you'll be comin' through this line today, so, Lord, help us treat you well."

**"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use."
—Charles M. Schulz**

Words of thanks

Mary and Martha’s Fellowship luncheon was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you for your participation in this wonderful annual event.
- Frances Covington

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



Mary Hill

Brush Arbor Days

As frontiersmen moved farther west, people moved farther away from a community life, becoming semi-isolated from their neighbors and the outside world. Still, the people longed for fellowship and a place to worship together.

When the circuit rider would pass through people all over would come hear them. Many times they would stay and camp out for days. Trees and brush were used to build a temporary shelter for the people who came from miles around to hear the word of God. The “brush arbor” protected them from the sunlight and rain. There was no special worship structure but plenty of singing and praises came from the people as their hearts were filled with the Spirit.

We are fortunate to have a beautiful, cool sanctuary in which to worship and a pastor with powerful messages. During the month of July our services will be less formal.

We will be singing many of your favorite hymns while the choir takes a summer break. Be sure to invite your friends to worship with us.

July 7	Hawaiian shirt Sunday
July 14	Hat Sunday
July 21	Polo Shirt Sunday
July 28	T-Shirt and Jeans Sunday

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

Help fill empty shelves and stomachs

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:

applesauce	canned fruit
mac'n'cheese	peanut butter
jelly/jam	canned meats
canned pasta	cereal
snack bars	fruit snacks

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!



Calendar of Special Events

July 4	Office closed	
July 6	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
July 12	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 pm
July 16	Trustee meeting	7:00 pm
July 17	Class in UM History begins	10:30 am
July 20	Prime Timers Breakfast West Side Café	8:00 am
	Men’s Bible Study	10:00 am
July 23	Church Council meeting	6:00 pm
July 26	Prime Timers Bible Study in Frances Covington’s home	1:00 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

Brenda Zorger
Dale & Deanna Ruckle
Jacquie Messer
Henry Griffin
Dell Smith
Tessa Trimble

Pastor Don Petty and family
Church Staff and Lay Leadership
Police Officers and Firefighters

Homebound

Jean & Thurman Hefty

Lolly Pinkston

Assisted Living

Aggie Cassidy
Theda Kornegay
Barbara Spears
Linda Sullivan

Nursing Facilities

Joan Lamb-Hardin
Jane Johnson
Joyce Kimberlin

**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.