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Please prayerfully consider giving toward this worthy cause as an investment that adds an extra layer of safety for our church family, staff, and the many precious lives we are helping to raise up and educate in the daycare.

There are several ways to give:

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- You may call or come by the church office and have an ACH processed
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**For more information about donating to this and other ministries at Benton UMC, please contact:**  
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### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:  
[rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)

All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.



# INsight

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 2018

### Weekly Events

#### Sundays

Worship ..... 8:15 AM  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM  
Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Bible Study @ Hearne Home ..... 6:00 PM

#### Mondays

Slushies & Scripture HS Girls ..... 6:45 AM  
Bodies On a Mission ..... 9:00 AM

#### Tuesdays

Slushies & Scripture 6th & 7th Grade ... 6:45 AM  
Intercessory Prayer Team ..... 9:00 AM  
Bodies On A Mission ..... 6:00 PM  
Men's Basketball ..... 7:00 PM

#### Wednesdays

Slushies & Scripture HS Boys ..... 6:45 AM  
Bodies On a Mission ..... 9:00 AM  
The Closet Workday ..... 11:30 AM  
The Closet Distribution ..... 11:30 AM  
WOW! ..... 5:30 PM

#### Thursdays

Slushies & Scripture 8th Grade ..... 6:45 AM  
Bodies On A Mission ..... 6:00 PM  
Choir Practice ..... 6:00 PM

#### Fridays

Slushies & Scripture 9th Grade Girls .... 6:45 AM  
Bodies On a Mission ..... 9:00 AM  
Sew Crazy Ladies (2nd & 4th Fridays) .. 10:00 AM

### A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

Happy New Year!!

Have you set any personal goals lately? The beginning of a new year offers us time to reflect on goal setting. Consider these goals as a possibility.

- Travel somewhere new
- Do something you've been putting off
- Spend more time with the people you care about
- Read at least twelve books this year
- Take on an activity that challenges you mentally, physically, spiritually.
- Join us beginning Wednesday January 10th for **WOW**. We will begin our Table Talk study: **Bible Stories You Should Know**. We'll explore the stories of Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Father Abraham, the Ten Commandments and The Great Commandment.

Whether we use goals from this list or create our own goal setting gets us out of our comfort zone and challenges us to stay relevant and productive. Happy goal setting!!

God Bless-  
Your Preacher,  
Brad

## United Methodist Men 4<sup>th</sup> Annual BUMM Dinner Auction



Supporting  
Our  
Community

**Saturday, January 27**

**6:00 PM**

**Family Life Worship Center**

# Monthly & Special Events

- Sunday, January 7**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion ..... 7:00 AM
- Monday, January 8**  
Worship Team Meeting..... 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 11**  
Morning Glories ..... 9:30 AM
- Friday, January 12**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM
- Monday, January 15**  
*Church Office Closed in  
Observation of Martin Luther King Day*
- Tuesday, January 16**  
NWLA Truck Unloading..... 9:00 AM  
NWLA Food Bag Packing with Youth ..... 3:00 PM  
Nightingales Circle Meeting..... 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, January 17**  
The Closet @ Benton UMC ..... 11:30 AM  
The Closet @ A Cross Faith ..... 11:30 AM  
The Table Food Distribution..... 12:30 PM
- Thursday, January 18**  
Daycare Committee Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- Sunday, January 21**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast & Devotion 7:00 AM  
LifeShare Blood Drive ..... 7:45 AM
- Tuesday, January 23**  
O.P.A.L.S. .... 11:30 AM
- Friday, January 26**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM
- Saturday, January 27**  
Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM  
Benton UMM 4th Annual Dinner Auction..... 6:00 PM
- Sunday, January 28**  
United Methodist Women Sunday . 8:15 & 10:30 AM

*For more information about these and other events, or to schedule use of a room at the church, please contact Linda Silas in the church office at (318) 965-2273. Regularly scheduled events are listed on page 1.*

## Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month in both worship services. Every other Sunday in the month, Holy Communion is offered in the Ed DeBusk Prayer Chapel on the second floor (directly across from the elevator) between 10:10 AM and 10:25 AM. Pastor Cheryl invites all who would like to receive Holy Communion more often, or who may miss 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, to join her there immediately after Sunday School, which ends at 10:15 AM, and before the 10:30 AM worship service.

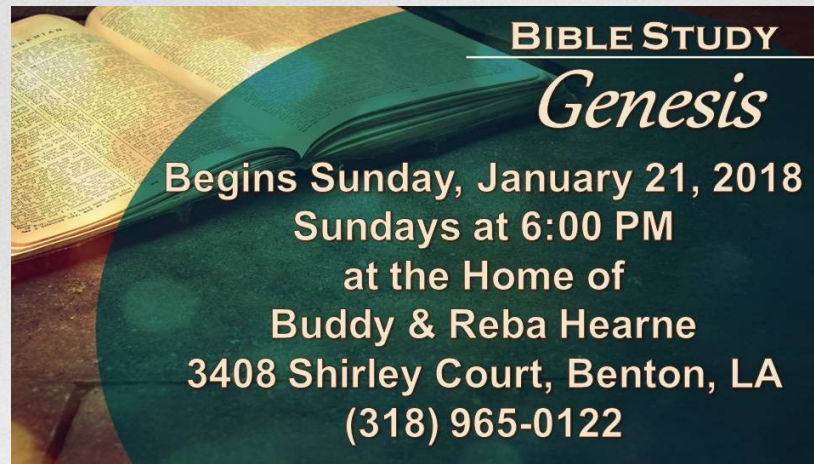
# O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

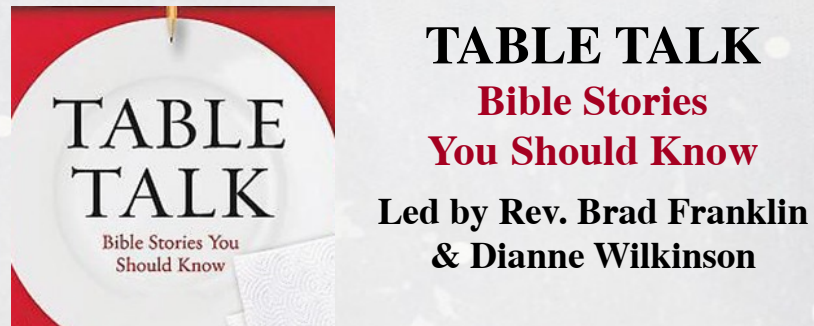
**O.P.A.L.S.**  
**Tuesday, January 23 at 11:30 AM**  
**in the Family Life Center**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet for their monthly gathering of fun, food and fellowship! Come prepared to share your favorite Christmas activity or memory from the past, as well as what made this 2017 Christmas special for you. We may even look at some New Year's Resolutions for 2018. Last year we adopted Common Ground in Cedar Grove as our mission and each month we brought a food item for the Common Ground pantry. We plan to continue that this year and for January, our food item is a baking good (small bag of flour, sugar, cornmeal or a seasoning spice.)

**For reservations, please contact  
Peggy Rumbaugh at (318) 349-1465**



**BIBLE STUDY**  
*Genesis*  
**Begins Sunday, January 21, 2018**  
**Sundays at 6:00 PM**  
**at the Home of  
Buddy & Reba Hearne**  
**3408 Shirley Court, Benton, LA**  
**(318) 965-0122**



**TABLE TALK**  
**Bible Stories  
You Should Know**  
**Led by Rev. Brad Franklin  
& Dianne Wilkinson**

**Wednesdays**  
**Begins Wednesday, January 10, 2018**  
**5:30 PM—Dinner and 6:00 PM—Study**

This series of six-week programs for the whole church family is designed to bring all ages together for dinner, fellowship, study, and engage with the Pastor in conversation about key stories of the Bible. Volume 1 presents the stories of Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Father Abraham, Ten Words, and The Great Commandment. Materials needed: Notebook, pen, and a Bible.

**For information, contact:  
Linda Silas  
(318) 965-2273 or linda.silas@bentonumc.org**

# Serving Our Community



## The Table Food Ministry

<b>Tuesday, January 16</b> 9:00 AM Truck Unloading 3:30 PM Youth Bag Packing	<b>Wednesday, January 17</b> 12:30 PM Food Distribution
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**For more information on The Table, contact:  
Joel Carter at [jlumc@yahoo.com](mailto:jlumc@yahoo.com)  
or Kim Hauser [kimdenise1996@gmail.com](mailto:kimdenise1996@gmail.com)**

## The Closet Clothes Ministry

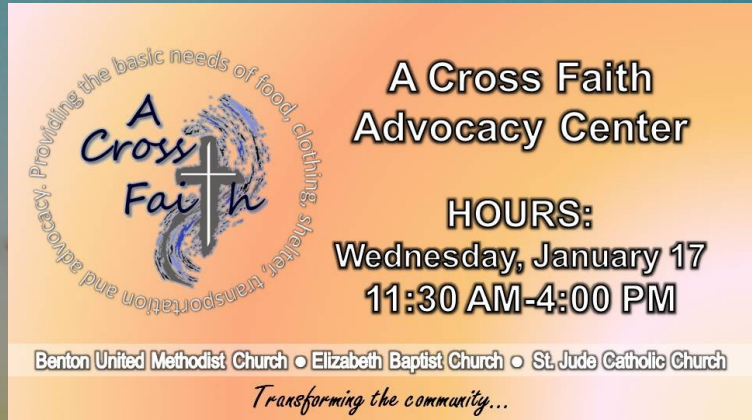
We need your help at our bustling clothes closet at A Cross Faith Advocacy Center (1659 Palmetto Road in Benton) and at Benton UMC.

**Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays ..... 11:30 AM-4:00 PM**  
**All Other Wednesdays..... 11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

**For more information on The Closet Clothes Ministry, please contact:**

**Sue Shadow**  
**(318) 965-2496**  
**[shadow781@bellsouth.net](mailto:shadow781@bellsouth.net)**



**A Cross Faith  
Advocacy Center**  
**HOURS:**  
**Wednesday, January 17**  
**11:30 AM-4:00 PM**  
Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church  
*Transforming the community...*



## Souper Saturday Needs You!

We need people to ride along with drivers for deliveries, substitute drivers, soup cooks, and sandwich makers. We have very dedicated volunteers—a family of Christ's servants! We serve on the last Saturday of each month. Please join us to see if this is where you connect in service.

**For more information on Souper Saturday, contact:**

**Katherine Kavanaugh**  
**(318) 218-7730**  
**[katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net](mailto:katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net)**

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

# Serving Our Community



## FLOOD RELIEF TRIP REBUILDING BATON ROUGE

**Sunday, February 4  
through Wednesday, February 7**  
*We depart following service and return  
Wednesday afternoon/evening.*

Join us for our next Flood Relief Deployment by UMCOR. The base camp location Magnolia UMC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We are scheduled to rebuild some previously flood damaged homes. It is possible that location and work description may change due to the changing workload.

*If you are able to tow the disaster relief trailer,  
please contact Rachel to let her know.*

**For more information, contact:  
Rachel Stoneman at  
(318) 469-9100  
or [rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)**



## BUMC'S ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ OPERATION NORTH STAR

### A Letter From Chaplain May of Djibouti, Africa:

*Good Afternoon Jon,*

*I trust you, your family, and the members of Benton United Methodist Church had a wonderful Christmas. I want to thank you and the generous members of Benton UMC for their gifts to the personnel stationed here at Camp Lemonnier. We distributed the gifts during the Christmas Eve Service and of course we had a few boxes remaining, so we are also distributing them through the Treasure Chest Outreach. Your care and thoughts were and will be warmly received. Thank you for thinking of us.*

*Be Blessed  
Chaplain May*



### Grief Ministry Update

The next Grief Support Group will begin Tuesday, January 23, 2018, and will last approximately 8 weeks, ending March 13, 2018. There will be two meeting times and places; Pastor Cheryl Nelson will be the facilitator for both groups. A daytime group will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Benton Senior Citizen Center at 202 Sibley in Benton (the old Library), and the evening group will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Breakfast Club Sunday School room at Benton UMC.

The Support Group is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one and who needs help coping, accepting, moving on. There is always a spiritual element in the meetings and everything is held in strict confidence and treated with sincere respect.

**If you or someone you know might benefit from this ministry, or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Cheryl at (318) 422-0914.**

## 4 first place health

discover a new way to healthy living

First Place 4 Health (FP4H) is about learning lifestyle changes that stress giving God first place in all areas of our lives. It is a Christ-centered program that works toward transforming your four-sided person - heart, soul, mind, and strength - so that you might live out your life with health and balance in each of these four areas.

It is a group of men and women who encourage one another and pray one for another. It is spending daily quiet time doing a Bible study. It is a way of looking at food as fuel for our bodies, not as comfort for our souls, and of looking at exercise as getting ourselves able to actively enjoy our lives.

Join us Tuesday, January 16, for our orientation meeting. Find out more about how to let God transform you spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. We'd love to have you join us at 6:00 PM in the Pairs and Spares classroom at the top of the stairs.



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH-HOPE-LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women  
President, Pat Mosher

[onthelake8@bellsouth.net](mailto:onthelake8@bellsouth.net)

(318) 572-3447

### CALENDAR:

Thursday, January 11, 2018  
Morning Glories Circle meet at 9:30 AM  
in the Breakfast Club Classroom.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
Nightingales meet at 6:30 PM  
in the Breakfast Club Classroom.  
The program will be *Call to Prayer and Self-Denial*  
led by Mona Bartage.

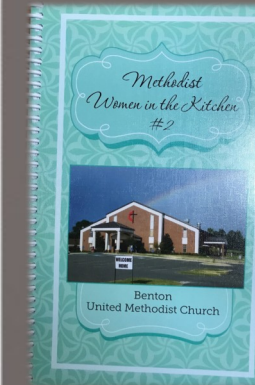
Saturday, January 27  
**United Methodist Men Dinner and Auction**

Sunday, January 28  
**United Methodist Women Sunday**  
Rev Cheryl Nelson "Caring For God's World"

Sunday, February 11  
Mark your calendars for our  
Cookie Stroll & Valentine Basket Auction!

**All ladies are invited to join us.**

### SHARING:



### Methodist Women in the Kitchen #2

Our Cookbook is still available in the church office at \$20 each or 6 for \$100. They make great house warming or birthday gifts for those who love to cook or are learning to cook! The cookbook has over 600 recipes.

*Proceeds go to United Methodist Women supported missions.*



YOUNG, SINGLE AND PREGNANT?  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Join  
AN EMBRACE GRACE  
GROUP!

Tuesdays • 6-7:30pm • Start January 9, 2018  
St Jude Church • 4700 Palmetto Rd  
Benton, Louisiana 71006

# Benton United Methodist Church 2018 Church Council

David Denmon, Chair  
 Monica Arredondo & Ron Jones, Lay Delegates to Annual Conference  
 Catherine Long, Reserve Delegate to Annual Conference  
 Buddy Hearne, Chair, Finance Committee  
 Danny Etter, Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee  
 Dave Thomson, Trustees Representative  
 To Be Selected, Chair, Daycare Board  
 Pat Mosher, Congregational Care Ministries Coordinator  
 Sue Shadow & Joel Carter, Serving Ministries Coordinator  
 Ann Sellers & Lindsay Salter, Inviting Ministries Coordinator  
 Mark Silliman, President, Benton United Methodist Men  
 Pat Mosher, President, Benton United Methodist Women

## Committee on Lay Leadership

Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor Co-Chair  
 To Be Selected, Lay Leader Co-Chair

Andy Holley, Class of 2018 Katherine Ashley, Class of 2018 Jake Duddy, Class of 2018	Gary Wyche, Class of 2019 Dianne Wilkinson, Class of 2019 Lindsay Salter, Class of 2019	Holly Doyal, Class of 2020 Christy Gonzalez, Class of 2020 John Carter, Sr., Class of 2020
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## Board of Trustees

Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor (Ex-Officio Member)  
 To Be Selected, Lay Leader, (Ex-Officio Member)

Wilma Simon, Class of 2018 Jason Sellers, Class of 2018 Dave Thomson, Class of 2018	Derek Reynolds, Class of 2019 Mark Crosby, Class of 2019 Lorie Watson, Class of 2019	Bob Long, Class of 2020 Bruce Easterly, Class of 2020 Lola Bednarke, Class of 2020
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## Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor (Ex-Officio Member)  
 To Be Selected, Lay Leader (Ex-Officio Member)  
 Monica Arredondo, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference (Ex-Officio Member)  
 Danny Etter, Chair

Robert Hauser, Class of 2018 Danny Etter, Class of 2018 Martha Grisso, Class of 2018	Megan Cox, Class of 2019 Joley Scott, Class of 2019 Monica Arredondo, Class of 2019	Nancy Sandidge, Class of 2020 Lillian Holley, Class of 2020 Bo May, Class of 2020
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## Finance Committee

Buddy Hearne, Chair  
 David Denmon, Church Council Chair  
 Danny Etter, Staff/Parish Relations Committee  
 To Be Selected, Lay Leader  
 Millie Crites, Church Administrator  
 Carolyn Collins, Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper  
 Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor  
 Dave Thomson, Trustees Representative

Rob Salter, Class of 2018 Belinda Kennedy, Class of 2018 David Doyal, Class of 2018	Robert Adley, Class of 2019 Jeremy Moore, Class of 2019 Dan Ursery, Class of 2019	Sharon Long, Class of 2020 Buddy Hearne, Class of 2020 Henry Simon, Class of 2020
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# Benton United Methodist Church 2018 Church Council, Staff & Support Ministries

## Daycare / Pre-School Board

To Be Selected, Chair  
 Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor  
 Danny Etter, Staff/Parish Relations Representative  
 Buddy Hearne, Finance Chair  
 Dave Thomson, Trustees Representative  
 David Denmon, Church Council Chair  
 Phyllis McKinney, Daycare Director  
 To Be Selected, Lay Leader  
 Mary Jo Duddy, Non-Voting Educational Consultant

Mandie Rhymes, Class of 2018 Donna Dayries, Class of 2018 Kay Etter, Class of 2018	Dana Cherry, Class of 2019 Margie Covington, Class of 2019 Myra Sobral, Class of 2019	Debbie Filler, Class of 2020 Denise Karamales, Class of 2020 To Be Selected, Class of 2020
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## Inviting In Team

Ann Sellers & Lindsay Salter, Co-Chairs  
 Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor  
 Dick Mosher & Ron Jones, Director of Greeters  
 Jake Duddy, George Rumbaugh, & Mark Silliman, Director of Ushers

Team Members:

Gordon Bartage David J. Doyal Robert Hauser	Kim Hauser Buddy Hearne Andy Holley	Lillian Holley Ginny Jones Ron Jones	Pat Mosher Rev. Cheryl Nelson Ann Thomson
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## Congregational Care

Pat Mosher & Mona Bartage, Co-Chairs  
 Rev. William Bradley Franklin, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Cheryl Nelson, Associate Pastor

Team Members:

David & Kelly Denmon, Eucharistic Ministry Betty Russell, Prayer Team Nancy Stinson, Prayer Chain Gail Pitts, Hospitality/Bereavement	Cheryl Nelson, Shepherd Ministry Ernest Covington, Visitation Catherine Long & Alyce Wyche, Disciple Shepherds
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## Outreach Team

Sue Shadow & Joel Carter, Co-Chairs  
 Rachel Stoneman, Director of Missions

Team Members:

Myra Sobral & Monica Arredondo, Volunteer Placement Coordinators Joel Carter, Fundraising Rachel Stoneman, Disaster Coordinator Guy "Fuzzy" Bradford, Fire Recovery Ministry Millie Crites & Carolyn Collins, Toy Shoppe Ginny Jones, Emergency Food Pantry Ron Jones, Joseph Ministry Katherine Kavanaugh, Souper Saturday Kim Hauser, Louisiana Methodist Children & Families	Rachel Stoneman, Community Garden Joel Carter & Kim Hauser, The Table Food Ministry Rachel Stoneman, LifeShare Blood Drive Ron Jones, UMM Representative Kim Hauser, UMW Representative Rachel Stoneman, A Cross Faith Advocacy Center Sue Shadow, The Closet Clothes Ministry Millie Crites & Carolyn Collins, Wrapped in Love Rachel Stoneman & Joel Carter, Flood Relief Jon & Kelly Novak, Operation North Star
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