



**DISASTER
RELIEF**

Mark your calendars for our next disaster relief trip to Baton Rouge.


Sunday, November 4—Wednesday, November 7

For more information, please contact:
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:
rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org

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



Benton UMC's

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 28th at 5:00 PM



October 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church

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Weekly Events

Sundays

Worship 8:15 AM
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Boy Scouts 2:00 PM
Bible Study @ Hearne Home 6:00 PM

Mondays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM

Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team 9:00 AM

Wednesdays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM
The Closet Workday @ BUMC 9:30 AM
The Closet Distribution @ Chapel 11:30 AM
WOW! Dinner 5:30 PM
WOW! Studies 6:10 PM

Thursdays

Bible Study led by Brad Franklin 10:00 AM
Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 PM
Choir Practice 6:00 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM

hello **October**

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

On October 21st Thomas Edison invents the electric light on this day in 1879. Because of this marvel which required years of patient experimentation, night can be like day. On this day, turn on an electric light with a heart full of prayerful gratitude that you can have light all the time. And perhaps each time you turn on one of these wondrous servant inventions you can let its light remind you of your call to pray always.

Have a blessed month of October!!

Your Preacher,
Brad

*"You are my God,
and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."
~ Psalm 118:28-29*

Monthly & Special Events

- Monday, October 1**
 Bodies on a Mission 9:00 AM
 Staff/Parish Relations Meeting 6:00 PM
- Sunday, October 7**
 United Methodist Men Breakfast 7:00 AM
 World Communion Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, October 9**
 Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- Thursday, October 11**
 Morning Glories 9:30 AM
- Friday, October 12**
 Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
- Monday, October 15**
 Worship Team Meeting 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 16**
 NWLA Food Truck Unloading 8:00 AM
 NWLA Food Bag Packing 9:00 AM
 Nightingales 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 17**
 The Closet @ A Cross Faith 11:30 AM
 The Table Ministry Lunch & Devotion 11:30 AM
 The Table Food Distribution 12:30 PM
- Friday, October 19**
 Just a Bunch of Lit Wits 7:15 AM
- Sunday, October 21**
 United Methodist Men Breakfast 7:00 AM
 LifeShare Blood Drive 7:45 AM
- Tuesday, October 23**
 O.P.A.L.S. 11:30 AM
- Friday, October 26**
 Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
- Saturday, October 27**
 Souper Saturday 7:30 AM
- Sunday, October 28**
 Trunk-or-Treat 5:00 PM

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.

O.P.A.L.S. (Older People with Active Life Styles)

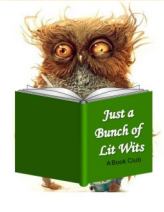
Tuesday, October 23 at 11:30 AM
 in the Family Life Center
 Cost: \$5.00

OPALS will meet for their monthly gathering of fun, food and fellowship. This month our program will highlight our own Dan Garner and his long career in the Shreveport music industry. He will tell us of places like the Old Blue Goose and people like Tillman Franks and Maggie Warwick, projects he's worked on and his connection to BGB Records. It will be most interesting and everyone is invited! Our donation to Common Ground this month for their neighborhood pantry is jars of spaghetti sauce, so bring a couple. Hope to see YOU there!

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

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

Telling Our Story
 October 21st & 28th
 2019 Stewardship Campaign



Our book club meets again on October 19, 2018 with the book **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot**. We choose books at our monthly meetings. Now is the time to jump in and join the Lit Wits! We would love to see you there!
 Contact Joel Carter for information at (318) 465-9235.

Thank You, Benton UMC



ThinkFirst
 National Injury Prevention Foundation
 ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER
 960 Sheridan Ave., Suite A - Shreveport, LA 71104
 (318) 226-0066 * Fax (318) 226-0093

August 27, 2018

Benton United Methodist Church
 Attn: Linda Silas
 4615 Palmetto Road
 Benton, LA 71006

Dear Linda,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of ThinkFirst of the Ark-La-Tex, I want to thank you for the recent donation. ThinkFirst is funded 100% by grants and donations from caring individuals like you.

Your donation allows ThinkFirst to:

- Reach thousands of children, youth and adults annually to avoid the consequences of risk-taking behavior.
- Encourage at-risk youth to make smart decisions.
- Engage our Voices for Injury Prevention (VIP) speakers. These speakers have brain, spinal cord or other traumatic injuries who give their life changing stories at each program.
- Create and distribute newsletters annually to over 2,500 people.
- Spread our life-saving message "use your mind to protect your body".

Your donation will be listed in our next local newsletter. Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generous support of ThinkFirst.

Your partner in prevention,

Donna B. Cavanaugh
 Donna B. Cavanaugh, B.A.
 Executive Director

We so appreciate your support. Down & the Think First TEAM

"USE YOUR MIND TO PROTECT YOUR BODY"



A special thank you to Benton UMC for hosting a fish fry Sunday, Sept 23. The rain prevented it from happening at the Mosher's on the lake. Sixty seven Bomb Nav reunioners attended from all over the US. Also thanks to Brent and Jeannie Hine for catering.
 ~Dick & Pat Mosher

Thank You, Benton UMC



Louisiana Methodist Children's Home
904 Deville Lane
PO Box 929
Ruston, LA 71273-0929
Phone: (318) 255-5575 Fax: (318) 255-5457
Website: LMCH.org

August 30, 2018

Benton UMC, VBS Pennies for Missions
4615 Palmetto Rd
Benton, LA 71006-0388

Dear Faithful Members:

Your investment in our ministry maintains the programs which are instrumental to healing the youth in our care. We simply could not do it so well without your help. Thank you for remembering our children with your gift of \$500.00.

As you think of all the wonderful things the rest of this year will bring to you and your family, remember the children who live with us at our three Children's Homes and with our Methodist Foster Families.

Not only do our children need your prayers; our direct care staff, our admissions department, our teachers and our therapists all hear the horror stories of childhood trauma. Our staff continually witness the struggles these children experience as they attempt to unhinge themselves from a revolving door of adverse childhood experiences.

God bless you for caring enough to do something for Louisiana's children!

Sincerely,

Rick Wheat
President and CEO



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4615 Palmetto Rd
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Dear Benton UMC:

On behalf of our children and staff, thank you for your gift of \$334.00 in support of our Mother's Day Offering! Because of your thoughtfulness, we can continue to bring God's nurturing love and comfort to our children each and every day even when their own mothers cannot.

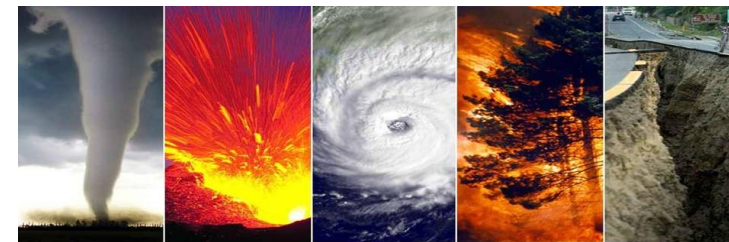
Many of the children brought to us have not experienced the comfort and safety of a home with a loving, caring mother. They have no idea what a mother's hug feels like. However, through the love of our staff and friends like you who help support and care for each child, we are empowered to introduce them to the grace of God who heals, comforts, loves and can mend their broken hearts.

Through your prayers and contributions, you have become this child's family in Christ, and together we have shared God's healing love with him. Thank you!

Warm regards,

Rick Wheat
President and CEO

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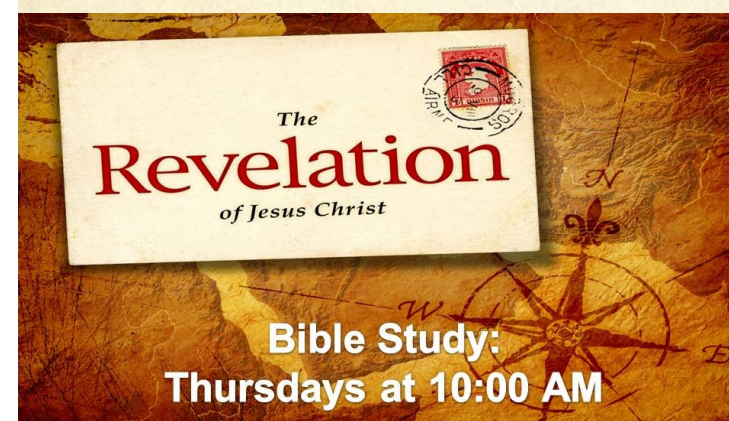


Early Response Team Training Saturday, October 6 at 8 AM

October 6, First UMC Bossier City
Basic: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Advanced: 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM
Online registration: <https://www.la-umc.org/ert>



Blood Drive
Sunday, October 21
7:45 AM-11:45 AM



Bible Study:
Thursdays at 10:00 AM



Coming December 2018



Benton United Methodist Women
President, Pat Mosher

onthelake8@bellsouth.net

(318) 572-3447

Mark your calendars:

Circles Meetings

Morning Glories Circle
Thursday, October 11 at 9:30 AM

Nightingales Circle
Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM

Pledges for 2019 will be started in October.
Both Circles will meet in the Breakfast Club Room.



Annual United Methodist Women Meeting
October 12-13 in Lafayette
This is our annual state meeting.

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 29 at 1:00 PM
All are invited to come as we regroup
and make some changes for 2019.

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 gifts for Christmas!!
Proceeds go to United Methodist Women
supported missions.

Start shopping for small items for the Samaritan's Purse
Shoebboxes. They are to be packed in October and sent out in
November to the world - showing Christ's love to His children!!!
This is open to the whole church.

Upcoming Events

Shreveport District Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 10 at Christ UMC

Frozen Casserole Sale
Sunday, November 11

General Meeting
Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 PM
Christmas Program—Nightingale Circle
Hostess—Morning Glories





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018

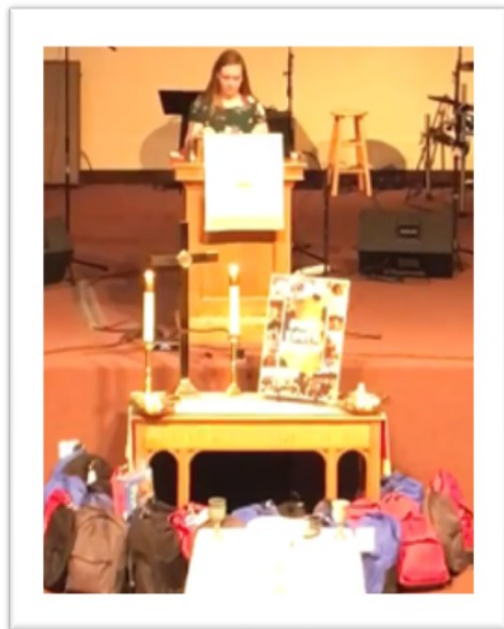
Bringing Bread for the Altar

On Sunday, October 7th, please bring bread to share with a local ministry and place it on the altar on your way in to worship. Pastor Brad will bless this bread for those who will receive it.

About World Communion Sunday in the UMC

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.



Youth Sunday

I would like to take the opportunity to express my thanks for the Youth Sunday on August 5th. It was a pleasure to see the children of that age able to take a position in front of the congregation and either speak or read from the Bible. Learning to stand in front of others and talk is an important thing in life. It is good that it is permitted in the Church, for in my opinion very little opportunity is available elsewhere. Many mature adults are unable to stand before others and talk, simply because of lack of opportunity or training.

*May Jesus bless us all.
~Jim Covington*

Serving Our Community



**Tuesday, October 16 &
Wednesday, October 17**

The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, October 16
9:00 AM Truck Unloading
10:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, October 17
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

For more information on The Table, contact:
Kim Hauser kimdenise1996@gmail.com or Rachel Stoneman rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org

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:

3rd Wednesdays 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

All Other Wednesdays..... 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

**A Cross Faith
Advocacy Center**

HOURS:
Wednesday, October 17
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church
Transforming the community...

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

Sue Shadow
318.965.2496
shadow781@bellsouth.net



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
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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