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Blood Drive
Sunday, May 19
7:45 AM-11:45 AM

LifeShare Blood Centers are currently at a critically low blood supply. If you are able to donate, please schedule your appointment at:

https://donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/189806

Thank you for all you do for our community!

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.



INsight

May 2019
 Monthly Newsletter
 of Benton United Methodist Church

Weekly Events

Sundays
 Worship..... 8:15 AM
 Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
 Worship..... 10:30 AM
 Boy Scouts..... 2:00 PM
 Bible Study at the 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 @ BUMC 9:30 AM
 The Closet @ Chapel 11:30 AM
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Thursdays
 Thursday Bible Study: *John*..... 10:00 AM
 Alcoholics Anonymous..... 6:00 PM

Fridays
 Bodies On a Mission..... 9:00 AM

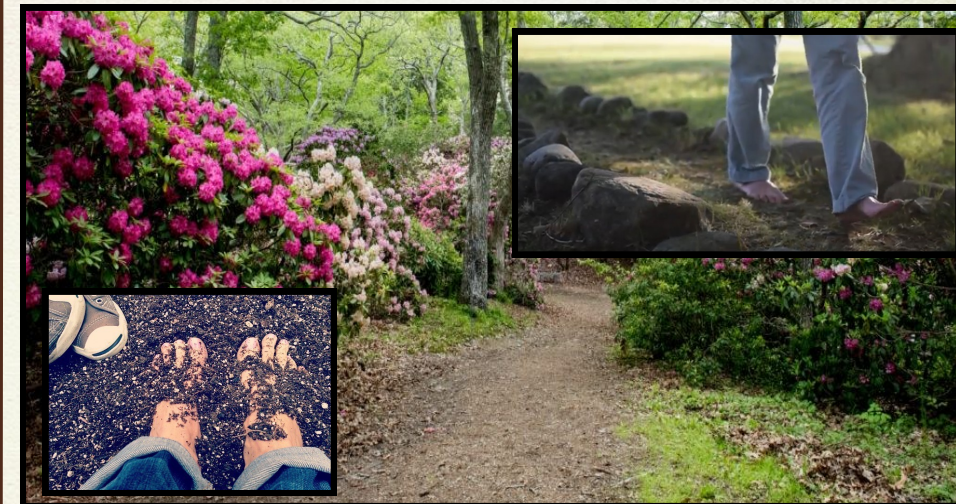
A Word From Pastor Brad

Church,

Have you ever considered what it might mean to pray with your feet?

In 1310, for the first time since the fall of the Roman Empire, shoes were made for both the right and left feet. Until then, even royalty did not have shoes shaped for their individual feet. Now get this, right and left shoes were not made in America until about 1750. So, reflect today, as you enjoy the comfort of your footwear, how you might pray with your feet, and take a mini-pilgrimage to a location where you can experience the presence of God. Who knows? That very spot might be your own backyard.

God Bless,
 Your Preacher



Dear Church,

At one of our most recent WOWs, Patrick Thomas who is the current camp manager along with his wife Jess, came to speak to us about Camp Caney. It was both inspirational and informative. We're blessed to have such a special relationship with the camp and exciting things are in store for Caney this summer. Check out the current camp schedule or go online to find out more.

-Your Preacher



2019 CANEY CAMPS:

- [Pre-Camp: May 31 – June 2](#)
- [Junior High Camp: June 3 – 7](#)
- [Senior High Camp: June 17 – 21](#)
- [Elementary Camp: July 8 – 12](#)

For more information, go to www.campcaney.com

²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.
²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

~ Proverbs 4:26-27



Monthly & Special Events

Thursday, May 2
Daycare Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Sunday, May 5
United Methodist Men Breakfast 7:00 AM
Safety Team Scenario Training @ Bodcau 11:30 AM

Thursday, May 9
Morning Glories 9:30 AM
Daycare Graduation 6:30 PM

Friday, May 10
Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM

Tuesday, May 14
NWLA Food Truck Unloading 8:00 AM
NWLA Food Bag Packing 9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 15
The Closet Clothes Ministry @ A Cross Faith 11:30 AM
The Table Food Lunch & Devotion 11:30 AM
The Table Food Distribution 12:30 PM
WOW! Holy Week Reflection 5:30 PM

Friday, May 17
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread 7:15 AM

Saturday, May 18
Bossier Parish Schools Graduation Day All Day

Sunday, May 19
LifeShare Blood Drive 7:45 AM
United Methodist Men Breakfast 7:00 AM

Tuesday, May 21
Nightingales 6:00 PM

Friday, May 24
Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM

Saturday, May 25
Souper Saturday 7:30 AM

Sunday, May 26
Class Meeting 11:30 AM

Tuesday, May 28
OPALS 11:30 AM

Louisiana Society of Animal Artists
LSU Medical Center
School Library Building C
March 12, 2019 Until

If you want to see and buy art, the Louisiana Society of Animal Artists has an art show at LSU University Health Science Center Library in Building C. Eighty pieces of art will be shown beginning March 12, 2019. Prints, giclees, and originals of animals, flowers and landscapes will be shown.



Tuesday, May 28, 2019
11:30 AM in the Family Life/Worship Center
\$5 per person

The Older People with Active Life Styles will have a delicious lunch and meet Dr. Dale McPherson from Benton Physical Therapy on Burt Blvd. who will be our special speaker for the day. Not only will he inform us of the treatments and benefits his practice offers, but he will also give us tips on how to handle and protect our bodies as we age. It's the perfect program for the 55+ bunch, so join us! Lunch is \$5 and you'll need to make a reservation with Peggy Rumbaugh by May 26. Our donation to Common Ground this month for their neighborhood pantry is rice and pasta in 1 lb or 2 lb packages – they are so appreciative of our support. Hope to see YOU at OPALS!

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

YOU ARE INVITED!
SHERIFF JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON & FIRST BAPTIST HAUGHTON INVITE YOU TO
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
MAY 2 | 6:30AM
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HAUGHTON

NEW!
Sunday School
Begins June 2, 2019

There will be a new class offering during the Sunday School hour beginning in June, especially designed for older adult couples, hosted by Jackie & Cheryl Nelson and Dick & Pat Mosher. The class will be called "The Believers" and will meet in the old sanctuary in the Day Care building. Cheryl and Dick will team teach, using literature by British pastor and theologian, N.T. Wright. They will begin with the New Testament, studying *Matthew for Everyone*. There is a significant number of couples in the 55+ range who come to worship, but do not attend Sunday School. Because a small group discussion can add so much to our spiritual growth, we encourage you to try this new class.

There will be a "Meet & Greet Coffee" at 9:15 on June 2 – come see if this is just what you've been looking for!

Many Thanks, Benton UMC!



March 25, 2019
Gift-in-Kind
Your gift today: misc. baby items

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Dear Supporter,

Supporting women so that their choices may bring blessing, freedom and hope for the future is what we have been doing here for over 25 years. The donations that we receive from people like you make it possible for us to offer help and hope to those who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Thank you for your recent contribution. Our prayer is that God will bless you as much as you have blessed others.

Sincerely,

Chantal Small
Chantal Small
Executive Director

Thank you so much!!



February 21, 2019

Dear OCC Partners:

We wanted to update you on all the activity for 2018. Another incredible year!!! And it would not have happened without your partnership with this wonderful ministry. We all work together all year long to pack shoeboxes so that as many children as possible will hear the good news of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Here are the numbers for this year:

Worldwide - 10,623,776

USA - 8,801,607

Texas/Louisiana - 733,306

Northwest Louisiana - 21,477

3.96 million shoebox recipients participated in the follow-up discipleship program "The Greatest Journey"

2.77 million graduated from "The Greatest Journey" which is the highest yearly total to date.

More than 2 million students made decisions for Christ in 2018. This is the largest number since the program began in 2009. This means that children around the world are hungry to know about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Even though the number of shoeboxes is down, the number of children receiving Jesus and going through the Discipleship Program is up. Thank you Jesus!!!!

It's not too early to begin praying for more children to come to know Jesus in 2019. So let's begin this journey together again. We are so thankful to go through this journey with all our wonderful partners. We certainly could not do this without you. So let's begin, shall we?

Many thanks and blessings to all,

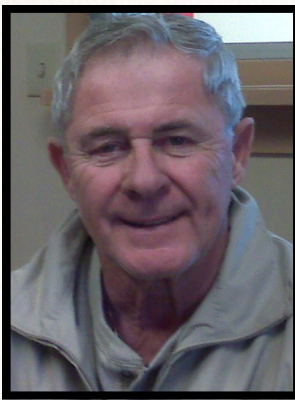
Jessica West and the entire OCC team
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Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8b

*We are so grateful that you chose to follow the LORD's call to reach this city and the world! Thank you for prayerfully considering assisting us as we serve in the pro-life arena. We value your support in reaching our "Jerusalem" and saving babies from abortion. In Christ for Life,
Chantal Small*



Church,

As one of your Lay Delegates to the Louisiana Conference to be held in June 2019, I wanted to let you know that I am putting my name forward as a Lay Delegate to the 2020 General Conference. This decision was not easy as I am not a person who likes involvement in political matters. But after much prayer, reading about the situation and discussion with others, I felt called to put my name forward as a delegate.

Both Laity and Clergy delegates will be elected in June at Annual Conference and I hope and pray I am one of those selected to represent the Louisiana Conference at the regular 2020 General Conference. I also need your prayers.

I am a traditionalist and believe that our Discipline is a very good representation of my beliefs. Down through Christian history groups have split for many reasons and to my way of thinking that has been good. It has allowed Christian beliefs in Jesus Christ as our Savior to expand. Splitting to me is not horrible if it is done in love. I feel that our Methodist leadership fears splitting and that is an unfounded fear.

If all Methodists can find a way to allow those who have different ideas about the LGBT community among us to separate with all their assets and form another Methodist church of their own, while doing this in love, then I truly believe this is the path to a lasting solution. That is my platform. I do want to make myself available to anyone who would like to discuss these matters further. I am always open to discussion regarding ideas that will help to bring about reconciliation and let all Methodists get back to the way of love that was and is our Lord and Savior's way.

Please, again keep me in your prayers as all of us here at Benton UMC know the very real power of prayer.

Blessings, Ron

Financial Report

Benton UMC has started off strong this year.

First Quarter Financial Report 2019

Income	154,167.81
Expenses	144,507.12

Apportionments

La Conference Apportionment amount for 2019 is \$44,828.00. We have paid \$11,715.75 for first quarter. Balance \$33,112.25. We are paying \$3,905.21 per month.

Mortgage note balance \$ 217,375.91 Monthly note is \$5,661.61

Note for Air conditioners for Family Life Center balance \$8,409.40 Monthly note is 2,152.33

We needed air conditioners for office area and the United Methodist Men paid \$12,500. Thanks to the UMM.

Phase one of the Security System has been completed and expenses have been paid.

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April 8, 2019

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Dear Congregation,

Thank you very much for the generous financial donation to Operation Blessing. We are able to be a blessing to many of our citizens in need here in Bossier Parish because of people like you. Your giving enabled us to make food bags that citizens can pick up at our pantries twice a month or have a bag delivered to their home once a month.

Operation Blessing established in 1998 is a non-profit food pantry organized to assist the elderly and needy residents of Bossier Parish. The program continues to be successful due to caring people like the members of your church.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Julian Whittington

2510 Viking Drive

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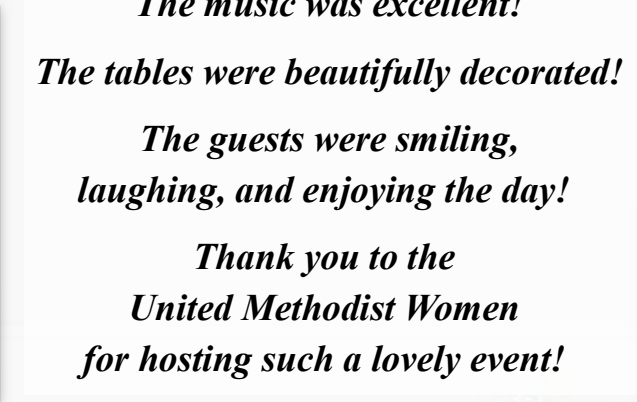
Sunday, April 7, 2019

Operation Blessing & Benton United Methodist Men

Pictured above: Rev. Brad Franklin presents Glen Horton with a donation to Operation Blessing from the Benton UMM.

Thank you, Benton UMM, for all you do in Christ's name for our community and church!

Ladies Annual Luncheon



Thank you to all who helped at our Ladies Luncheon!

Our speaker was fabulous!

Lunch was delicious!

The youth were wonderful servers—quick, patient, kind and very attentive!

The music was excellent!

The tables were beautifully decorated!

The guests were smiling, laughing, and enjoying the day!

Thank you to the United Methodist Women for hosting such a lovely event!

Loving Jesus Through His Children



Above 2 pics: Anna Grace (taking pictures), Pat Stinson, Doug Filler, and Dick Mosher install and fill Jim Morris' garden bed.



Above 3 pics: Tammy McLean, Ron Jones, Shane McLean, Colin McLean, Connor McLean, and Stuart Covington installing Buddy Carter's garden bed.



Many Thanks...

David Hamm from the Benton Police Department, along with Doug Filler, Pat Stinson, Anna Grace Stinson, Ron Jones, Tammy McLean, Connor McLean, and Colin McLean delivered the raised beds first thing on Saturday morning on March 30th while Stuart Covington, Dick Mosher, Shane McLean and Rachel Stoneman went to get the compost. After returning, the team split up again to fill the beds. The splitting of teams worked so well that we were able to deliver and fill the 5 beds before 1:00 PM!

It was touching to hear the excitement—especially from some people who were recommended by the Benton Police Department—they were surprised that the department cared enough to refer them for this service. Benton UMC greatly appreciates the partnership with the Benton Police and plan to do it in 2020! Join us!!



Above: Anna Grace (taking pictures), Pat Stinson, Doug Filler, and Dick Mosher install Ms. Minnie's garden bed.



Left 2 pics: Tammy McLean speaking with Ronnie and Charla about the raised beds. They have 5 children and Charla loves gardening. Ronnie said, "She can grow anything! Thank you so much! I can't believe they did this."



"Thank you for everything with the gardens! Several people have come to us thanking us and you [Benton UMC]."



Above: Mr. Brett getting his raised bed and meeting Shane McLean. Ron and Stuart are smoothing out the compost. He is one happy man that loves to garden!

Seeds for the Harvest Community Day with the Benton Police Department