



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

Ice Cream & Fireworks Wednesday, July 3 at 7:30 PM

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! We will have ice cream and watch the special fireworks show that Cypress Baptist hosts each year. Bring a lawn chair for your comfort!

50's Sock Hop

Sponsored by the Benton United Methodist Women

Friday, August 2, 2019 from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM



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
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: <i>John</i>	10:00 AM
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	6:00 PM
Fridays	
Bodies On a Mission.....	9:00 AM

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

June 21st marks the summer solstice. This is one of those days, marking the year's longest hours of daylight. Plan to do something special that day like a picnic, or take time for a celebration of watching our sun disappear over the western horizon. June 21st begins the new season of summer; celebrate its arrival as an opportunity to begin something new in life. Examine your life patterns, and if you find that you are stuck in old ruts that keep you from being fully alive, today's the day to jump out of them and start afresh.

Your Preacher,
Brad

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

~ Acts 2: 1-4

Monthly & Special Events

- Sunday, June 2**
United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM
- Thursday, June 6**
Finance Committee Meeting6:00 PM
- Saturday, June 8**
All Inclusive Ministry Event
Breakfast.....8:30 AM
Program9:00 AM
Lunch11:00 AM
- Friday, June 14**
Sew Crazy Ladies10:00 AM
- Sunday, June 16**
United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM
- Tuesday, June 18**
Food Truck Unloading8:00 AM
Food Bag Packing.....9:00 AM
- Wednesday, June 19**
The Closet Clothes Ministry @ A Cross Faith.....11:30 AM
The Table Food Lunch & Devotion11:30 AM
The Table Food Distribution12:30 PM
WOW! Holy Week Reflection5:30 PM
- Friday, June 21**
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread.....7:15 AM
- Friday, June 28**
Sew Crazy Ladies10:00 AM
- Saturday, June 29**
Souper Saturday7:30 AM



OPALS is taking a break for the summer so we will not be meeting in June, July or August. We look forward to seeing everyone back again the 4th Tuesday of September. Have a great summer!



NEW! Begins June 2, 2019

You are invited to join The Believers Sunday School Class in the old sanctuary, located in the Day Care building, beginning June 2, 2019, at 9:15 AM. Cheryl Nelson and Dick Mosher will be facilitating discussions on the Gospel of Matthew as their introductory Bible study; however, in-depth Bible study is not the intent of this new class. Sharing life experiences and noting times when God has been in our midst is what makes the Bible the "Living Word," so we will be looking for its relevance in our daily lives. Discussion will be geared to older adults, but anyone is welcome to join us. Our first meeting will be an informal gathering with coffee & cake when we introduce ourselves and the book *Matthew for Everyone* by N.T. Wright.

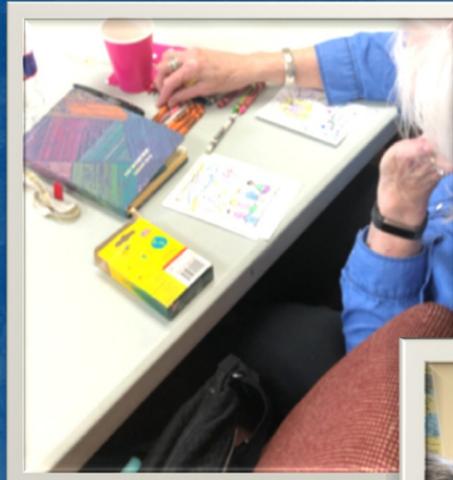
There will be a "Meet & Greet Coffee" at 9:15 on June 2 – come see if this is just what you've been looking for!



Fans are Needed!

There is great need for fans for the elderly who visit the Council on Aging and others that use their programs. The council said that they use the fans so much, their clients request new ones each year because they wear them out! The cost is about \$20 per fan and you can donate to or bring fans to the church. Mark your checks "Fan Drive". Please bring new box fans or monetary donations to the church through Sunday, June 16. Thank you for all you do for our community!

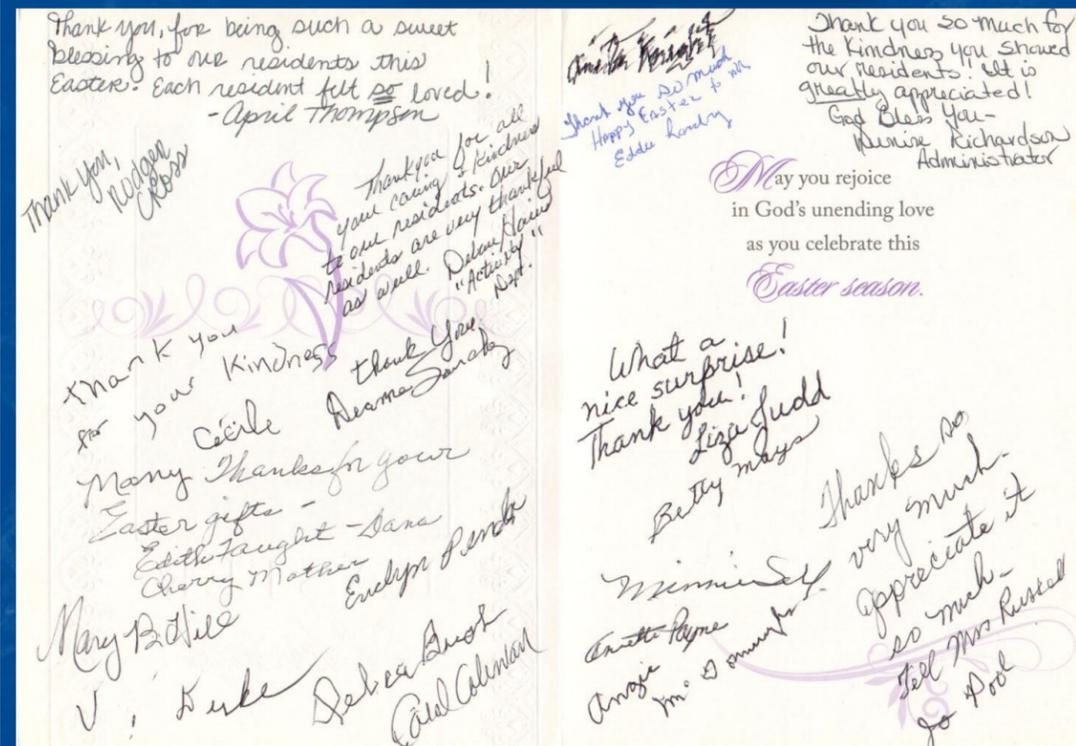
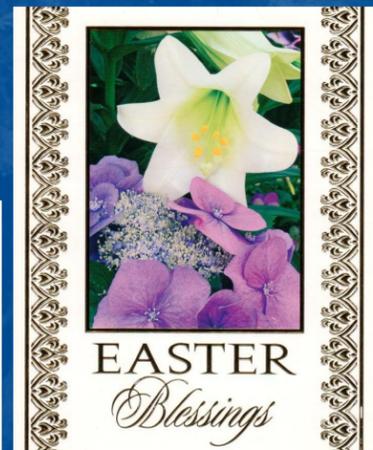
Many Thanks, Benton UMC!



Sincere and loving "Thank You" for helping us celebrate the life of Gladys Legg. We appreciate all the food and caring by everyone. Love, the Legg Family



Pictured above and right are the Morning Glories coloring the tags for the Pilgrim Manor and Garden Court care packages. This is serious business! If you are available—check out the Morning Glories which starts again on Thursday, August 8 at 9:30 AM.



Pictured left is a thank you card from Pilgrim Manor for the care packages Benton UMC packed on WOW! Mission Night, March 27. Parents, youth and other Benton UMC adults delivered these care packages and had a wonderful time!



Manna Bags—Mini Mission

Sunday, May 26, immediately following service, the church took a moment to pack Manna Bags for the homeless. These bags include a Sarah Young devotional, an assistance guide for the Shreveport-Bossier area, an MRE (meal ready-to-eat), Gatorade, water bottle, Nutri-Grain bar, peanut butter crackers, and a Chapstick. These are great to hand out to those in need.



Thank You, Benton UMC!

I came to Benton UMC as the Associate Pastor in June 2005, and I have experienced an incredible ministry these past 14 years, for which I will forever be grateful. When I began, we were in the Day Care building, and my “office” was a small desk with a telephone in the corner of the lobby. I have taught Bible studies, led women’s retreats, started SS classes, helped to instigate OPALS, the Shepherd Ministry, Prayer Ministry and Eucharistic Ministry. My two favorite areas of service have been with the older members of our church family and the Worship Team, even though I have coordinated our Christian Education, organized the first Wednesday Night Live and led confirmation classes. I have truly enjoyed being a part of the journey of this body of believers who want to transform the world (and this community) by making (inviting in, growing up and sending out) disciples of Jesus Christ.

I answered the call to preach late, after a career in teaching, and so I chose the path for Local Pastors which involved 20 courses of study, but not ordination and not itinerancy (moving around). As long as I am appointed to a church, I am considered “clergy,” but if I am not under appointment, I am (once again) simply “laity.” I have chosen not to be appointed at this Annual Conference, so after June 12, 2019, don’t call me “Pastor Cheryl”- just “Cheryl” will sound good to me. I so appreciate the United Methodist Church for making a way for me to answer my call and use my pastoral gifts. It has been a most rewarding season of my life, but I look forward with great anticipation to the season that is to come . . . with Jackie and grandchildren.

*Sincere Gratitude + Blessings,
Cheryl*

Loving Jesus Through His Children



The Joseph Ministry (above, left to right): Stuart Covington, Robert Moncrief, Ron Jones and Read Yancey with Dawn. Dawn donated blankets, back packs, pillows, travel pillows, clothing and much, much more. The Joseph Ministry brought all the stuff to the church to be sorted. Some of the items like sheets and pillows were donated to ReNesting and some are being held for a mini mission in September and October.



Storm Response
April 27-29, 2019
Ruston, Louisiana

Upper Left: ERT Training

Upper Right:
Demolished barn

Left: Huge tree & huge crew surrounding the homeowners with love

Serving through our Benton Police Department with Detective David Hamm. Detective Hamm needed a care package and Benton UMC delivered!



Storm Response
April 15, 2019
Blanchard, Louisiana

Left & Below:
3 homeowners had damage

like this from straight-line winds and they were able to remove the trees from the roof and the parish helped remove debris. They appreciated being checked on by UMC Disaster Response.



Storm Response—May 9 & 10, 2019
Blanchard, Louisiana

Upper Right: Tree blocking road—30 minutes to clear—watch out on dark, back roads, trees down without as many branches are not as visible.

Upper Left: Neighborhood flooded—all homes and people were safe!

Below right: Turn around, don't drown! Some roads are very deceptive when water is involved. Even when you can see the stripes—they reflect through water further than you think!

