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**Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM**

**Mark your calendars for your next mini-mission immediately following dinner!**

**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.

**WOW! Impact Mini Mission**  
 5:30 PM—Dinner  
 6:00 PM—Mini Mission

**Register by emailing:**  
[linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org)



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

## New Places for New People

**Saturday September 28th - Embrace Café,**  
**153 S. Elm St. - #400, Haughton, LA**  
**9:30 AM-3:30 PM**  
**Lunch Provided, Free Event**

Reaching new people and creating new spaces is not just for the new churches, but this work can actually be done within the existing churches on a smaller scale as well.

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a new initiative called NP2 **New Places for New People**, which is a smaller project of an existing congregation, individual, or team of a church to create a new opportunity for those outside of any congregation to encounter a disciple making practice.

What are you passionate about? Do you play tennis? Quilt? Love Coffee? Yoga? Dogs? Food? All of these passions can help you reach new people and share the love of Jesus within the community.

Our office wants to challenge all of our churches, our laity, and groups within the church to start some sort of a fresh worship expression or outreach that meets where people are, so they can experience community and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Through these New Places for New People lost people are being found, children are experiencing God's love, lonely people are finding community, poor people are being served and justice is being sought in these communities.

Our Office will be offering tools and micro-grants to encourage and support existing churches in creating New Places for New People!

**Registration:**

<https://louisiana-reg.brtapp.com/NewPlacesNewPeople>

# INsight

August 2019

Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church



## A Word From Pastor Brad

Church,  
 Defining moments.

We all have defining moments in our lives—this being meaningful experiences that stand out in our memory. A lucky encounter with someone who becomes the love of your life. A new teacher who spots a talent you didn't know you had. A sudden loss that upends the certainties of your life. A realization that you don't want to spend one more day in your job. These moments seem to be the product of fate or luck or maybe a higher power's interventions. There have been many defining moments in the lives of human beings that changed their lives forever. Many of these defining moments are recorded in God's word. The Bible is a great place to see good examples of defining moments. What do Moses, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel have in common? They've all had defining moments. We'll explore these biblical stories and the relevance they have on our lives in the month of August. Be Blessed!!

Your Preacher,  
 Brad

## 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

Alcoholics Anonymous.....6:00 PM

### Fridays

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

*Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to Him and is perfect. ~ Romans 12:2*

# Monthly & Special Events

- Thursday, August 8**  
Dinner with Friends .....6:30 PM
- Friday, August 9**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM
- Friday, August 16**  
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread.....7:15 AM
- Sunday, August 18**  
United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM  
Confirmation & Youth Sunday  
Lunch Fundraiser by Benton UMM..... 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, August 20**  
Food Truck Unloading .....8:00 AM  
Food Bag Packing.....9:00 AM
- Wednesday, August 21**  
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
- Friday, August 23**  
Sew Crazy Ladies ..... 10:00 AM
- Sunday, August 25**  
Family Boating with the Children's Ministry .....4:00 PM
- Saturday, August 31**  
Souper Saturday .....7:30 AM



## Family Boating Event with the Children's Ministry

**Sunday, August 25**  
**4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

At the Home of Bo May  
1595 Parks Road, Benton, LA

Food and boating will be provided!  
Join us for family fun on the lake.



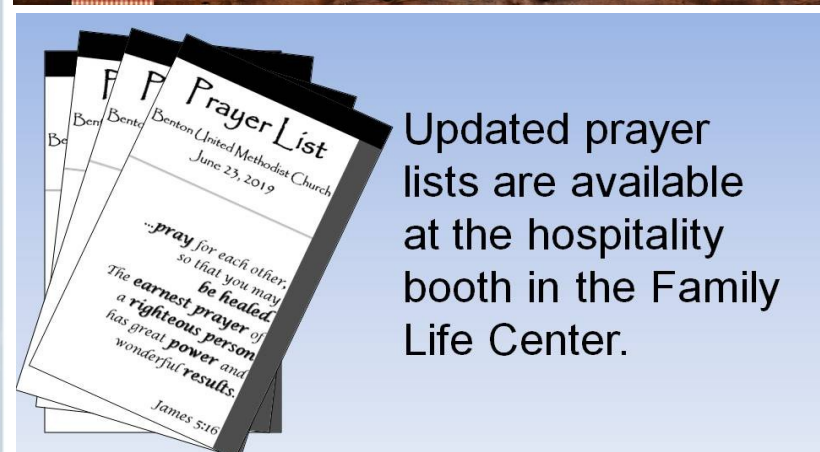
## August Sermon Series

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Pastor Brad will take a closer look at some of the defining moments in our lives.



Sunday, August 18, 2019



**The Mark David Penny Drive for Missions has collected:**  
**\$5,003.69**

**Thank you to all who participated to make this year's penny drive a HUGE success.**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES**  
**Benton UMC VBS**  
*for a donation of a sheep*

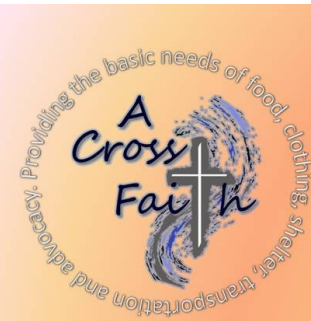
*For serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.*

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"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done."  
PROVERBS 19:17

*Pierre M. Ferroni*  
Heifer President & CEO

Presented this  
10th day of July, 2019

# Serving Our Community



**A Cross Faith  
Advocacy Center**

**HOURS:  
Wednesday, August 21  
11:30 AM-4:00 PM**

Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church

*Transforming the community...*

## The Closet Clothes Ministry

The Closet is having a banner summer. Donations are at an all-time high. We have had several success stories from some of our patrons. Some have overcome health problems and one is now happily employed. We are seeing new faces weekly, which tells us that news of our Closet is reaching new ears. We welcome visitors. If you are out and about on a Wednesday drop by the Closet and see for yourself. You will hear lots of laughter from our workers. We have formed deep friendships and enjoy our work. We also welcome new

"recruits" for the Closet. If you are looking for something that will bring you joy and fulfillment, try working with us at the Closet. We sort and hang clothing at Benton UMC every Wednesday from 9:30 until 11:00. We then head to the chapel which houses our "store" and open our doors to customers at 11:30. On most Wednesdays we close at 1:30, but on the 3rd Wednesday of every month we stay open until 4:00. What we do is satisfying and fun. Come join us and see for yourself.

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

**Sue Shadow**  
318.965.2496  
[shadow781@bellsouth.net](mailto:shadow781@bellsouth.net)

## Souper Saturday Needs You!

We need people to ride along with drivers for deliveries, or to be 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)



**Tuesday, August 20**  
8:00 AM Truck Unloading  
9:00 AM Bag Packing

**Wednesday, August 21**  
12:30 PM  
Food Distribution

## The Table Food Ministry

For more information on The Table, contact:  
**Kim Hauser** [kimdenise1996@gmail.com](mailto:kimdenise1996@gmail.com) or **Rachel Stoneman** [rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org](mailto:rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org)



# Water & the Word Wednesday, September 4

**Kick-Off WOW! with water jumpies  
and Bible study!**

**Water for the Youth & Children -  
the Word for Adults!**

**WOW! Begins Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>!!**

5:30 PM Dinner & 6:10 PM Bible Study & Jumpies  
Register by emailing [linda.silas@bentonumc.org](mailto:linda.silas@bentonumc.org)

# Loving Jesus Through His Children



## *Thank you, Joseph Ministry*

Five members of the Joseph Ministry went to Camp Caney twice this summer to teach the campers to fish! They worked with 54 second and third graders one week and 55 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders the next time. Ron Jones, Mike Karamales, Robert Moncrief, Read Yancey, and Jon Novak set up fishing poles with weights, hooks and bobbers (poles and supplies were donated by the Benton United Methodist Men.)

Not only did the campers have fun, the men came back blessed beyond belief. Their time spent at Caney was something they will never forget.



*Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.*

**2 Timothy 2:1-2**

