



Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM

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

WOW! M̄pact Mini Mission
5:30 PM—Dinner
6:10 PM—Mini Mission

Our Mission: Care packages for firefighters
Special Guest: Chief Wallace

Register by emailing:
linda.silas@bentonumc.org

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:
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All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.



INsight

September 2019

Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church

Weekly Events

Sundays

Worship.....8:15 AM
Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Fellowship.....10:15 AM
Worship.....10:30 AM
Boy Scouts.....2:00 PM
Bible Study (at the Hearne home).... 6:00 PM

Mondays

Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM

Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team9:00 AM

Wednesdays

Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM
The Closet @ BUMC.....9:30 AM
The Closet @ Chapel.....11:30 AM
WOW! Dinner5:30 PM
WOW! Study & Activities6:10 PM
Choir Practice7:00 PM

Thursdays

Gospel of John Bible Study10:30 AM
Alcoholics Anonymous6:00 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

Here's something to ponder. September 26th is the birthday of Johnny Appleseed who was born in 1774. This American folk hero turned a hobby into action. He planted apple trees across America and was a zealous preacher of scripture. He was even revered by Native Americans who looked upon him as a medicine man. Besides his planting, his practice was to give out Bibles he carried along on his travels, marked with his favorite scripture passages to families with whom he spent the night for their reflection. Which got me thinking, what pages of scripture do you think you need to reflect upon today? Consider creating a go-to list of encouraging scriptures that will give light to your path.

Blessings,
Your Preacher

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*
~Proverbs 3:5-6



Planned Giving Seminar

Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room

Planned giving is not about finding another way to get church members' money. It is an opportunity for us all to return to God that which God entrusted us with during our lifetime. It is also an opportunity for us all to further strengthen Christ's church for the future by providing for ministry and mission for those who come after us.

We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us; let's be the shoulders for those who come after us.

Many people believe that planned giving is only for the wealthy. Planned giving is for all of us. We all have something to give and we can all leave our legacy. The key to a successful planned giving program in a church is to make sure that people in the church know that the church wants and needs its members to leave their faith legacy for the future. Considering a planned gift means one is thinking about their own mortality and that is not something most people like to think about. So, churches must keep this idea of leaving a faith legacy in front of its members so that when the time comes and someone is thinking about their legacy, that their first thought is to leave a faith legacy!

Reserve your spot by contacting Linda Silas (318) 965-2273 or linda.silas@bentonumc.org

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*
~Psalm 91:1

Monthly & Special Events

- Sunday, September 1**
United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM
- Monday, September 2**
Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 4**
Cypress Area Garden Club Meeting.....10:00 AM
WOW! Kickoff with Jumpies & Study.....5:30 PM
- Thursday, September 12**
Morning Glories.....9:30 AM
Gospel of John Bible Study Begins.....10:30 AM
- Friday, September 13**
Sew Crazy Ladies.....10:00 AM
- Sunday, September 15**
United Methodist Men Breakfast.....7:00 AM
- Tuesday, September 17**
Food Truck Unloading.....8:00 AM
Food Bag Packing.....9:00 AM
- Wednesday, September 18**
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, September 20**
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera Bread.....7:15 AM
- Saturday, September 21**
CRD No Limits Foundation Run.....6:00 AM
Wheel Chair Ramp Build.....8:00 AM
- Sunday, September 22**
Bible Study Begins (at the Heame home).....6:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 24**
OPALS with Lunch & Special Guest.....11:30 AM
- Friday, September 27**
Sew Crazy Ladies.....10:00 AM
- Saturday, September 28**
Souper Saturday.....7:30 AM
- Sunday, September 29**
Risen Rock—A Children's Ministry Family Event.....4:00 PM



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 will be starting a new initiative called NP2 New Places for New People, which creates a new opportunity for those outside of any congregation to encounter a disciple making practice.

It's how the lost gets found! Join us—register at the link below.

Registration:

[https://louisiana-reg.brapp.com/
NewPlacesNewPeople](https://louisiana-reg.brapp.com/NewPlacesNewPeople)

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!

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

JACOB ARMSTRONG

Join us for WOW!

A NEW PLAYLIST

HEARING JESUS IN A NOISY WORLD

Updated prayer lists are available at the hospitality booth in the Family Life Center.

The Mark David Penny Drive for Missions donation spotlight:

ThinkFirst Ark-La-tex—\$500

ThinkFirst of the Ark-La-Tex is a state chapter of the ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation. Founded in 1996, the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of ThinkFirst has shared injury prevention education with more than 206,000 children, youth, and adults.

We have several programs, each aimed at helping children, youth, and adults think about actions and change behavior so they prevent injury and death.

Our programs cover driving safety, such as drunk and distracted driving, and general community safety education. Our mission nationally and locally is to prevent brain, spinal cord and other traumatic injuries through education, research, and advocacy.

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In Memory of:

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Nanette Beach

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Dr. Don Brown
Mrs. Fronie Brown
Dr. & Mrs. David Cavanaugh
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PROGRAM REPORT 2018-2019

This year 90 programs were presented and 7,500 students and adults were given our life saving message "to use your mind to protect your body."

Thank you to all who participated to make these donations possible!

Serving Our Community



**Ramp
Ministry**

**Saturday, September 21
at 8:00 AM
Contact Scott Spalding
318-347-1609**



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



Tuesday, September 17
8:00 AM Truck Unloading
9:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, September 18
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

The Table Food Ministry

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



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019

Bringing Bread for the Altar

On Sunday, October 6th, 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.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord
~ John B. Foley "One Bread, One Body"*

Loving Jesus Through His Children



Summer Mission Group

Back row:
Logan Cooper, Harlie Cooper,
Dana Cooper, Avery Coe,
Carla Austin, Lindsay Salter,
Nathan Salter,
Hailey Rose Shadow,
Holly Doyal, Bailey Doyal

Middle Row:
Brady Huck, Landon Huck,
Reid Austin, Aubrey Mae Austin,
Julianne Austin, Max Doyal

Floor:
Eva Salter

This group comes out every summer bringing food for our Emergency Pantry and helping us to organize and pack boxes to serve those in need. They grow more each year in Christ through their service to the community. They are an absolute joy!

Thank you for serving at Benton UMC!



SNACK TIME!!



Benton UMC Missions Report January 1, 2019-June 30, 2019 2,904 total volunteer hours

Emergency Food Pantry

78 volunteer hours to distribute 1,055 pounds of food for 32 Households and 48 Household members

NWLA Food Pantry

660 volunteer hours
104,825 pounds of food for 142 households and 289 household members

Common Ground

160 Snack bags (800 pounds) for afterschool program (WOW! w/ Matt & Vickie Whitehead)
30 volunteer hours
34 hygiene kits for the Afterschool Girls' and Mommy & Me programs from the Sew Crazy Ladies (see hours below), Morning Glories
4 volunteer hours
Missions(3 volunteer hours
(16 more to be delivered in April and the bags will be brought back to us for refills of hygiene items)
Morning Glories visit Common Ground

Souper Saturday

276 volunteer hours
464 deliveries to homebound

Mackenzie's Manna Bags

8 volunteer hours
50 manna bags on Sunday, May 26, 2019 mini mission for homeless

Clothes Closet Clothing

384 volunteer hours
341 bags of clothing to 92 households
19 Goodwill gift certificates to 5 households with 18 members
1 Academy & 1 Walmart Gift Card for clothing (\$40)
WOW! Mission Night on January 23, 2019

Seeds for the Harvest Community Garden

95 volunteer hours
5 raised beds w/compost delivered on Community Day with the Benton Police Department
3 raised beds w/compost delivered to Benton Council on Aging 5/5/19 with the Town of Benton's help

Sew Crazy Ladies

192 volunteer hours
50 drawstring bags for Common Ground
90 drawstring bags for Grace Camp

Care Bear Ministry

35 stuffed animals to the Bossier Sheriff
20 stuffed animals to the Benton Police Department

Disaster Recovery

Flood relief trip to Varnado, LA January 4-7 (32 volunteer hours)
Flood relief/rebuild trip to Baton Rouge, LA February 10-13 (160 volunteer hours)
Tomado relief trip to Ruston, LA April 27-29 (48 volunteer hours)

Hands & Feet

43 volunteer hours
Decorated 270 bags for Souper Saturday recipients to put a smile on their faces
Valentine's Day bags for Grace and Jericho homes

Assembled 150 Lenten gift bags for Ash Wednesday

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

January 13, 2019

Pilgrim Manor & Garden Court Nursing Home

23 volunteer hours
190 Easter Care Packages

Beat the Heat Fan Drive for Benton & Plain Dealing Council on Aging

9 Fans delivered (note: a thank you for the fans is on page 6—20 more fans were delivered in July and that doesn't reflect in this report)

Medical Request

Diapers, wipes, and waterproof pads delivered to home-bound person as requested by A Cross Faith network

Joseph Ministry

872 volunteer hours

A note about our Joseph ministry:

These faithful servants of Jesus Christ have done so much for this community that it cannot be listed in this small article for missions.

They show up for food distribution each and every month and recycle our waste. They transport clothing between the church and The Closet at the chapel every week. They deliver donations to Common Ground, ReNesting, the Ark-La-Tex Care Pregnancy Center, Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission, Benton Council on Aging, Centenary College, and the Hub Urban Ministries, not to mention others. They pick up and drop off items donated and items needed to homes in and out of our area. They set up for church events, change the marquee weekly, organize the backs of chairs, set up coffee, set up for the UMM Breakfast, set up US flags for patriotic holidays, set up for the UMM Auction, any other needs of the church.

They worked at Camp Caney cleaning out and reorganizing, rebuilt a bridge at Camp Caney, picking up, delivering and putting the lumber together.

They picked up and delivered the lumber, cut, and built 8 raised garden beds for the Seeds for the Harvest Community Day with the Benton Police Department. They delivered and filled raised beds to private home owners with help from church volunteers and the Benton Police Department.

They pick up donated items from Cypress Baptist per their request. They have picked up and delivered bed frames, repaired toilet for church member, assembled shelves for the sew crazy ladies, aided a member who had major heart surgery with moving furniture and food, and repaired bicycle for daycare.

They set up for our Easter Sunrise Service at the home of the Shadow's by delivering the cross, chairs, waste cans, coffee pots, electric cords, and other items then returned them to storage. They put out the signs and directed traffic at sunrise service, then returned those signs to storage.

They picked up 40 backpacks, pillows, blankets and clothing from donor. They washed and dried those same blankets for a future mission opportunity. They mowed and weed-eated around the burn pile and garden boxes, strip between daycare and playground and vineyard and had the energy to go to Camp Caney all day with 60 2nd and 3rd grade campers and taught them to fish.

There is more, but there is no more room so here is one more thank you, Joseph Ministry, for all you do!

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SEPT. 6-7

**AT THE CENTENARY
GOLD DOME**

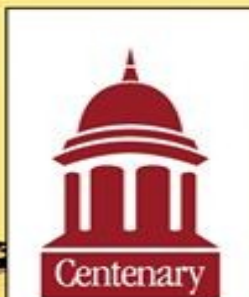


**4PM-9PM
FRIDAY**

**9AM-4PM
SATURDAY**

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Growing *Jesus'* Children

2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who created all things with purpose, love, and reason.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Rock of Ages, the only Son of God, who though sinless, died for our sins and lives that we might face the challenges of today and tomorrow.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who speaks with love and amazing grace as our comforter and counselor, our leader and redeemer.

We believe communion joins us with Christ, our Lord and Savior, joins us with one another in worship, and joins us with the saints of the past to enable us to minister to all.

We believe in the Holy Trinity and in Holy Scripture as God's measure of truth.

We believe the Church is the body of Christ.

We believe in forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Amen.

2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS

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God bless!

Thank You, Benton UMC

Loving
our
community



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To Whom it may concern,

Thank you for your generous donation of 29 fans.

Your commitment will help keep seniors' lives more enjoyable, and for our community to have a better sense of togetherness. We realize that we are successful in part, due to members of the community like you. For your efforts, we are truly grateful.

Please be advised that all donations are tax deductible. You may use this letter as a receipt of your donation. We look forward to a continuing partnership with you and again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Dee Dee Bay
Tamara M. Crane, MA, CDP
Executive Director



Dear Benton UMC,
Thank you so much for supporting my Ministry at LA Tech! If it were not for faithful Congregations like you, it would not be possible for me to reach the students at Tech and share Christ's love with them! I am so excited to send you update letters letting you know how you are impacting my own walk with Jesus and other's! You are truly a blessing to the LA Tech Wesley Foundation! Thank you!
with love,
Jawza



July 2, 2019
Dear Staff Cohorts,
Thank you so much for my wonderful Sunday, especially the reception with Jeanne's delicious cake and everyone's "good wishes"... and your ever so thoughtful gift to me! The bird feeder & seed will be greatly appreciated, but the bird bath will be treasured forever. A special "Thank You" to Rachel for the beautiful inlay ♡.
I am so glad the 2009 retirement did not define my ministry at Benton UMC. These past 8 years have been rewarding & fulfilling. I truly believe God placed me there for "just such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) I am blessed with many good memories and I wish you all well in your ministries. Blessings,
Cheryl

Best Wishes!

