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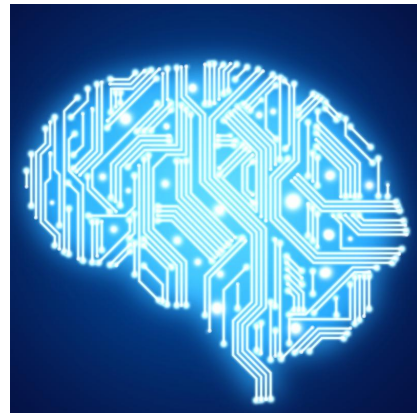
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## Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

By the time you read this, I will be in Israel. After intensely studying scripture for over a quarter of a century, getting to see the Holy Land is a special gift. So I go not as a tourist; I am going as a pilgrim.

- Pilgrims and tourists may follow the same itinerary, but for the pilgrim it is a sacred journey seeking an encounter with God.
- Tourists see sights and go home as the same person; pilgrims are transformed as they see new truths about themselves and the world.
- Tourists want to be distracted from work and issues at home; pilgrims' work and family issues are reshaped by the travel.
- Tourists want a lively time; pilgrims want a life-giving time.



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Rev. Peter J. Miano, founder of the Society for Biblical Studies, has said, "Tourists pass through places, but pilgrims let places pass through them, allowing their hearts to be changed."

Hopefully...prayerfully...when I return I will still be on a pilgrimage. As Abraham Joshua Heschel said, "Faith is not the clinging to a shrine, but an endless pilgrimage of the heart."

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*The Wesleyan Way*

New church-wide study beginning February 12.

This study is authored by our very own Bishop Scott Jones. Small groups will be forming soon. **Host homes and group leaders are needed.** Please contact [Nanette Radke](#) or call the church office, 281.463.2330, if you are interested in either hosting or leading a small group.



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- Cultivate a faith that matters, a faithful way of life.
- Experience grace and love as taught by John Wesley.
- Connect to God's purposes for you and the world.
- Grow in spiritual maturity.

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## *BCUMC School Registration*

Opens February 7. Bake sale fundraiser.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 7 in the Fellowship Hall:

- 9:30am - siblings of those currently enrolled
- 10:00am - church members



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Registration continues Wednesday, February 8 in the Fellowship Hall:

- 9:30am - general public

The school will have a **Bake Sale this Sunday, January 22** in the Courtyard. The proceeds will be used to update the playground and trim some of the trees.

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## *Super Q*

UMM Super Bowl BBQ Fundraiser.

Don't miss out! Only two more Sundays (January 22 & 29) left to place your BBQ order with the UMM in the Courtyard after each of the three services. Pick up your BBQ on Super Bowl

Sunday (February 5) after any of the services. **There is a new item on the menu this year!**



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## *Scouting for Food*

HNwCC Food Pantry to benefit.

On Saturday, February 4, local Boy Scout troops will be collecting non-perishable food items that will directly benefit the HNwCC Food Pantry! If you receive a flyer from your neighborhood scouts, please place a bag(s) of food on your porch to be collected Saturday morning between 9am and Noon.



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If you do not receive a flyer, but would like to help families in our community, please

bring your donation to the food pantry (Karen's Place), located on the north side of the Bear Creek UMC parking lot in the Ministry Village.

We will also need volunteers that morning from 9:30am to 1:00pm to help with this very large food drive. If you would like to volunteer, please [email](#) us so we know you'll be coming to help. Thank you!

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## *Thank You!*

From Bill Clark's back.

Thank you to the following people for helping Bill take down and store the Christmas decorations this past Saturday:

Rex Littrell, Al Balboni, Jeff Jones, Gilbert and Laura Sollars, Elizabeth Cassidy, Harold Kincaid, Bill Hammer, Bryan Garrison and Jim Baker.



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## *SW District Leadership Development*

Saturday, January 28 from 9am to 1pm.

Register [online](#) now! \$10 online or \$20 on-site. Takes place at [Christ UMC](#), 3300 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Childcare is available.



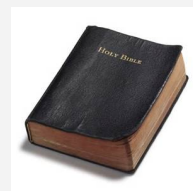
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## *Sunday Night Ladies Bible Study*

FLC 102 from 5:00 to 6:30pm.

Relationships are messy. We struggle to get along, especially with those who disagree with us. We often find ourselves divided, even as Christians. How can we work out our differences and disagreements in a loving way while still remaining true to what we believe? The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth about this very thing!



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The Sunday night ladies Bible study begins a 6-week study by Melissa Spoelstra, entitled *First Corinthians - Living Love When We Disagree*, beginning January 8, 2017.

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## *Emmaus Prayer Clock*

Sign up to pray for pilgrims.

The Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #95 is February 16, 2017 through February 19, 2017. Click [here](#) to sign up to pray for the pilgrims and the team. Thank you!



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## Youth News

Brainstorming meeting. Sr Recognition.

Come join us for Youth @5 on Sunday from 5 to 7pm - an opportunity for Faith, food, and fun with friends! Spaghetti this week, so come hungry! Thank you Wilson family for providing dinner for us!

**Parents**, please put on your calendar your meeting with John Henley, Director of Family Ministries:

- Sunday, January 29 at noon
- FLC Rooms 205/206
- Lunch will be provided

It is important that you be present to help in the planning for our Youth Ministry.

As we are getting into the swing of school, we want to recognize those Seniors who are in their last semester of High School: Kassie Barnett, Samuel Bynum, Shelby Gardner, Randi Lanum, Sean Shamgar, and Joshua Snedeker. If there are any other graduating Seniors that we may have missed, please contact Lea Bynum or John Henley to have them added to our list. We are preparing for our recognition day and don't want to leave anyone out.

Check out your Youth Newsletter for all the specifics and info on registration deadlines for upcoming activities - contact [Lea Bynum](#) or [John Henley](#) with questions.



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## AWANA on Wednesdays

January 25, 2017 @ 6:30pm in the FLC gym.



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Bear Creek United Methodist is devoted to nurturing your children with scriptural teaching, fun activities, and opportunities to cultivate great friendships that last forever.

Here are a few things to remember:

- On Wednesday, January 25, please drop off (6:30) and pick up (8:00) your child in the Tree House on the second floor of the Family Life Center.
- Fill out a new Kidzone Registration ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) form for 2016-17.
- Pay the \$20.00 registration fee per family for 2016-17.

Please contact [John Henley](#) if you have questions concerning any ministry to children here at Bear Creek United Methodist Church. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

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## Online and Text Giving

Electronic giving. From your smartphone.

We now offer online and text giving on our website. Both options are facilitated through Shelby Systems, Inc., our church administration software, which is highly secure. You will find links and instructions on the [giving](#) page of our website.

**Thank you** for your faithful contributions that allow us to continue the various ministries of Bear Creek United Methodist Church!



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## *Energizers*

January 20, 2017 @ 10:30am.

**Energizers**, a group of active adults age 50-plus, enjoy gatherings that include day-long excursions. We meet on the third Friday of every month at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided. Join us for games and Christian fellowship.



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**Fellowship Friday**, an Energizers outreach ministry, provides a loving, welcoming and fun environment for family members with mild to moderate memory loss who do not require skilled care. This program, a partnership between Interfaith CarePartners and BCUMC, is designed to give caregivers some much needed time away. ***Our next meeting is February 10 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.*** The theme for February is *Valentines Day* and the entertainment is Touch of Jazz.

## *Western Prayer Wall*

FLC 101. Leave a Prayer Request.

Been to the Holy Land? If it's too far or you've already been, visit our BCUMC Western Prayer Wall any time during church office hours or on Sunday. Please leave your prayer request in the crevices of the wall. Thank you - the Prayer Ministry Team.



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## *A Time to Pray Together*


Prayer Room - Ministry Village. Wednesdays @ 9am.

Come to pray with us for the congregational needs of BCUMC and for what God puts on our hearts. We are trusting in His Promise, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." ~ Matthew 18:20



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Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**  
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