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Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

Chris Pratt is one of Hollywood's most sought after movie stars. I really liked him on Parks and Recreation and Guardians of the Galaxy. Because he has a habit of using strong language and has an off-color sense of humor, I was amazed when I saw an excerpt from an interview in his home for Vanity Fair. When Pratt was a young man he lived in a van on a Hawaiian beach. He wasn't going anywhere in his life. One day, he and his friends talked someone into buying them beer. He says:



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I was sitting outside a grocery store ... And a guy named Henry came up and recognized something in me that needed to be saved. He asked what I was doing that night, and I was honest. I said, 'My friend's inside buying me alcohol.' 'You going to go party?' he asked. 'Yeah.' 'Drink and do drugs? Meet girls, fornication?' I was like, 'I hope so'... It should've made me nervous but didn't. I said, 'Why are you asking?' He said, 'Jesus told me to talk to you . . .' At that moment I was like, I think I have to go with this guy. He took me to church. Over the next few days I surprised my friends by declaring that I was going to change my life.

At the end of the interview, the writer was invited to dinner. Before they sat down to eat, Pratt got everyone down on their knees, they held hands, and he gave thanks to God for the food and life.

Pratt may be a big star but Henry is a shining example. Henry is a hero.

Be warned: the Holy Spirit may have an assignment for you next.

Do something great: invite.

The Wesleyan Way

New church-wide study beginning February 12.

This study is authored by our very own Bishop Scott Jones.

Small groups sign-ups begin this Sunday, January 29.

Pick the group that fits best: by time, location, or membership. Please contact [Nanette Radke](#) or call the church office, 281.463.2330, if you have any questions.



- Do you want to see what God has in store for you?
- Do you want a more complete picture of the Christian life?
- Do you want to experience all the grace and love Jesus has for you

BCUMC School Registration

Opens February 7.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 7 in the Fellowship Hall:

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



Registration continues Wednesday, February 8 in the Fellowship Hall:

- 9:30am - general public

Souper Bowl of Caring

Bring your donations next Sunday, February 5.

Tackle hunger! Be a game changer! The United Methodist Women will connect caring, giving and football on Sunday, February 5, by collecting change (\$) before, between, and after all worship services. If you would like to volunteer to collect, please contact [Cyndi Miller](#).



Monetary donations will be given to the *Houston Northwest Community Center's* Food Pantry to help purchase food for those in need in our community. We hope to feed many families with the money that we collect. Please support our UMW and HNwCC Souper Bowl team!

English Classes/Clases de Ingles

Registration: January 30, 31 and February 1.

Inscripciones: 30y 31 de enero y 1 de febrero.

Classes begin February 6 and end April 27 (Las clases empiezan el 6 de febrero al 27 de abril). Classes meet on Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday (Las clases se seran los lunes & Miercoles o martes & jueves) from 8:30 to 11:30am in the Houston Northwest Community Center (located in the portable building next to the food pantry). Cost is \$20 per semester (\$20 por semester). Visit the [HNwCC](#) website for more information.



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HNwCC Food Pantry

Bring your donations next Sunday, February 5.

The Houston Northwest Community Center food pantry is located on our church property. On an average pantry night approximately 200 families are served, representing 600+ individuals, of which about 400 are children. We will have greeters at the door on the first Sunday each month to accept your donations. Please help us continue this critical ministry; so many in our community are positively impacted by the generosity of our church family!



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Super Q

UMM Super Bowl BBQ Fundraiser.

Don't miss out! This is the final Sunday (January 29) 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!

SW District Leadership Development

This 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.

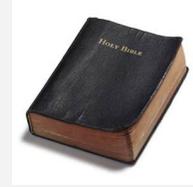


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Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

FLC 101 from 10:00 to 11:30am.

Would you like to grow another step in your journey as a child of God? Rob Fuquay explores what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the Bread of Life; the Light of the World: the seven I-Ams in The Gospel of John. Come study these with us and learn about **The God We Can Know** beginning on February 1, 2017, continuing through March 15, 2017. Time: 10:00 - 11:30am. Facilitator will be Virginia Garner. Study books are available in the office for \$10. Please purchase one before class starts and read Chapter 1 before coming to class.

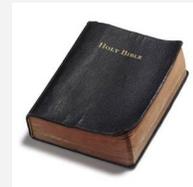


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Sunday Night Ladies Bible Study

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.

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

Parent meeting this Sunday @ Noon. FLC 205-206.

Youth @5 on Sunday - snack dinner provided - come for fun, food, fellowship, and those wacky games with a message from our beloved John Henley.

We need all parents of Youth present at our meeting on Sunday,

January 29 at noon in Rooms 205-206. Lunch will be provided. **We will be making some critical decisions regarding your Youth Ministry**, so please make every effort to be present.



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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.

AWANA on Wednesdays

February 1, 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, February 1, 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.

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

February 17, 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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