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Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum

Exaggeration is literally everywhere! News outlets know that amplifying certain perspectives on a story gains interest so they can sell more advertising. Advertisers know they can embellish the virtues of a product to increase purchases. Politicians know that overemphasizing select facts can sidetrack the debate and garner more votes. We all tend to use true-ish statements to make our points and win arguments.



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Worship is the only place we cannot exaggerate. There are no songs, no throngs, no fanfare capable of overstating God's majesty. There are no words, no praise, no acclamations that are big enough for God. The thesaurus surrenders before the majesty of the Lord: glorious, dazzling, magnificent, magnanimous, splendiferous, staggering, wonderful...and more! He is infinite, eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, omnibenevolent...and more! The heavenly hosts can only repeat, "Holy, holy, holy." Lamar Boschman has said, "When I worship, I would rather my heart be without words than my words be without heart."

We enjoy the privilege of worshipping this God every day and, most lavishly, as the Body of Christ every week. Nothing in this world can possibly compare to responding to that invitation to come into the presence of God. And that's no exaggeration.

The UMM Thank You

BBQ Fundraiser Update.

The Bear Creek United Methodist Men raised **over \$3,000** this year. Thank you for your support! We hope you enjoyed your BBQ and look forward to serving you again next year. The proceeds will allow us to continue various outreach events in our community throughout the year.



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Willie's Spirit Night

Monday, March 7. Library Fundraiser. 4 p.m. to close.

Join us for Spirit Night to benefit the Bear Creek UMC Library. Don't forget - for the library to receive 15% of the sale, you must mention that you are there for BCUMC Library. Will be at the Copperfield location: 7092 Hwy 6 N, Houston, TX 77095.



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NEW TIME - Coffee in the Courtyard

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

The Hospitality Ministry will host Coffee in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings at **10:30 a.m.**, except for the third Sunday of the month when there is a Fellowship Breakfast. This is a great opportunity to invite guests to enjoy a cup of coffee and cookies and to also fellowship with those who attend a different service than you. If you attend the Traditional services, don't you miss visiting with your friends who attend the Contemporary service and vice versa? Let's meet in the courtyard! In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.



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Book Fair

Sunday, March 20. FLC gym. 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Spring is right around the corner. Clean out those closets and dust off that bookshelf! **We are in need of new and used books**, which can be dropped off in the Library or church office



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during the week. Thank you for your continued support of our library.

Peanut Butter Jelly Time!

Bring your donations on March 6.

It's that time again. The response last month was terrific - let's keep it going! The Houston Northwest Community Center food pantry is located on our church property. **On an average pantry night 125 families are served, representing 600+ individuals.**

We will have greeters at the door on the first Sunday each month to accept your donations.



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Women's Bible Study

FLC 102. Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Have you ever said, "There's just not enough hours in the day"? Do you feel you don't have enough time to get all the things done that need to be done? Come to our Women's Bible Study on *Finding Balance*, the study of several women in the New Testament, beginning March 9, 2016. We will meet in FLC 102 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. each Wednesday through April 13, 2016. Facilitator is Virginia Garner.



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UMW Retreat

Real Love. Real Faith. Real Laughter.



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Come be filled by God's love. Be inspired to overflow into other's lives. Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24. Hilton Garden Inn - the Woodlands. Guest speaker is Karen Cunningham. Early registration: February 14 thru March 20.

Questions? Contact [Pam Anthes](#) or [Cyndi Miller](#). For more information, click [here](#) to see the flyer with full details on prices for lodging and meals.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26. Begins at 2 p.m.

It will be on the grounds of BCUMC. We are collecting candy and prizes to stuff eggs. Please drop off your donations at the church office. We are inviting the surrounding community, so we need lots of goodies!



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Night on the Town

Saturday, April 2. Youth Fundraiser.

Mark your calendars now! Our annual youth fundraiser that helps with the cost of mission trips, camps, and retreats is just around the corner. Chef Daniel Millerhouse will be catering our meal again this year, so get excited! We will need all hands on deck - including parents - to prepare for this amazing night. Auction items are needed, plus hands and feet to organize, sell tickets, take money the night of, serve the meal...the list goes on and on. If you would like to sign up to help, please contact [Lisa](#) ASAP.



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Croppin' at the Creek

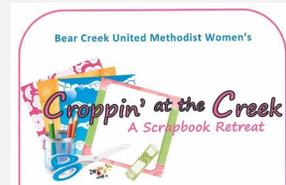
February 26 & 27. Family Life Center gym.

- Friday (6 p.m. to midnight) only: \$25
- Saturday (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) only: \$50
- Friday and Saturday: \$65

Registration includes dinner Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday, snacks and drinks.

Door Prizes - Make 'n Takes - 6' Table - Vendors

Contact Julie Kunz at 713.823.8051 or Christine Kalmbach at 832.755.2954. Click for more [information](#) or to [register](#) online.



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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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Fellowship Friday / Energizers

March 18. Fellowship Hall. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.



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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. The theme for March is "St. Patrick's Day" and the entertainment is *Jubilee Banjo Band*.

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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Pray Together

Prayer Room in Asbury. Wednesdays @ 9:15 a.m.

For six weeks, beginning February 24, we will change our meeting location to the Asbury building. Are you free on Wednesday mornings? Want someone to join with you in prayer? Come for *A Time to Pray Together* as we lift up our concerns and rejoice in our joys.



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