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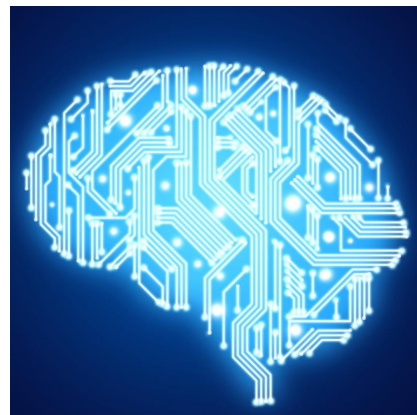
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Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum

I am very comfortable with the thought that things are getting worse in this world and there is not much I can do about it. Comfortable but wrong. We are resurrection people, new creation people, kingdom of God people, the people of God working through the power of God. "With God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26



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We, each one of us, are missionaries. A missionary is someone sent by God to introduce others to Jesus. A missionary is not someone else God sent; a missionary is you. When you go to work you are sent there so your coworkers can get to know Jesus. When you go to school you are sent there so other students can meet Jesus. Even when you go to the grocery store you are sent there so other shoppers can discover something about Jesus. I don't mean you have to carry a giant black leather King James Version Bible to wave around. I don't mean you have to stop every person you meet to ask them if they are saved. I don't mean you have to preach on the street corner. But you can show what love looks like when others are getting angry. You can speak kind

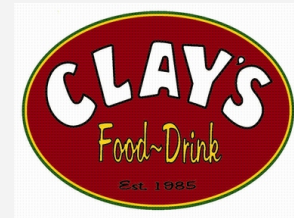
words when others yell. You can exemplify faith when others are anxious. You can set priorities that place Jesus first in your life and quit living like everybody else. You can be a shoulder to cry on and share how Jesus gives you strength through difficult times. You can...really.

Abraham Kuyper said, "There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, 'Mine!'" As missionaries wherever we go and to whomever we go, we go out to reclaim every person as a citizen of the kingdom of God. So I invite you to let your daily mission be that E. Stanley Jones, a great Methodist missionary, "Jesus will meet me today in the person of someone in need - I must not miss him."

BCUMC School Spirit Night @ Clay's

Cancelled due to inclement weather.

PLEASE NOTE: We will send out communication regarding a new date and time when it is available. Sorry for the inconvenience.



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Youth Summer Registration Open

Sign up today! District Camp. JUMMP. UM ARMY.

Visit the [youth page](#) on our website for dates, locations, payment methods and registration forms. All trips require a \$100 deposit, due by April 24. All final payments are due by June 1. Questions? Contact [Lisa Gill](#) for more information.



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



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Third Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 20. FLC gym. 8:00 a.m.

Get ready for another fantastic feast, prepared this month by



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the *United Disciples* Sunday School class. Enjoy breakfast, music and fellowship. Bring the whole family & invite a friend!

Special Hour of Prayer | Holy Week

Tuesday, March 22. Fellowship Hall. 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer Ministry team will host a special Hour of Prayer, leading us in a time of contemplation through the Stations of the Cross. Focusing on a series of 14 images, with scripture readings and music, we will journey the Via Dolorosa (the Way of Sorrows) with Jesus.



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Rummage Sale this Summer

Sunday, July 15 & 16. Family Life Center Gym.

In July the *Family Missions Committee* will be sponsoring a rummage sale. Please start saving your 'treasures' for us.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to help fund our continued **Angel Tree** activities and our other community outreach events such as **The Day of Thanks & Giving**. We will be collecting items daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 10 through 13. No major appliances, non-working TVs or tube-type TVs please. Thank you!



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Saturday in Service

April 16. BCUMC Grounds. 8:30 a.m.

Save the Date! The Trustees are sponsoring a work day here at the church and we need your help. Soon we will send out details regarding the various projects happening that day.

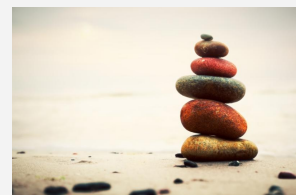


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Women's Bible Study

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.

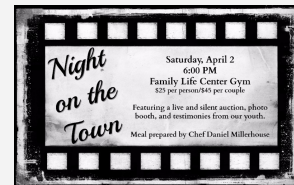


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It will be on the grounds of BCUMC. We are collecting candy and prizes to stuff eggs. Please drop off your donations at the church office. We are inviting the surrounding community, so we need lots of goodies!

Night on the Town

Saturday, April 2. Youth Fundraiser.



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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.

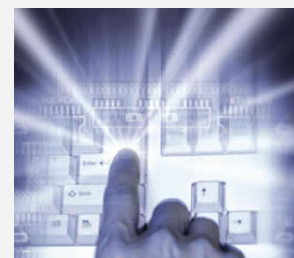
Youth [RSVP](#) to help. Adults [RSVP](#) to help. Questions? Please contact [Lisa](#) ASAP.

To make dinner reservations click [here](#).

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.



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Thank you for your faithful contributions that allow us to continue the various ministries

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 Wesley. Wednesdays @ 9:15 a.m.

CORRECTION: For six weeks, beginning February 24, we will change our meeting location to the **Prayer Room in the Wesley 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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