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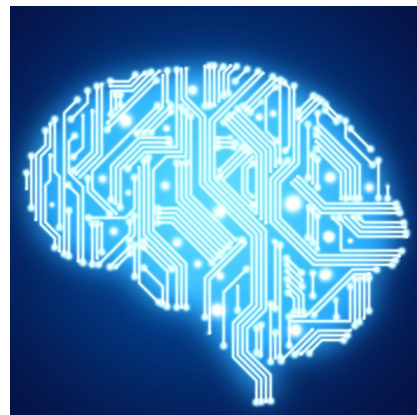
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Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum

This is Easter: Easter is not merely *then*; Easter is *now*. Jesus *is* alive! This is Easter, that time when we cautiously peek into the darkness of a tomb but discover the light of life. This is Easter, that time when we expect the stale stench of death but are refreshed by the wind of the Holy Spirit. This is Easter, that time when we celebrate that God has given us his infinite love, unending grace, everlasting life, boundless joy, and glorious hope through the perfectly restored union of humanity and divinity, heaven and earth. This is Easter, that time when the radiance of God's absolute best shines on us.



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Oswald Chambers wisely defined worship as "giving God the best that He has given you." If we were to grasp that understanding of worship and combine it with the truth of Easter, our hearts would feel as if they would burst if we don't share in every opportunity we have to praise the Resurrected One. You see, if my math is correct, when you add it all up on Easter, it will take eternity for us to give God what we have been given.

Let your soul marinate in that wondrous, wonderful truth so you will be good and ready when we gather together Sunday. Remember: this is Easter!

Easter Sunday Worship

March 27. He is Risen!

Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. - Courtyard
Traditional at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
Contemporary at 9:40 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
Cristo Reina at 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall



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Please make a note on your calendar that we are having only **one worship service** on Sunday, April 3 **at 10:30** in the Sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26. On BCUMC grounds.

Crafts and games begin at 2 p.m. Come to the Sanctuary for instructions and to hear the Easter story. Leave the Sanctuary, find your age-level hunting ground and...Ready, Set, Go find your eggs!



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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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Children's Summer Registration

Sign up today! District Camp. Tennis. VBS.

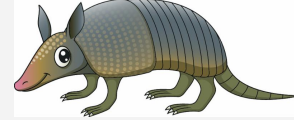


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Summer Reading Program

Mondays in June and July. 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.



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Get ready for the Summer Story Program (for 1 year to kindergarten) and the Summer Reading Program (must have completed 1st through 6th grades) happening on Mondays: June 6, 13, 27 and July 11, 18, 25 in the Bear Creek UMC Library. Come **Read Your Way Across Texas!**

General Conference

Message from Dr. Bynum.



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I want to encourage the church to pray, each day at 9 a.m., leading up to General Conference, which takes place May 10 to 20. Upper Room is providing a resource of [60 daily devotions](#) that can be downloaded as a pdf and/or receive daily emails or texts from them to prompt prayer.

UMCOR

Flood relief. Help our neighbors here in Texas.



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The Advance Number for UMCOR Domestic Disaster response is 901670. *Texas Flooding* should be in the memo and all checks made out to UMCOR, **not** Bear Creek UMC. Visit the UMCOR [website](#) for more information about their relief programs around the world.

Peanut Butter, Jelly and Tuna

Bring your donations on Sunday, April 3.



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It's that time again. The response has been fantastic - let's keep it going and please note that we are also collecting tuna. 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.

Saturday in Service

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



Save the Date! Please plan to join us in service as the Board

of Trustee provides our church members with a variety of projects on and off campus.

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- Snack Breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00
- Commissioning at 8:45
- Projects begin at 9:00

Visit our [website](#) for a complete list of projects. Visit the Saturday in Service table in the Courtyard on the following Sundays to sign up: March 27, April 3 and 10.

UMW Retreat

Real Love. Real Faith. Real Laughter.



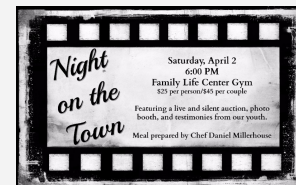
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Registration for the Women's Retreat is continuing through Sunday, April 17. Registration forms are available [online](#) and also in the church office. Additionally, there are two more Sundays you may register between church services - Sunday, April 10 and Sunday, April 17.

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.

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](#).

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.

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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!

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 of Bear Creek United Methodist Church!

Fellowship Friday / Energizers

April 8. 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 "Spring Time" and the entertainment is Kathy Aaron.

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.



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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.

Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**
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