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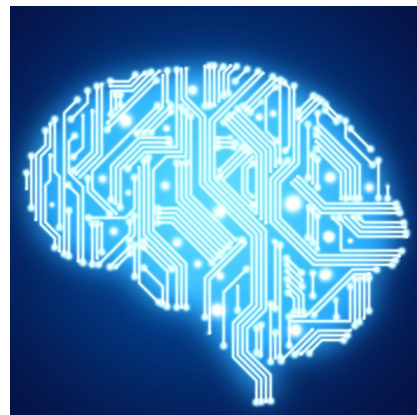
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Alternative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum

Instead of trying to come up with some insightful words for you, I decided to share what have been insightful words for me. Here are some of my favorite quotes about sharing the gospel. I hope they unsettle you as much as they unsettle me.



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- **John Wesley:** "You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work."
- **Charles Haddon Spurgeon:** "Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you're not saved yourself, be sure of that!"
- **David McGee:** "We should be more concerned with reaching the lost than pampering the saved."
- **John Wesley** (April 2, 1739): "At four in the afternoon, I submitted to be more vile and proclaimed in the highways the glad tidings of salvation."
- **Philip Zaleski:** "It's not easy being a missionary, even with the key to the cosmos in your hand."
- **Matt Chandler:** "The Church should spend less time trying to be "relevant", which

can come across as disingenuous, and more time trying to align their hearts to the authentic gospel message."

- **David Platt:** "Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of the delight in being disciples of Jesus."
- **John Wesley** (June 11, 1739): "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."
- **Harry Denman:** "I like the way I am doing evangelism better than the way you are not doing it!"

Lisa's Holy Land Experience

Sunday, April 17 at 3 p.m. FLC Room 212/213.

The picture on the right is a photograph of the Elah Valley, the place where David fought Goliath. As most of you know, I spent two weeks in March trekking through the Holy Land and it was incredible! I've had several requests from youth and adults to see pictures from my trip and to hear about the places I experienced. Of course I would love to tell everyone about my trip!! If you're planning on coming, please let me know so I can be sure that our space will accommodate everyone - [Lisa Gill](#).



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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.

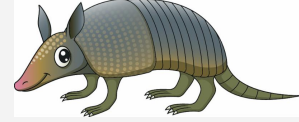


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Visit the [children's page](#) on our website for dates, locations, payment methods and registration forms. District camp requires a \$100 deposit, due by April 24. Questions? Contact [John Henley](#) for more information.

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.

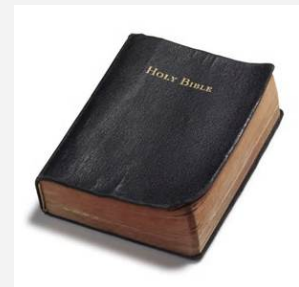


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I want to encourage the church to pray, each day at 9 a.m., leading up to General Conference, which takes place May 10 to 20. Upper Room is providing a resource of [60 daily devotions](#) (**link has been corrected**) that can be downloaded as a pdf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

Women's Sunday Night Bible Study

FLC 102. Begins April 10. Starts at 5 p.m.



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Come join us for a 12-week study of **Isaiah** by Drew Hunter from the *Knowing the Bible* series beginning April 10. The Book of Isaiah alternates between promise of judgment and restoration, reminds God's people of the magnitude of humanity's sin, the judgment deserved, and how God displays His glory by saving sinners. We meet from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, room 102. Lessons will be facilitated by Marilyn Wetzel. See you there!

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.

Saturday in Service

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



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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.

- 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.

Please note: Seekers Sunday School class is leading projects #2 & #3 (Sanctuary 2a & 2b), but all adults are welcome to sign up. Also, the sign-up sheet for project #1 (Children's Ministries) will be in the Tree House and for project #12 (Youth) will be in the Youth Lounge on Sunday mornings rather than at the sign up table in the Courtyard.

UMW Retreat

Real Love. Real Faith. Real Laughter.



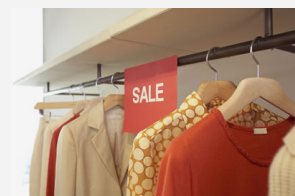
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Registration for the Women's Retreat is continuing through Sunday, April 17. Registration forms are available [online](#) and also in the church office. Additionally, there are two more Sundays you may register between church services - Sunday, April 10 and Sunday, April 17. If you register after March 20 and are spending the night there is an additional \$50 fee for late booking of your hotel room; however, if you are commuting to & from there is no additional charge. If you do need a hotel room, contact Pam Anthes ASAP as there are only three rooms left.

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. *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.

Rummage Sale this Summer

July 15 & 16. Family Life Center Gym.



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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!

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

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 thru April 17. Meets @ 9:15 a.m.

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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Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**
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