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Altarnative Thoughts

By Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

Because we are in the midst of a sermon series from parables, let me tell you story inspired by a Yiddish folktale:

Once upon a time, Truth went about the streets as naked as the day he was born. As a result, no one would let him into their homes. Whenever people were confronted with the sight of him they turned away and fled, embarrassed that Truth was so exposed.

One day when Truth was sadly wandering about, he came upon Parable. Now, Parable was dressed in simple, but charming clothes. Parable, seeing Truth, said, "Tell me, good sir, what makes you look so sad?"

Truth replied bitterly, "Ah, my lady, things are bad...very bad. I'm old, terribly old, and no one wants to acknowledge me. No one wants anything to do with me."

Hearing that, Parable said, "People don't run away from you because you're old. I too am old...very old. But the older I get, the better people like me. You see, people don't like being shocked and offended; people must be attracted, enticed, and engaged. Let's get you dressed in something more modest and you'll see that the very people who pushed you aside will invite you into their homes and be glad of your company."

Truth took Parable's advice and put on clothes that complemented hers. And from



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that time on, Truth and Parable have gone hand in hand together and everyone loves them. They make a happy couple.

Let those with ears to hear, listen.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, May 21. FLC 212-213 @ 12:15pm.

Safe Sanctuary is a set of policies and procedures we implement in order to keep our kids in a safe and nurturing environment. Safe Sanctuary training is required for all adults working with children under the age of 18. **Safe Sanctuary certification renewal is required every year.**



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Our next Safe Sanctuary training will be on Sunday, May 21 at 12:15pm in FLC 212-213. Contact [John Henley](#) for more information. Please [download](#) the forms, then complete and bring them with you to expedite the training process, which should take approximately 30 minutes. You may also pick up a copy of the forms in the church office.

Save the Date

May 7 from 8am to 2pm. Donor coach in the parking lot.

Sign up [online](#), select digital donor, and search sponsor code: **B528** or contact [Vanessa Heuvelman](#) at 337-309-7502. Thanks!



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Prayer Luncheon

Copperfield Church. May 4 @ Noon.

Our church has been invited to a prayer luncheon at Copperfield Church on May 4th. We will meet in the BCUMC parking lot between 11:00 - 11:30am. Please call the church office, 281.463.2330, if you would like to sign up to attend or just be at Copperfield Church, 8350 Hwy 6 N, Houston 77095, by Noon on May 4.



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Book Fair Donations

Now accepting donations.

We are now accepting donations for our May book Fair. Please bring your gently used books to the Library or the church office during office hours. Also, put the Book Fair on your calendar for May 21 from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Visit the FLC gym for our Third Sunday Breakfast and stock up on summer reading material!

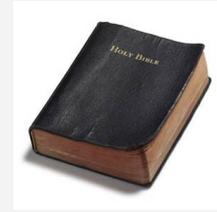


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Women's Bible Study

April 30 @ 5pm in the FLC 102.

Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy is a women's Bible study of Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. This 6-week study by Kelly Minter delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth.



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This Sunday evening women's Bible study meets from 5:00 to 6:30pm in room 102 of the Family Life Center. Join us!

Summer Bible Study / Mini-retreat

Saturday, June 3 from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Save the date! Sponsored by the BCUMC United Methodist Women and Books with Friends. Tickets and books go on sale Sunday, May 7. More details to follow.



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Rummage Sale is Coming!

Mark your calendar.

In July the Family Missions Committee will be sponsoring the 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 other community outreach events such as The Day of Thanks & Giving. The rummage sale will be July 21 and 22 and we will start collecting items on Sunday, July 16.



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Youth News

Night on the Range. Senior Recognition Sunday.

We have a busy weekend ahead! We hope you have purchased your tickets and will be joining us for **Night on the Range** this Saturday at 6:30pm in the FLC Gym for our Celebration of Youth Ministry here at Bear Creek UMC and our annual fundraiser for summer events. Bring cash or check if you would like to select an item offered by our youth: pies, cookies, other yummys, art work, and other awesome creations, as well as our *Designer Envelopes* will be out and attendees will be invited to support the Youth Ministry with an amount of their choice.



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Sunday we celebrate our Graduating Seniors during each worship service and will be

having a luncheon afterwards for them and their families. We recognize our graduates: **Kassie Barnett, Samuel Bynum, Shelby Gardner, Kyle Linhart, Sean Shamgar, and Joshua Snedeker**. Tell them "congratulations" and pray God's blessings over them!

Contact [Lea Bynum](#) or [John Henley](#) with questions.

AWANA on Wednesdays

May 3, 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, May 3, 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 note: Our last AWANA meeting for this session is May 10.**

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

May 19, 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 May 12 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.** The theme for May is *Mother's Day* and the entertainment is Harbor Light Choir.

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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