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Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum

Dorothy Sayers writes, "Work is not, primarily, a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do." Work is meant to be part of the reflection of our Creator in us: our work is to fulfill the creative energy that courses through us. Our work is our calling, our mission field.

Here I am spending a few days with my granddaughter (and her parents). So my thoughts are on rest and play. Like Sabbath, this is serious business - not as an escape from work but as rejuvenation for work. Again, Sayers offers a great perspective, "We should no longer think of work as something that we hasten to get through in order to enjoy our leisure; we should look on our leisure as the period of changed rhythm that refreshed us for the delightful purpose of getting on with our work." Reading the Bible, you discover that God built into the fabric of Creation a rhythm of work, rest, and worship. If we deprive ourselves of any of this pattern or miss the proper proportions, we lose the pulse of life.

God loves us so much he wants his life flowing in us. So here I am sitting on the floor playing with dolls and trains and Legos for the glory of God.



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Church-wide Faith Groups

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.



This fall we are going to begin a church-wide study for adults! We hope to have several groups of 8-10 people that will meet for 10-12 weeks (Sept. thru Dec.) in multiple neighborhoods around the church so that attendance is convenient. This will be a great opportunity to reach out to a friend or neighbor.

We will need many volunteers to make this successful - hosts to open their homes to a group, facilitators to lead a group and, of course, participants to join a group. The curriculum, [Emotionally Healthy Spirituality](#), and training will be provided. Prayerfully consider how you will be involved. Contact the church office, 281.463.2330, to volunteer. Once we have hosts and facilitators, we will begin sign-ups for the various groups.

It's impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Let God make you whole!

Third Sunday Breakfast

July 17. FLC Gym. Begins @ 8 a.m.

This month breakfast will be prepared by the UMM. Bring a friend and your appetite!



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Hour of Prayer

July 12. Fellowship Hall. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Prayer Team on the second Tuesday each month. We meet for HeBrews Coffee from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., then music & prayer from 7 to 8 p.m.



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Double Blessings

Bring your donations **again** this Sunday, July 10.

Thank you for your generous response - on Sunday, July 3 we collected 338 lbs. of food for the pantry!



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BCUMC was challenged on Sunday to double our blessings through the Food Pantry. Last week the Houston Northwest Community Center Food Pantry was broken into and robbed of a significant amount their resources. We could easily be overwhelmed by anger. Instead, we are going to overwhelm others with love. We do what Jesus does:

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:17-21).

We have already made the pantry more secure with deadbolt locks and fortifying the windows. Now we need to help refill the shelves. Feel free to bring canned fruit, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, broth, soup, or canned pasta (like ravioli or spaghetti and meatballs). Finally, we offer a special thanks to HEB and Food Town for their generosity in response to this unfortunate event!

Youth Summer Activities

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

District Camp

Our district church camp, for both Jr. and Sr. High students, is July 11-15 at Lakeview MCC in Palestine, TX.

Off-campus VBS

We are going to have a two-day, off-campus VBS the third week of July. Details will be communicated soon.

Next week the BCUMC Missions team is hosting the Rummage Sale. If you are available to help, please do! Check with the church office for times to work during the week or weekend sale times.

We again have opportunities to help unload and shelve items at the HNWCC Food Pantry on **Sunday, July 17**. We will be working with the children in the Library on **Monday, July 18**. More information to follow.

Click [here](#) to view/download/print our summer calendar.

Contact [Lea Bynum](#) for more information regarding any of these activities.



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KidZone Summer Activities

Don't miss out! Sign up today.

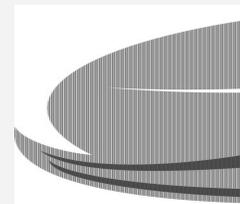
Tuesday Tennis at Ten

Meet at Bear Creek UMC Gym. Bring a sack lunch.
Play tennis, eat, and have fun with your family and friends!
Cost: one can of tennis balls!
July 19 and 26

Secret Service Thursdays

Meet at the church gym, share God's love, go out to eat!
Parents are needed for transportation.
Pre-registration forms are available in the church office.
Who: 3 years to new 5th graders
When: July 21 and 28
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: \$5 to \$10

Contact [John Henley](#) for more information or to sign up for any of these activities.



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Hurricane Information

Be prepared for hurricane season.

At our last Church Council meeting it was suggested that we

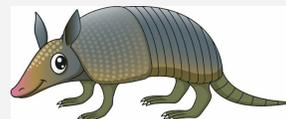
make hurricane information available to our congregation. Please [click](#) here to view and/or print a PDF containing valuable information to help you prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.



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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 27 and July 11, 18, 25 in the Bear Creek UMC Library. Come **Read Your Way Across Texas!** Click [here](#) for more details.

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**.

Members of the Committee will be receiving donations in the FLC Gym during the following times:

- Sunday, July 10: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, July 11: 9 a.m. to Noon & 4 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12: 9 a.m. to Noon & 4 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 13: 9 a.m. to Noon & 4 to 8 p.m.

No major appliances, non-working TVs or tube-type TVs please. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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!



worship

Energizers

July 22. Fellowship Hall. 10:30 a.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. Only drinks are provided.

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 July 8 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*** The theme for July is "Red, White and Blue" and the entertainment is Pat Gavin.



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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

FLC 101. 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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