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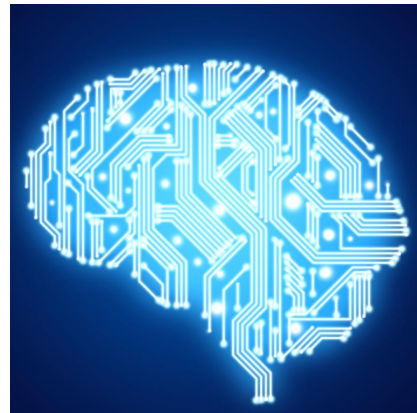
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## Altarnative Thoughts

By Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

Winston Churchill famously said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

That is a good word for us to remember as Halloween is almost here. It comes from the Old English word halig, meaning saint, and the word tide, meaning time. Halloween is All Saints' Day. The eve of this holy day is called Halloween. At this time, the church celebrates the faithful Christians who have died, entering into the fullness of life. We are especially mindful of the martyrs who gave their lives sacrificially, understanding that life is bigger than what can be counted in years. As John writes, "They gained the victory over him on account of the blood of the Lamb and the word of their witness. Love for their own lives didn't make them afraid to die" (Revelation 12:11). We rejoice with the saints who have gone ahead of us because we need to be reminded of the "moreness" of life.



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That's why Jesus says, "Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or - worse! - stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being" (Matthew 6:19-21 Msg). What you spend is gone; what you keep will be lost; what you give to God will be yours forever because you will be with God forever. Colonel Sanders understood, "There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there."

We don't know what the future holds; we only know who holds the future - and he holds us. When we ask you to *Pledge Your Love 2017*, this isn't a contract; this is a commitment. With jobs still tenuous, we understand there are no guarantees. Look, every day, every breath is a gift. So we are asking for your best estimate of how you will join in keeping the love flowing in Bear Creek.

Click on links below for *Love Flows in Bear Creek* videos:

[October 9](#)

[October 16](#)

[October 23](#)

## *Honey Baked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser*

Order online until October 31.

Please make sure to **pick up your gift cards in the Courtyard this Sunday**, October 30.

**You can still order [online](#)** (\$10, 25, 50, 100 available) **through October 31** and have them shipped to your house. Thank you for your support of this vital fundraiser.



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## *Safe Sanctuary Training*

Sunday, November 6. FLC 212-213 @ 12:15pm.

**UPDATED TIME & LOCATION.** 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. Our next Safe Sanctuary training will be on Sunday, November 6 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.



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## *Trunk-or-Treat*

Saturday, October 29. BCUMC parking lot. 4 to 5pm.

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat is this Saturday! Prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk, most original decorated trunk and best candy. Please contact [John Henley](#) for more information or to sign up. Thank you for your continued support of our Childrens' Ministry!



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## *Advent Devotionals & Decorating*

Sign up online. Write a devotional.

We are asking for volunteers to sign up [online](#) to write an Advent Devotional. Please submit your devotional on or before November 13. Thank you!



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We also need about 9-10 people and one more 12-foot ladder on Saturday, November

19th, starting at 9am as we decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. Contact [Bill Clark](#) to volunteer.

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## *PB & J and Tuna for Food Pantry*

First Sunday each month. HNwCC Food Pantry.

Next Sunday, November 6 we will be collecting peanut butter, jelly and tuna to benefit those in need in our community. On an average pantry night 125 families are served, representing 600+ individuals. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



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## *Christmas Block Party*

New location this year. Sunday, December 4.

Our annual Christmas Block Party is Sunday, December 4 from 3:30 to 6:30pm in the parking lot of **Northwest Glass & Mirror Co., located at [5106 Hwy 6 N](#)**. This event is FREE to the community. We will have crafts, music, food and fellowship. There is a rumor that Santa may even make an appearance!



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## *Youth News*

EHS Conclusion. Trunk-or-Treat. Block Party

This week in Youth @5 we will conclude our EHS Study with Pastor Jonathan; come and fill your toolbox, so that you can build on your emotionally healthy spirit! Dinner is provided this week - cash donations are always helpful to defray the cost of food. Meet upstairs for fellowship, food and an opportunity to grow with your friends in Christ.



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We are gearing up for helping with Trunk-or-Treat this Saturday at 4pm – come in a fun, lighthearted costume if you like. Meet for dinner afterwards - see Lea Bynum for more details.

Our Block Party and Christmas Parade are right around the corner, Sunday, December 4, and **we need you**, the Youth of Bear Creek, to participate and celebrate the season of Jesus' birth with our community. Planning is underway and we need your input. Contact [Lea Bynum](#) for more information.

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## *Part-time Custodian Opening*

20 hours per week. M-F from 6 to 10pm.

We currently have an opening on staff for a part-time custodian. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office, 281.463.2330, for specific job duties and hourly wage or to set up an interview.



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## Prayer Room Open House

Sat, Oct 29 and Sun, Oct 30. Refreshments served.

The Prayer Ministry Team would like to invite you to our Open House of the newly-remodeled Prayer Room in the BCUMC Ministry Village. Our first Open House will be held from 4 - 5pm during the Trunk-or-Treat event. While in the Church parking lot on Saturday, October 29, please visit us for a tour and treats in the Prayer Room. Another opportunity for seeing our updated Prayer Room is from 10:30am - 12:30pm on Sunday, October 30. Refreshments will be served. New carpet, new paint, new ceiling fan - but still the same love for our Lord and His love for each of us.



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## The Turkeys are Here!

This Sunday, October 30. In the Courtyard.

This Sunday, October 30 members of the Missions Committee will be in the Courtyard with turkeys whose feathers will show all the needed food items for the Thanksgiving food boxes we will be packing on the Day of Thanks & Giving. **Please stop by and "pluck" a few tail feathers and help us fill the boxes!** If you prefer to fill a box, there will be grocery bags with lists of all that is needed to feed a family.



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In addition to the food items listed on the feathers, the Mission Committee will be adding fresh produce, bread, and turkey gift cards to each box. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with these costs, please make your check payable to **BCUMC** with "*missions*" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate.

The Food Drive will run until Sunday, November 13. Your food donations can be returned to any of the red bins that will be located around the church campus.

## The Day of Thanks & Giving

SAVE THE DATE. Saturday, November 19.

The Day of **Thanks & Giving** takes place Saturday, November 19 from 10:30am to 1:00pm and is an opportunity for our church members to come together and give thanks to God for all our blessings by giving back to those in need.



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## Willie's Spirit Night

Monday, November 7. From 4pm to close.

Join us for a Spirit Night to benefit Bear Creek UMC Library. Mention that you are here in support of "Bear Creek UMC Library" and **Willie's will donate 15%** of your check to our Library. This event will be at the Copperfield location: [7092 Hwy 6 N.](http://www.7092Hwy6N.com)



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## Book Fair

Donate your used books. Bring to church office.

The Library is having a Book Fair on Sunday, November 6 in the FLC gym from 8:00am to 12:30pm. **FALL BOOK CLEARANCE** - all cookbooks and craft books are only 25 cents each!



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## Charge Conference

Thursday, October 27 @ 7pm.

The Bear Creek UMC Charge Conference is scheduled for October 27, 2016 at 7pm. District Superintendent, Jay Jackson, will meet with several churches at one time in one location. Our location is the First Filipino American United Methodist Church located at 8603 S. Kirkwood Rd, Houston, TX 77099. All members of our church are invited to attend.



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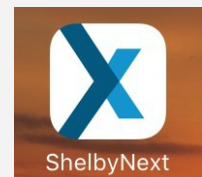
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## Online Church Directory

Available now! Stay in Touch. Directions below.

Click [here](#) to access the ShelbyNext Directory, then:

1. Click "forgot password"
2. Enter your email address (a new password will be sent to this email from ShelbyNext ChMS)
3. Choose "log in" from this email and use the password ShelbyNext created for you
4. Your login name will pop up in the user box (it may or may not have your middle/maiden name included - you may change it later)
5. When you log in, you will see your own membership record. Use the search feature to find contact information for other members of the church
6. To change your user name/password: go to the **Account** tab on your own record. **Be sure to SAVE before leaving this screen.** (Do not check the "Reset Password" box - it starts the password process over)



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If you do not want your information to be accessible to others, you may opt out by [emailing](#) or calling the church office, 281.463.2330; however, doing so will also negate your ability to use the online directory.

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## AWANA on Wednesdays

November 2 @ 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, November 2, 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 contact me if you have questions concerning any ministry to children here at Bear Creek United Methodist Church. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

Thanks,  
John R. Henley  
281.463.2330

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## 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

November 18. Fellowship Hall. 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. Only 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. **Our next meeting is November 11 from 10am to 1:30pm.** The theme for November is *Giving Thanks for Our Veterans* and the entertainment is Larry Emerson (solo entertainer and singer).

## 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 @ 9:15am.


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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