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Altarnative Thoughts

By Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

Love flows in Bear Creek.

It flows right through us.

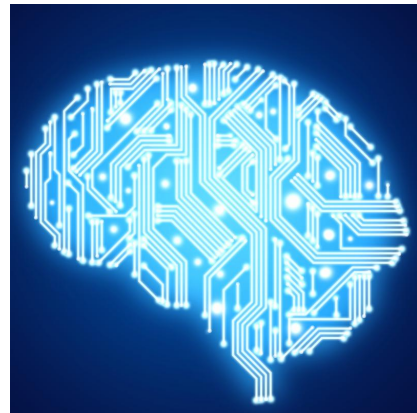
Sometimes we get it in our heads that "someday" we will reach spiritual maturity and our giving will reflect this newfound depth of our hearts.

"Someday" doesn't dawn like that.

Jesus understands how our hearts really work. If you want to grow spiritually, give your money to God, to God's work. Then your heart, your mind, your will, your interests, your passions, your everything, will follow. Jesus didn't say, "Where your heart is, there your treasure will be also." No, he said the opposite, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Our hearts are followers. Billy Graham is bold to say, "If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life." Jesus knows, "You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24). You can, however, serve God with your wealth. Giving is an act of faith. Faith doesn't simply say, "I believe"; faith is trust expressed in action, making our confidence in God visible. Stories abound of people who have been ruined by wealth; examples of people being ruined by giving are few. Lives transformed by giving are countless.

This Sunday we are asking you to take a step of faith by making a financial commitment for 2017. Pray about your giving. Listen for God's guidance. Then, in faith, complete your Pledge Your Love 2017 card.

Let it flow.



walk

By the way, now I have the song from Frozen in my head with new lyrics:
Let it flow, let it flow,
Can't hold it back anymore.
Let it flow, let it flow,
The gold never bothered me anyway!

Anyway...let it flow.

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

[October 9](#)

[October 16](#)

[October 23](#)

[October 30](#)

All Saints and Commitment Sunday

This Sunday, November 6.

This Sunday we will recognize those members of our congregation who have passed away this year. Also, we will have a time during the services to turn in pledge cards for 2017.



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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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Christmas Cards Coming!

Featuring original artwork by our Youth & Children.

Beginning Sunday, November 13 you will have the opportunity to buy Christmas cards featuring artwork by the Youth and Children of Bear Creek UMC. This popular fundraiser will help defer costs associated with our Children's Ministry summer field trip in 2017. Cards will be sold in the Narthexes of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning through December 11. Don't miss out!



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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. **So far we only have 5 people signed up and the submission deadline is fast approaching - please consider writing a devotional.** [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.

PB & J and Tuna for Food Pantry

First Sunday each month. HNwCC Food Pantry.

This 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

Youth @5. Block Party. Planning for 2017.

Come join us for Youth on Sunday morning; we will be talking about the "Faith Hall of Fame" as we continue our study of Hebrews and we will remember the Saints that have gone before us.

Youth @5 will be celebrating God's creation with some Gaga and games (dinner is provided - donations always appreciated) - come for fellowship and help plan upcoming activities for the Youth of Bear Creek!



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Check your weekly Youth Newsletter for all the latest updates and especially Summer 2017 Registration information. Contact Lea Bynum to be added to the newsletter or for any Youth related questions.

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.

The Turkeys are Here!

This Sunday, November 6. In the Courtyard.

This Sunday, November 6 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.](#)



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Book Fair

Big sale. Great deals.

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!



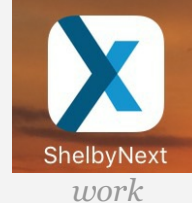
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Online Church Directory

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 (on your phone) 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)



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.

AWANA on Wednesdays

November 9 @ 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 9, 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

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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