

## What are the biblical comparisons in Bethany UMC's new Life Recovery?



1. **We admitted that we were powerless over our problems and that our lives had become unmanageable.**  
*"I know that nothing good lives in me...I want to do what is right, but I can't." – Romans 7:18*
2. **We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**  
*"God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." – Philippians 2:13*
3. **We made a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God.**  
*"Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable." – Romans 12:1*
4. **We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.**  
*"Let us test and examine our ways. Let us turn back to the Lord." – Lamentations 3:40*
5. **We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**  
*"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." – James 5:16*
6. **We were entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character.**  
*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor." – James 4:10*
7. **We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.**  
*"If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." – 1 John 1:9*
8. **We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.**  
*"Do to others as you would like them to do to you." – Luke 6:31*
9. **We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**  
*"If you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar and...someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." – Matthew 5:23*
10. **We continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.**  
*"If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall." – 1 Corinthians 10:12*
11. **We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry it out.**  
*"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart." – Colossians 4:2*
12. **Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.**  
*"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself." – Galatians 6:1*

*\*If you or someone you know is in need of Life Recovery, has questions, and/or wants to go deeper in faith, email [erin.temple@bethany-umc.org](mailto:erin.temple@bethany-umc.org). Our next season begins March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

# From the Pastor

## Practicing the HEART Principles

*"You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart."*

-1 Peter 1:22

You may have noticed that we have been studying the H.E.A.R.T. Principles through a sermon series in worship over the past few weeks. The H.E.A.R.T. Principles are the five unspoken requests we all make in relationships.

We are a little more than halfway through these five principles now, and we will finish them up in the next two weeks. While they are interesting to learn about, our hope is that we can do more than just learn about these unspoken requests. Our hope is that we will cooperate with God's Spirit during this series and throughout the rest of this year so that we can grow to relate to one another in healthier and more Christlike ways.

The verse above from 1 Peter 1:22 reminds us of the important call that God has given us as His children. We are called to embrace one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and to love one another deeply—even when we disagree. This is radically countercultural. It is also one of the biggest ways that we can be the salt and the light on this earth, providing a refreshing picture of God's love and God's Kingdom to the world around us. We cannot do this by just learning about the H.E.A.R.T. Principles. We also must be intentional to practice these in our homes, our friendships, our workplaces, and right here at Bethany. I invite you to consider the following questions as a way to *practicing* these principles in your own life today:

Which of these principles is most difficult for you? What is one way you can practice this principle with someone today?

Who has God placed in your life who is difficult to get along with, that you need to show love to in a more tangible way?

What step can you take this week to practice these principles in that relationship?

In Christ,

*Thomas Johnson*

## HEART PRINCIPLES:

### LEAD FROM THE HEART



**H**ear and understand me

**E**ven if you disagree, please don't make me wrong

**A**cknowledge the greatness within me

**R**emember to look for my loving intentions

**T**ell me the truth with compassion



## Prayers



### CONCERNS:

**DEATHS:** Nan Conkling (Jim Murray's aunt) - 1/17; James Locker—1/27; Jim Miller (Jill Saufferer's father) - 1/25; Sylvia Campbell Newcomb (founding member of Bethany, Bethany's first secretary) - 1/12; Kenneth Scott (Carol Redman's son) - 1/27; Kris Shuman (Prissy Pense's nephew) - 1/29; Marjorie Stagg (Rhonda Stokley's aunt) - 1/17 LA; Bob Turner (Sharon Luedecke's uncle) - 1/17

Sometimes we are looking for a burning bush when the answers are in the Guidebook. We need to read the Bible, not simply to get through a chapter, or answer questions in a Bible study, but to read with openness to the message for us, expecting to hear God and be blessed through it.

Psalm 119:105, "By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path." Romans 15:4, "Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next." (The Message paraphrase)



Your *Financial Estimate of Giving Card* is an important way to express your gratitude and faith.

The broad scope of church activities, ministries, and missions that we perform today is

enabled primarily upon these financial commitments. Your pledge helps us plan how much we will be able to accomplish in the coming year.

**2020 current Estimate of Giving commitments:  
472 pledges for \$2,111,826**

We are grateful for this response! However, we are behind in responses and total amount pledged compared to last year, so if you haven't turned in your cards yet, please prayerfully consider your financial gift for 2020 and turn in your card soon. Make your commitment by email to Jane Herbst, by mail, or place them in the offering plate at worship.

Cards can be found in the office or on the Welcome Desk. For questions contact Jane Herbst, Finance Manager, at [jane.herbst@bethany-umc.org](mailto:jane.herbst@bethany-umc.org) or call the church office.

## Upcoming Sermon Topics:

For the full series list and for audio recordings of past sermons, please visit the website at [www.bethany-umc.org](http://www.bethany-umc.org).



### HEART Principles

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|-------------|---|------------------|
| 1/18 & 1/19 | Hear and Understand Me                              | HEART Principles |
| 1/25 & 1/26 | Even If You Disagree,<br>Please Don't Make Me Wrong |                  |
| 2/1 & 2/2   | Acknowledge the Greatness Within Me                 |                  |
| 2/8 & 2/9   | Remember to Look<br>for My Loving Intentions        |                  |
|             | Sat: Sheri Sun: Tom                                 |                  |
| 2/15 & 2/16 | Tell Me the Truth with Compassion                   |                  |
|             | Sat: Thomas Sun: Tom                                |                  |
| 2/22 & 2/23 | Children's Sabbath                                  |                  |

## Easter Butterfly Ministry Workshops!

Feb 12, 19, 26 & Mar 4, 11  
4:30-6:30 pm  
Bethany Café



*Remember how beautiful all the  
Easter butterflies were last year?*

**Crocheters** are needed to prepare another fabulous *kaleidoscope* of butterflies. If you don't crochet you can still help!

**Assembly** of butterflies is easy and can be done by anyone, no crochet skills needed.

**Contact** [Carla@young-techno.com](mailto:Carla@young-techno.com) with any questions!

Crochet patterns (both for the smaller thread butterflies and an easier yarn pattern) for the butterflies are in the church office or can be emailed to you. Yarn/thread is also available if needed.



## Wednesday Fellowship Meals!

5:15-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Let someone else do the cooking! Join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner and fellowship. Dinner is served continuously.

**Dinner Prices:** Adult \$7 Youth \$6 Seniors \$6  
Children: 3 yr - 5th gr \$4 2 yr & under Free  
Family Ticket (parents & children in high school or younger) \$23 Max

### February 12

Homemade Beef Stroganoff, Steamed Broccoli,  
Garden Salad Bar, Strawberry IceBox Cake  
Kids Option: Hot Dog or PB&J  
or Smaller Portion of Adult Meal

### February 19

Chicken Strips & Waffles, Buttered Green Beans,  
Garden Salad Bar, Homemade King Cake  
Kids Option: PB&J or Smaller Portion of Adult Meal



## Welcome to the Prayer Corner

Didja know about  
**Prayer Request Online?**  
Share your prayer!

[bethany-umc.org/ministries/prayer/#request](http://bethany-umc.org/ministries/prayer/#request)





There will be a **called Church Conference** on Sunday, February 9, at 12:15 pm (following the 11:00 am worship service) in the Worship Center, with the Rev. Kendall Waller presiding.

The purpose of this called Church Conference is to elect the four Lay Delegates to Annual Conference who are up for election this year.

## Confused About What is Happening in the UMC?

### Please Join Us for an Important Church-Wide Information Session!

We invite you to come learn more about big decisions being made about the future of the United Methodist Church and join us in a time of prayer.

The Bethany Leadership team and Crucial Conversations Advisory Committee will host a session to provide information about the upcoming UMC General Conference 2020, specifically focusing on:

How the UMC works and what we expect to happen in the next few months

The issues at the heart of the debate

The various plans likely to be discussed at the General Conference in May

What might happen within local churches after the conference.

Please mark your calendars and join us!

**UMC General Conference 2020 Information Session**  
**Sunday, February 16, 5:00pm, Worship Center**

**Childcare:** RSVP to [christin.smith@bethany-umc.org](mailto:christin.smith@bethany-umc.org)  
with names and ages of children  
[bethany-umc.org/GC2020](http://bethany-umc.org/GC2020)



## How the UMC Works

### What is All This Talk about Conferences?

As part of our ongoing "How the UMC Works" series, today we discuss Conferences.

#### What is the UMC General Conference?

The General Conference is the legislative body of the United Methodist Church and makes policy decisions for the entire United Methodist Church worldwide. The General Conference is composed of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected from the various annual conferences from around the world.

The General Conference meets every four years unless a Special General Conference is called by the Council of Bishops. The next General Conference will be May 5-15, 2020.

#### What is the Annual Conference?

The Annual Conference is a yearly meeting of each conference of churches and is attended by clergy and lay delegates. Each church receives a number of delegates based on a formula developed by the annual conference, based roughly on the size of the church's congregation. Various local resolutions and other matters are voted on by the delegates. In addition, prior to each General and Jurisdictional Conference, the delegates at the Annual Conference also elect lay and clergy delegates to attend those conferences.

Bethany UMC is part of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, and it will be meeting in June, 2020, in Corpus Christi, TX.

To learn more about UMC conferences and how delegates are chosen, visit [bethany-umc.org/umcworks](http://bethany-umc.org/umcworks).

## General Conference 2020

In May 2020, the UMC General Conference will continue discussions about how the global UMC can move forward in light of our longstanding disagreement about inclusiveness and interpretation of Scripture on the subject of same-gender weddings and LGBTQ ordination. Until then, Bethany is committed to providing ongoing information and valuable resources to help us all prepare for and navigate whatever comes from that Conference. Please see our newly created resource page for updates and helpful information: [bethany-umc.org/GC2020](http://bethany-umc.org/GC2020). As we head through this time, it is important to remember that **ALL people have sacred worth**, and Bethany UMC is committed to loving all people, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. We give ourselves fully to be in ministry for, and with, all persons.





# Bethany Gifts & Memorials

(through 12/31/19)

## Special Gifts:

**Beth & Al Belmarez** (Foundation)

**Lenora Browning** (Foundation)

**Debbie Childers** (Foundation: Homeless & Low Income Assistance Fund)

**Sharon Anne Wiegel Haerle Estate** (Foundation)

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## In Celebration of:

**Mary Ann & Bob Kemmerer's 60th Anniversary** by Connie & Ron Ruple (Foundation); Ann Wall (General Ministry)

## In Honor of:

**Ben, Jordan & Owen Beaty** by Mary Kay Beaty (Memorial Fund)

**Jim Bylander** by Gayle Calmes (P.E.T. / Mobility Worldwide)

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**Rev. Dave Lutz** by his Monday Night Class (House of Friends); Alice M. Short (House of Friends)

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**Ted Sanders** by Jane Sanders (Foundation: Jane Sanders Youth Ministry Fund)

**Robyn & Bill Steinhauser** by Micki Steinhauser (Foundation: Lee & Maxine M. Grote Philanthropy Fund)

**Julie & Dan Steinhauser** by Micki Steinhauser (General Fund)

**Linda Tenpas** by Susie Petersen (House of Friends); Gwen Sodoma (House of Friends)

## In Memory of:

**Dr. Hap Arnold** by Ruth & Andrea Hansen (All God's Children Class)

**Frank Baker, Sr.** by Susie Petersen (House of Friends)

**Gail Baron** by Susie Petersen (House of Friends)

**Doyle Beavers** by Wanda Kuehler (Building Fund)

**Patsy Belflower** by Susie Petersen (House of Friends)

**Jean Bowdoin** by Mossy & T.V. Minner (House of Friends)

**Mahlon Bradford** by Nancy & Sam Douglas (Bags of Grace); LaVeta & Jim Hush (General Ministry)

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**Emajeane Fitzpatrick** by Sharon & David Fitzpatrick

**Jack Foley** by Friendship Class (All God's Children Class); Ruth & Andrea Hansen (All God's Children Class); Susie Petersen (Foundation)

**Barbara Fox** by Ken Fox (Memorial Fund)

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**Delbert Sharret** by Mary Ann & Bob Kemmerer (Choir Ministry)

**Lou Taylor** by Susie Petersen (House of Friends)

**Morris Thomson** by Phyllis & Dick Cram (Foundation); Linda & John Winn (Foundation)

**Ollie Washington** by Constant Seekers Class (House of Friends); Susie Petersen (House of Friends)

**Henry Wilson** by Jane & Bruce Fink (General Ministry)





## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

### **Disagreements Are Inevitable**

Being told you're wrong when you're wrong may make you a more knowledgeable person, but it can still feel like a sting when someone else points out your errors. No one enjoys being wrong. It's an unpleasant emotional experience for all of us.

That said, if someone disagrees with you, it's not because you're right and they're wrong. It's because they believe something that you don't believe. We all have our own thoughts, opinions, and values—which means disagreements are common.

Our beliefs are like 'internal commands' to the brain as to how to represent what is happening, when we congruently believe something to be true. As such, people will present their beliefs, drowning the other person with facts. However, providing people with accurate information doesn't necessarily change their beliefs because the mind doesn't always follow the facts. The mind has the tendency to embrace information that supports a person's beliefs and reject information that contradicts them.

The brain believes in alternative facts if they support the preexisting beliefs. People will tend to undervalue evidence that contradicts their beliefs and overvalue evidence that confirms them. We filter out inconvenient truths and arguments on the opposing side. Also note that it is counterproductive to belittle, ridicule, or ostracize another person for having a different opinion. The moment the brain feels belittled for believing in something, the mind will dig in rather than give in. As a result, the opinions solidify, and it becomes increasingly harder to disrupt established patterns of thinking.

By understanding your brain's reactions, you may be able to disagree in a way that's effective and respectful. It's all too easy to get wrapped up in our own beliefs that all common courtesy goes straight out the window. There is a big difference between just disagreeing and disagreeing respectfully. The first will likely cause hurt feelings and only add fuel to an already tense situation. The second approach can lead to new ideas and a much more productive discussion. Make a point to befriend people who disagree with you. Expose yourself to environments where your opinions can be challenged, as uncomfortable and awkward as that might be.

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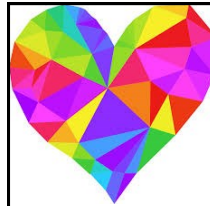


## **Special Needs Valentine Dance!**

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

It's time for dancing and romancing! Join us for the annual Special Needs Valentine's Dance. All those 14+ with special needs and their caregivers are invited.

*\*To volunteer as sign-in leader, table talker, dancer, or more, please email [erin.temple@bethany-umc.org](mailto:erin.temple@bethany-umc.org).*



## **ReWYRE is here . . .**

. . . and we'd love to have you!

ReWYRE stands for Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends. If you've lost a loved one due to divorce, death, or significant break up, please consider joining us for an 11-week class. We meet at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings in Rm. D203-204. Join us!

*\*Details: [www.bethany-umc.org/rewyre](http://www.bethany-umc.org/rewyre); email [erin.temple@bethany-umc.org](mailto:erin.temple@bethany-umc.org) to ask questions and/or register.*



## **Grief Care: Life After Loss**

Grief support group for those missing a loved one who died

**Sundays, February 2-March 29**

1:30 -3:30 p.m. in Room D211

Program includes a guidebook/journal, which costs \$5.

For information or to register, contact Pastor Wynn  
512 - 258-6017 x275 or [wynn.s@bethany-umc.org](mailto:wynn.s@bethany-umc.org)

## **Dining Divas**

Ready to hit the refresh button, ladies? Then *Dining Divas* is for you! This fellowship group meets the 2nd **Tuesday** of each month to dine, dish, or just delight in fellowship and fun! Join us **Tuesday, February 11**, at 6:00 at Reale's at **Anderson Mill and 183**.



Come casual, and connect through fabulous conversations with charismatic ladies. *Dining Divas* is open to all women; remember *age is only a number*. Childcare is available, \$7 per child, with reservation.

Want to RSVP, request childcare, or have other questions? Contact Christin Smith at [christin.smith@bethany-umc.org](mailto:christin.smith@bethany-umc.org). Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bumcdiningdivas/> or on the website [www.bethany-umc.org/moms](http://www.bethany-umc.org/moms).



# Missions



*"Whatever you do to the least of these you do to Me."*  
Jesus- Matthew 25:40

*Don't forget to stop by the Connection Corner every third Sunday to pick up your pre-assembled Bags of Grace!*

**Cost is still just \$3 each.**

*Tax-deductible donations are always appreciated. Your gifts help support the hundreds of 'Bags of Grace' delivered to the homeless at 'Church Under the Bridge' each month. Thank you!!*

*'Bags of Grace' is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.*

## Mission a Month



### Neighbor Helping Senior Neighbor!

Bethany UMC has been a faithful supporter (both financially and with volunteers) of Drive a Senior Northwest—a Faith in Action program since 1986! Over the years, members of Bethany have provided thousands of hours as volunteer drivers, office helpers, handymen, Senior Day Out helpers, etc. In 2019, Drive a Senior Northwest's volunteers from many supporting churches and community groups provided 8,441 rides!

Bethany UMC volunteers lead the way! Out of all our supporting churches, we are pleased to share that Bethany volunteers provided the most volunteer drives and services last year (almost twice as many as any other congregation!); 22 Bethany members served as volunteers providing 1,007 rides/services, driving over 10,000 miles and donating over 900 volunteer hours. We are grateful to these awesome, dedicated volunteers—if you know one, please give them a big hug for sharing their time with our senior neighbors! What makes these numbers even more amazing is the connection these volunteers and rides provide to other Bethany-supported ministries. Rides were provided to seniors to HCCM's Fresh Food For All pick up at Bethany, Samaritan Health Ministries, Reveal Food Pantry/Clothes closet, House of Friends, and to seniors involved in many of Bethany's recovery/support ministries. We are all working together towards the same goal of loving and supporting our neighbors because we can and should!

More seniors are enrolling in our program every day, and the need for more volunteers continues! Volunteers choose rides/services from an online schedule based on their availability, no minimum requirements or shifts to sign up for. Regular volunteer orientations are held each Thursday at 1:30 at the DASNW office inside Anderson Mill Baptist Church, just a few blocks from Bethany. Additional orientation days/times are available upon request, and more information can be found on our website at [www.driveaseniornorthwest.org](http://www.driveaseniornorthwest.org). Feel free to call our office anytime with questions at 512/250-5021 or email us at [rides@driveaseniornorthwest.org](mailto:rides@driveaseniornorthwest.org).

Thank you, Bethany, for supporting your senior neighbors and for being the keys to independence for so many!



### Serving Under-Privileged Families in our Community

We will be preparing and delivering meals using the MLF food truck on these dates:

**Mondays, February 3 & 17**

**Friday, February 28**

**Needed: New adult & children's socks**

Drop-off bins are located around the church for donations.

**For information about volunteer opportunities, please visit:**

[www.bethany-umc.org/mobile-loaves-fishes](http://www.bethany-umc.org/mobile-loaves-fishes)

or to volunteer, contact Gayle Kneupper, [kneupper@yahoo.com](mailto:kneupper@yahoo.com)

### Feed My People

**Tuesday, February 11**

**5:00 AM**

**First UMC, 13th & Lavaca**



Bethany sponsors a breakfast each month to feed 300-400 downtown homeless. We purchase, prepare and serve a hot breakfast. This month's sponsor: LIFE SS class

*If your group would like to sponsor a month or for information about volunteer opportunities, please visit:*

[www.bethany-umc.org/feed-my-people](http://www.bethany-umc.org/feed-my-people) or  
contact Debbie Childers [bdschilders@juno.com](mailto:bdschilders@juno.com)

### February Mission Opportunities

February 6 - HCCM Fresh Food Fridays Sort Food at HCCM, Leander (Cliff Wells): 1-2:30 pm

February 7 - HCCM Fresh Food Fridays in Bethany Parking Lot (Cliff Wells): 9-11 am

February 9, 16, 23 – Micro Lending to the Poor SpiritWalk Class (David Holloway): Sundays 1:30 – 2:30 pm

February 11 - Feed My People at First UMC Austin (Debbie Childers): 5:00 am

February 17 - Mobile Loaves and Fishes at Bethany FH (Gayle Kneupper):

February 28 - Mobile Loaves and Fishes at Bethany FH (Gayle Kneupper):

Next Missions Team meeting is **Monday, March 16**, at 7:00 pm in room D203/204.

<http://www.bethany-umc.org/monthly-missions>







## 2020 Summer Trips

**Save \$50 - Register by March 1st**

**Mission by the Sea** (6th-12th grade) Palacios, TX Dates: May 31 - June 4, 2020

Cost: \$350; pay only \$300 for registration and non-refundable \$100 payment by March 1st.

**PURE SOUND Choir Tour** (6th-12th grade) Colorado Dates: June 18 - 25, 2020

Cost (approx.): \$450; pay only \$400 for registration and non-refundable \$100 payment by March 1st.

**El Salvador** (Must have completed 10th grade by trip dates) Dates: June 26 - July 3, 2020

Cost: \$1,375, pay only \$1300 for registration and \$200 non-refundable deposit by March 1st

**Mountain T.O.P.** (Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and High School) Dates: July 10-19, 2020

Cost: \$705; pay only \$655 for registration and non-refundable payment by March 1st

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY TRIP** (5th-8th grade) Dates: July 27 - 31, 2020

Cost: \$375; pay only \$325 for registration and non-refundable payment by March 1st.

Learn more at <http://www.bethany-umc.org>



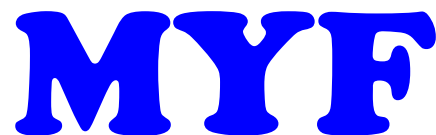
### HOMEWORK & HANGOUT

**Wednesdays, 5:00-7:45**

Students can purchase church dinner (youth cost \$6) or bring their own food. We will have junk food (nachos, brownies, popcorn, etc.) every week too!

**Homework & Hangout** - bring your homework at 5:00 and we can tackle it together. Certified teachers are available to tutor for free in most subjects

**Bible Study** - 6:15-7pm. Afterwards we'll play games or study until 7:45pm



**Sundays, 5:45 - 8:00**

Snack Supper (cost \$3)

Worship:

*music, message, prayer, offering*

Small Groups

Games

**Bring your friends**



**Mike Barnes speaks during MYF - March 29**

**Confirmation Reception & Worship - April 18**

**Youth Led Worship - April 18 & 19**

Find Event and Fundraising info online: [www.bethany-umc.org/ministries/student](http://www.bethany-umc.org/ministries/student)



# Children's Ministries



**VBS 2020 Registration Starts March 1**

**June 15 to June 18 Only 1 week!!**

**4 days only! Monday-Thursday**

**VBS is for children going into Kindergarten  
(will turn 5 by Sept 1, 2020)  
to completing 4th grade.**

**(Completing 5th grade will do Surviving and Thriving  
Middle School with Student Ministries.**

**For more information contact Maggie Todd at  
[maggie.todd@bethany-umc.org](mailto:maggie.todd@bethany-umc.org)**

**Children birth to 4 years old may attend at  
no cost with a 4-day adult volunteer.**

## **Like us on Facebook!**

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happening in Children's Ministry?**

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## **Buying a new Christmas Tree?**

**Don't know what to do with your old tree? Give your  
old tree to Children's Ministry for 2020 VBS!**

**Contact Susan Hinderliter at**

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**or 512-258-6017 ext 269**



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### Join Us For Worship

**Saturday Worship** 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship** 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Chapel Communion Service**  
9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School** 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Youth Worship** 5:30 p.m.  
**Mid-Week Worship**  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
*More worship details inside on p.3*



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## Children's Sabbath - February 22 & 23

**Join us at any of the worship services as  
we celebrate the children of Bethany!**

Here are some details for parents:

Children should go to services and sit with you.

We are not having regular Sunday School classes - care is available in the Activity Ark for Kinder to 5th Grade and D126 for preschool.

Care is **ONLY** for children whose parents are attending Adult Sunday School classes.

Questions: Contact Jen Seibel at [jen.seibel@bethany-umc.org](mailto:jen.seibel@bethany-umc.org)