



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On April 9 we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What difference does Jesus' resurrection mean for us as believers? Being a disciple of Jesus Christ in light of his resurrection

means living with the knowledge that death has been conquered, the power of sin has been canceled, and we have hope in the promise of eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith and reminds us of the power and love of God.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to follow his example and teachings, to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves, and to show compassion and care for the least, the last, and the lost in our society. The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides us with the assurance that even in the face of suffering and death, there is hope and redemption.

In light of his resurrection, being a disciple also means being part of a community of believers who share in the joy and hope of the resurrection. We are called to come together to celebrate and remember the significance of this event in our faith, and we do this every Sunday in worship.

Furthermore, being a disciple of Christ in light of his resurrection means living with a sense of purpose and mission. We are called to be ambassadors of Christ in the world, sharing the good news of his resurrection and embodying the love and compassion he taught us.

In conclusion, being a disciple of Jesus Christ in light of his resurrection means living with hope, purpose, and mission. We are called to follow his teachings, be part of a community of believers, and share the good news of his resurrection in Bullard and around the world. May we strive to live out our calling as disciples of Christ and embody his love and compassion in all that we do.

See you Sunday,

DAVID BRASHER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS 2023

## Holy Week & Easter

### Sunday, April 2 - PALM SUNDAY

Procession of the Palms in both services, 9 & 11 am  
Community-wide fellowship at city park sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, 6:30 pm

### Thursday, April 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship Service at 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

### Friday, April 7 - GOOD FRIDAY

Worship Service at 6:30 pm in FLC

### Saturday, April 8 - EASTER EGG-SPLOSION

Community-Wide Outreach, 9 am in FLC

### Sunday, April 9 - EASTER

Encounter Worship Service, 9 am in FLC  
Choir Cantata, 11 am in Sanctuary

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

Other Potluck Suppers are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month in the Family Life Center. On **Wednesday, April 12, we will meet at 5:30 pm for our monthly Potluck Supper in the FLC.** Bring a dish to share as well as an item for the food pantry. This combines our fellowship time with a purpose! No reservations are required. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

The time change will allow more people to attend our supper again. The sun is staying up later and you will be able to stay out longer because it will not be dark when we finish our meal. No need to limit your activities because you do not drive after dark!

On March 8, around 50 people age 3 years to 90+ attended our Potluck Supper. Food was collected for the Mission House Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who showed up to set up and clean up.

## APRIL MISSION BARREL

Bullard Methodist Church will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Sunday, April 23, from 8:00-12:00 noon. It will be in the Red Door Sunday School room in the courtyard.** Appointments are requested but walk-ins are welcome.

To schedule your appointment, go to:  
**Carterbloodcare.org**

- **Donate Blood**, Donate now, or **Log In** if you already have an account.
- Search by zip code 75757 and date April 23
- First United Methodist Church (the blood center has not updated our name as of the writing of this article), click **schedule now**, you will see a list of available times, click on the appointment time you would like to schedule.

To be eligible to donate you must be 16 years of age (signed parental consent form required) or older, weigh at least 110 lbs., and be healthy on the day of the donation. Other restrictions are listed in the Donate Blood tab on the website. The morning of your donation you should eat breakfast beforehand. Some people are affected by the sugar rush from grabbing a donut at church which could give you a rapid heart rate so please try to eat something less sugary before your appointment.

If you are worried about the possibility of low iron you should eat iron-rich foods for 7-10 days prior to your donation, these include lentils, spinach, oysters, sardines, white beans, kidney beans, chickpeas, dark chocolate, beef liver, tofu, canned tomatoes, beef, potatoes, cashews, and fortified breakfast cereals.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Siler at (903) 780-0954.

The full church calendar can be viewed on our website at <http://bullardfumc.org/calendar-2>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

In March, Club M&M enjoyed working on a gardening project for the church!

In April, we are looking forward to the Easter Egg-Splosion! Please join us **Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am** for Breakfast, crafts, a petting zoo, photos with a bunny, story time, and an amazing egg hunt! Bring your Easter baskets and your friends!

Club M&M on **Sunday, April 23 from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm** and Club 118 on **Sunday, April 30 from 4:00 pm – 5:30**

**pm.** Please make plans to join us for more mission projects, Bible study, and fellowship time!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung  
903-343-2857

## EASTER EGG-SPLOSION



## WEE CATS SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 years – Kindergarten

This month we will be discussing our most important gift – life now and life “later” with Jesus. What does that mean?

- Washing fee?
- A donkey's part?
- A stone is moved!

Come be with us. Always room for one more! Right down the hall from the donuts!

Pam Morton





## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### YOUTH EVENTS

Easter, Sunday, April 9, no youth  
Senior Sunday (tentatively) May 21  
Bounce into Summer May 28

### Summer Events:

UMARMY June 18-24. Registration will be online from April 1-May 1; \$325/kid.

Lakeview July 3-7; Registration online, \$575/kid. The church will pay half for members.

### MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE



The youth are sponsoring a bake sale to help offset the cost of summer camps. Please come and treat Mom to her choice of treats on her special day. We are looking for donations of baked goods to be sold. If you would like to help, please have your baked goods at the church early on Sunday, May 14. We are looking for cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, or anything you like to bake. Please contact Jamie Leach at (903) 372-0980 with any questions.

## OTHER NEWS

### EASTER LILIES



We will be decorating our beautiful sanctuary with Lilies on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order one or more, please fill out this form. The lilies are \$12 each. You may place your order and leave your check in the church office or an offering plate. You may also order and pay securely online through our website. These honored names will be printed and displayed on Easter Sunday. **DEADLINE is April 2.**

### GRADUATING SENIOR INFORMATION NEEDED

If you know of anyone that is a 2023 High School, College, or Trade School Senior, please contact Venus at the church office (903) 894-6762.

### TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR APRIL

Andy & Amber Alexander  
Chris & Amy Pawlak

### NURSERY WORKS NEEDED

Hiring Nursery Workers! If interested, contact Kimberly Brasher at [kdbrasher1973@gmail.com](mailto:kdbrasher1973@gmail.com).

### BROOKDALE MINISTRY

Sunday, March 5, seven members of Bullard Methodist Church went to Brookdale Nursing Home and provided music, a message, and Holy Communion to the residents. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas accompanied by Karyn Heath on piano. A very good message was given by Mike Dunklin. Two sea stories, one about Jonah and one about Paul. Communion Service was conducted by Lisa Escolas, Mike Dunklin, and Mike Walker. Following Communion, Carole Myers sang, "Lo! I am with thee."

A special thanks to Lisa's daughter, Patricia. She sat with one of the residents who, in the past, has been very restless and sometimes disruptive. She talked to her and keep her calm and was able to get her to partake of Communion for the first time. Also present was Sherri Henry, whose lovely voice was a welcome addition to the music.

### DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Saturday, April 15, at 4:30 pm** for the May newsletter.

Email articles to [bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org](mailto:bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org)

## WELCOME TEAM

We need volunteers to serve on our Welcome Team each Sunday. This group of volunteers makes sure every person who comes through our doors is warmly welcomed and that our first-time guests are given a gift. You simply need to be at worship a few minutes early and wear a smile. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

### Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

### Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

### Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

### Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

### Sunday, April 30, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office of Bullard First United Methodist Church will be closed from Friday, April 7 through Friday, April 14. Normal office hours will resume Monday, April 17.

## NEED A NAME TAG?

Active members' and visitors' name tags are located on the shelf (in alphabetical order) in the foyer of the Sanctuary and the entrance of the FLC. If you need a name tag, please put a note in the offering plate, or call Venus at the church office at (903) 894-6762.

## METHODIST MEN

The next meeting of the Methodist Men will be on **Tuesday, April 25, at 6:00 pm at Milano's Pizza**. All the men of the church are invited to join us in food, fellowship, and ministry.

## FLOWER VASES DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have any gently used flower vases (approximately 8-9 inches tall) that you no longer need, the church needs them. You can drop them off (at your convenience) at church on Sunday. Please set them in the Harper Hall kitchen or you can drop them off at the church office.

## DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH TABLECLOTH?

If you have borrowed tablecloths from the church, please be sure to return them, as they are needed for church events.

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### God's Sacrifice

Jesus hung on the cross that day,  
Died to carry our sins away,  
Died to reconcile God and man,  
Died to fulfill the Father's plan.

Satan thought that he had won,  
Hadn't he murdered God's own Son?  
Little did he know that fateful day  
in dying Christ would take his power away.

Jesus looked down into Hell,  
Said "Satan you think that you've done well,  
But no one took my life from me,  
I gave it up on that rugged tree."

In power Christ arose that morn,  
By God's own spirit He was reborn  
To be the elder of many sons.  
The battle was over, God had won!

Jesus hung on the cross that day,  
Died to carry our sins away,  
Died to reconcile God and man,  
Died to fulfill the Father's plan.

Crucified there for you and me,  
God's sacrifice to set us free!

By Carole Myers

## BULLARD METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will be meeting **Wednesday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. in The Parlor**. We begin each meeting with a prayer and devotional; this month, they will be given by Jeanne Johnston. A Bible study based on Luke 17:1-18:14, Pictures of Hanging in There, will be led by Martha Dinwiddie. The study is based on a book Luke New Hope, New Joy by Ada Lum.

During our March meeting, we received envelopes for our annual membership pledge.

For our April meeting please bring 13 Easter cards to be sent to our Sideline Saints. They will be mailed that day so these ladies will receive your warm wishes in time for Easter. If you have any questions, contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

## CHILDREN'S TIME IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - MARCH



## POTLUCK DINNER – MARCH



## METHODIST COFFEE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Methodist Coffee Club, which meets here in Bullard on **Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Coffee Around the Corner**. This is a time of fellowship and coffee drinking. Everyone is welcome.



## ALTAR FLOWERS: POLICY & PRICE

Altar flowers are a way of honoring a beloved person, remembering the deceased, or recognizing an anniversary or birthday.

To participate in this expression of your appreciation, complete an Altar Flower Form found below the glass case in Harper Hall near the children's wing, or go to our website, [bullardmethodist.org](http://bullardmethodist.org) and drop down the Online Giving tab. A payment of \$45.00 must accompany your request. To pay online, use a credit card. To pay by check, indicate on the subject line that it is for altar flowers and place the check with your request in the offering plate, or take it to the church office.

The next three months are listed below. Check the glass cases in Harper Hall or online for an entire year's calendar.

Month	Sunday	Name
April	2	
	9	reserved
	16	
	23	reserved
May	30	
	7	
	14	
	21	
June	28	
	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	

When you take the altar flowers home, please leave the green plastic containers at the church. These are reused each week.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

- 1 Evan Griffiths  
Marsha Jones  
Peggy Lawson
- 2 Eddy Hobbs
- 3 Teri Rogers
- 4 Jonathan Leung
- 5 Dollie Thibodeaux
- 6 Kelly & Venus Burns  
Tim Plumb
- 7 Wayne Bailey
- 8 John & Ashlee Jones  
Andy Williams
- 9 Tyler Lamberth
- 11 Erin Florence  
Canyon & Monica Hamilton  
Nina Marshall
- 12 Rebekah Brasher  
Jules LeVrier  
Matthew Walker
- 16 Shanan Jones  
Lucy Shultz
- 17 Barbara Gill
- 19 Charlie Morton
- 20 Brian Vestal
- 21 Bill & Frances Cox  
Jim & Linda Neuman  
Jacob & Alison Walker
- 24 Byron & Miranda Pierce
- 26 Nancy Campbell
- 27 Tom Phelps  
Jim Summers
- 29 Carl Coleman
- 30 Russell & Beth Geesing

## OUR PRAYERS

Our Homebound – Side-Line Saints - Members & Friends:

Tommie Aulie  
Ruby Cables  
Velma Carson  
James & Kathleen Kyles  
Linda Pierce  
JoAnn Smith  
Emilie Stroble  
Ron & Dana Swanson  
Jean Weatherly

Active Military Personnel:

Benjamin Barbour, Bryton Blakeney, Jessica Roper, Tyler Scarborough, Victor B. Sheldon and his wife Katy Sheldon, Grant Troxell, and others

## OUR GIFTS

The Board of Stewards has authorized the Finance Committee to establish a new brokerage account for securities donated to the church. The purpose of this is to be able to accept donations of stocks and bonds and convert them to cash for use by the church as designated by the donor.

If you have securities you wish to donate to the church and avoid capital gains taxes, please consult with your financial advisor and then contact the Finance Secretary, Patti Maxwell, or the church office.

Financial Results for February:

	February	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 47,582.70	\$ 132,544.52
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 46,067.00	\$ 135,134.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 42,951.24	\$ 87,137.07
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 44,914.00	\$ 91,010.00

## SPECIAL GIFTS

(Gifts as of March 31, 2023)

### In Memory of Joyce Streely

Given by:  
Joe & Patti Maxwell  
Neal & Becky Thompson

## OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

February:	228
Year to date:	221

## CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about how to become a member of Bullard Methodist Church, contact our Pastor.

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
who worship passionately, love extravagantly,  
and witness boldly.*

*All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,  
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance  
of:*

### CLERGY

Pastor, Rev. David Brasher

### PROGRAMS

Student Ministries Director, Katie Gage  
Children's Director, Deirdre Leung

### WORSHIP

Director of Traditional Music, Robert Boren  
Encounter Worship Leader, David Thrasher  
Pianist, Kerry Baham

### SUPPORT

Administrative Assistant, Venus Burns  
Financial Secretary, Patti Maxwell  
Nursery Supervisor, Kimberly Brasher  
Custodian, Louis White

### EASTERN TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop, Rev. Dr. Scott Jones  
Area Presiding Elder, Rev. Nick Sholars  
Circuit Presiding Elder for BMC, Rev. Carmen Rickel