



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we continue our year-long focus on discipleship, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the benefits of being a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple means more than just attending church or reading the Bible. It means following Jesus, putting him first in our lives, and striving to live our lives in a way that reflects his teachings.

One of the biggest benefits of being a faithful disciple is the peace and joy that comes from having a close relationship with God. When we put our trust in him and follow his will for our lives, we no longer have to worry about the future or the challenges we may face. Instead, we can have faith that God is in control and will guide us through whatever comes our way. As Jesus says in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Another benefit of being a faithful disciple is the sense of purpose and fulfillment that comes from living a life of service. When we follow Jesus' example and serve others, we not only make a positive impact on the world around us, but we also find meaning and purpose in our own lives. As Jesus says in Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Finally, being a faithful disciple also means having the assurance of eternal life with God. As we read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." When we put our faith in Jesus and follow him as our Lord and Savior, we can have confidence that we will one day be with him in heaven.

So, as we continue on our discipleship journey, let's remember the many benefits of being a faithful disciple. Let's strive to deepen our relationship with God, serve others, and trust in his plan for our lives. May we always remember the words of Jesus in John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Grace and Peace,

DAVID BRASHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The May Potluck Supper will be on **Wednesday, May 10, at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center**. April showers bring May flowers. We are asking you to bring cut flowers from your garden or store-bought to the dinner this month. The flowers will be used to decorate the tables (bud vases will be provided) and after the dinner, the flowers will be delivered to our members needing cheer and not able to attend. There will be two sign-up lists; one for those wishing to deliver flowers and a second one for people you feel should receive flowers. Jill Siler will be helping coordinate these deliveries.

In April we had approximately 55 people attend our Potluck Supper themed "Every bunny is welcome at Bullard Methodist Church".

We will be taking a summer break, so after this dinner, we will not meet again until September. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

MAY MISSION BARREL



**Backpacks
Bug Spray
Sunscreen
Disposable
Washcloths
Batteries-AA**

For May's Mission Barrel, we will be collecting items for Hunger for Love and their church Under the Bridge ministry. Items being collected in May are listed to the left.

Volunteer Day for Church Under Bridge will be Saturday June 10, 2023.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

In April Club M&M enjoyed working on a gardening project for the church! The Children's ministry sponsored another Easter Egg-Splasion! Thank you so much to everyone who stepped in to make this event happen! Over 120 families came out to join us for breakfast, petting zoo fun, pictures with the bunny, an egg hunt and most importantly they all

heard the real reason for Easter, the story of Jesus and his Resurrection!

In May we are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year and also will be working on getting ready for VBS! Sign up to participate today!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung
(903) 343-2857

SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars for STELLAR Vacation Bible School on **June 26-29 from 9 am until 12 noon**. Join us as we launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world! Sign up to participate at www.RegisterforVBS.com. If you would like to help with VBS this year, please let Deirdre know at (903) 343-2857.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POOL PARTY



The Children's ministry will have a combined Club M&M and Club 118 pool party on **Sunday, May 21 from 4 pm-6 pm at the Bly home**. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel! Supper provided. If you plan to come, please let Deirdre know at (903) 343-2857.

WEE CATS SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 years – Kindergarten

Jesus has risen! Now his disciples are told to spread the word that death could not hold Jesus! We will learn about some special friends of Jesus –

Who didn't believe Jesus was alive?
Who swam from his boat to enjoy a breakfast fish fry?
Right down the hall from the donuts! Always room for one more chair!

Hope to see you Sunday!
Pam Morton



Wee Cats – Blast from the Past:



STUDENT MINISTRIES

YOUTH EVENTS

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. Register for UMARMY here: <https://www.umarmy.net/Registration/Indv/4306/>

Lakeview July 3-7; Registration online, \$575/kid. The church will pay half for members. Register for session C at Lakeviewmcc.org.

MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE



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

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS

Read Blakeney, Bullard High School
Windom Hamilton, Bullard High School
Caleb Hand, Bullard High School
Hunter Hand, Bullard High School
Luke Hemple, Brook Hill School
Brooklyn Holik, Cumberland Academy

Olivia Hayes, Baylor University

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR MAY

Stephen & Patty Foose
Grant & Kelly Rollins

NURSERY WORKS NEEDED

Hiring Nursery Workers! If interested, contact Kimberly Brasher at kdrasher1973@gmail.com.

BROOKDALE MINISTRY

On April 2, seven members from Bullard Methodist Church held a service at Brookdale Tyler South. About a dozen of the residents enjoyed the singing led by Lisa Escolas, accompanied by Karyn Heath on the piano. The message was given by Sheri Henry, the story of Ruth. Mike Walker and Mike Dunklin assisted with Communion. Carole Myers sang "God's Sacrifice". Lisa's daughter, Patricia, was again

a great help with some of the residents. Service ended with the singing of "Jesus Love Me". A favorite of those attending.

LADIES' SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

**Back by Popular Demand
Mark your Calendars Now!**

Ladies with free time and looking to have fun, want to go to lunch? Ladies' Summer Lunch Bunch, now in its second year, will be resuming in June. **We meet on the first Wednesday of the month during the summer at 12:15 pm at Hidden Gardens Tearoom in Bullard. This year's dates are June 7, July 5, and August 2.** The gathering is open to all the ladies of the church and their friends. To ensure we have adequate seating, please email, call, or text me by the Monday prior to the luncheon so I can give the restaurant a head count.

Contact Judy Donnelly at pauljudy82@sbcglobal.net or (281) 450-2300 to RSVP or ask questions.

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.

UPLIFTING WORDS

Holy Spirit, Come

Holy Spirit, come now, come to us today.
Come and make thy dwelling in our hearts, we pray.
Holy Spirit, come now, overflow our hearts.
Come with all thy fullness never to depart.

The Master said that He would send
A Comforter, a Guide, a Friend.
And on that day at Pentecost
The power came down to reach the lost.

Let us be the vessels of God's love on high,
Reaching out to others with life before they die.
Holy Spirit, come now, fill us with Thy power,
Quicken all the body in this final hour.

By Carole Myers

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

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

Email articles to bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed from Thursday, May 11 through Friday, May 19. Normal office hours will resume Monday, May 22.

The church office will be closed from Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, May 30.

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, May 23, 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.

BULLARD METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will be meeting **Wednesday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. in The Parlor**. We begin each meeting with a prayer and devotional, this month they will be given by Carole Myers. A Bible study based on Luke 18:15-19:10, The Nobodies God Wants in His Kingdom, will be led by Martha Dinwiddie. The study is based on a book Luke New Hope, New Joy by Ada Lum.

At our April meeting, we brought Easter Cards to send to our Sideline Saints.

For our May meeting be sure to return your Lenten offering. Envelopes were distributed early in the Lenten season; it is now time to turn them into the treasurer. After the meeting, we will have our end-of-the-year luncheon at Hidden Gardens Tearoom in Bullard. Our next meeting will not be until September 6. If you have any questions, contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

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.

POTLUCK DINNER – APRIL





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 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
May	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	
June	4	reserved
	11	reserved
	18	
	25	
July	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	

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 MAY

1	Rickey & Jamie Leach Kelsey Thrasher
3	Carole Myers
4	Jack Florence
5	Herb Jones Luann Smith
6	Emersyn Burns
9	Janet Burns John & Sharon Marrs Tom & Candyce Phelps
11	Matt Florence Larry Staten
13	Alison Walker
14	Dr. Meril & Melva Taylor
15	Piper Florence
16	Mary Kay Bailey Lucy Norlie
17	Sloan Willis
18	Steve & Debbie Bembenek
22	Ron Martin
24	Mike Walker
26	Alma McBride
28	Reggie & Luann Smith
29	Jason & Jennifer Blakeney Joe & Patti Maxwell
31	Larry & Nelda Perry

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 March:

	March	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 39,235.49	\$ 171,780.01
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 45,267.00	\$ 180,401.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 41,394.99	\$ 128,532.06
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 45,176.00	\$ 136,429.00

SPECIAL GIFTS

(Gifts as of April 30, 2023)

In Memory of Johnnie Bishop

Given by:
Richard & Martha Dinwiddie

In Memory of Jerry Jones

Given by:
Richard & Martha Dinwiddie

In Memory of Joyce Streely

Given by:
Richard & Martha Dinwiddie

Given to the Methodist Men

In Memory of Jerry Jones

Given by:
Paul & Judy Donnelly
Stephen & Patty Foose
Tom Hendricks
Gerald & Rebecca Mohr
Dean & Jan Nowowiejski
L. Virginia Plocek

OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

March:	239
Year to date:	227

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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*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 Rankin
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

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