



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This March is a special month in the life of the church. Not only is it part of the Lenten season this year, but it also ends with Holy Week. Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter,

commemorates the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The week was filled with joy and celebration and times of great sadness, grief, and suffering. The joy and celebration bookend the week—the Triumphal Entry is celebrated on Palm Sunday, and the Resurrection is celebrated on Easter Sunday. In between, we remember the institution of the Lord's Supper, the giving of the greatest commandments, the washing of the disciple's feet in the Upper Room, and Judas' betrayal on Maundy Thursday. On Friday, we remember the suffering and death of our Savior on the cross of Calvary. We invite you to join us for this year's Holy Week services. Make Easter special by attending each of them.

In Christ's unwavering love,

Your Pastor

DAVID BRASHER

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Make Easter meaningful by joining us for these wonderful events

March 24 Palm Sunday - Procession of the palm branches at 9 and 11 am

March 28 Maundy Thursday - Seder Meal with Jews for Jesus at First Baptist, Bullard, at 6:30 pm

March 29 Good Friday - Chancel Choir - Tenebrae - A Service of Darkness, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

March 30 Easter EggStravaganza - 9 to 11 am in the Family Life Center

March 31 Easter - Celebrate with us at 9 am in the Family Life Center and 11 am in the Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello! Happy March 😊 In February we delivered our handmade valentines to the KVNE radio station who will distribute them to people in the hospital and nursing facilities. Also in February, we enjoyed Club M&M on February 11 and Club 118 on February 25 at the Morris home! For our mission project, we made some cozy fleece blankets for the Linus project which will be given to the Children's Advocacy Center to be distributed to kids who need a blanket!

In March we are looking forward to Club M&M in **Harper Hall on Sunday, March 17 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** and Club 118 on **Sunday, March 24 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Wood home.** We will have devotionals, mission projects, fellowship, and pizza! Please let me know if you can attend!

Also in March, we are looking forward to our Easter EggStravaganza! This is a community-wide event for children and their families which will be on **Saturday, March 30 at the FLC from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** We will have breakfast, crafts, games, a petting zoo, pony rides, photos with bunnies, the Easter story, and a huge Easter egg hunt! If you can help with this event, please let me know! If you are able, please also bring candy to donate, receptacles will be in Harper Hall and the FLC.

Please also save the date for SCUBA: Vacation Bible School: June 24-27 from 9:00 a.m. until noon 😊

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung
903-343-2857

STUDENT MINISTRIES

BIBLES AND BITES

A middle school girl's Bible study meets **alternate Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

CHURCH CAMP

Registration is open for Lakeview! We will be attending the GMC week at Lakeview June 10-14. Please register at this link https://lakeviewmcc.org/camper_registration/



ADULT MINISTRIES

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.

METHODIST MEN

The next meeting of the Methodist Men will be **Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m., at Milano's Pizza**. All the men of the church are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and ministry.

METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in The Parlor**. We begin each meeting with a prayer and devotional, this month they will be given by Martha Dinwiddie. Bible study, based upon the book of Luke will conclude this month. We will study Luke 24, God's Word from the Empty Tomb. This is chapter 26 of our study guide.

During February we received our pledge cards and began our Lenten giving period. We supplied condiments for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry patrons. We will be supplying nutritional supplement drinks such as Glucerna, Boost, and Ensure during March. Clients must have a doctor's note to receive these items.

Please bring 10 Easter cards to the March meeting to be sent to our Sideline Saints. No envelopes are necessary. If you have any questions, contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The next monthly ETFB team will resume on Tuesday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Contact Brett Hatley or Mary Kay Bailey if you would like more information.

MISSION BARREL - MARCH



We are collecting Easter candy donations for our Annual Easter Community Event! All candy must be individually wrapped. You can donate candy or pre-filled eggs please place in Mission Barrels.

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The March dinner will be on the second Wednesday of the month, **March 13, at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center**. Bring a dish to share and a nonperishable donation for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry. This month, bring an item of your choice for the food pantry.

We had around 75 people attend our February dinner. It was Valentine's Day as well as Ash Wednesday. Many stayed for the Ash Wednesday service which followed. Daylight Savings time will be in effect and the days are getting longer in March, no need to worry about driving home in the dark! So come join us for fellowship. We wear nametags so we will be able to meet those we do not know by name.

If you would like to provide the decorations in the future, please contact Judy to sign up for a month.

Thank you to the many who helped return the FLC back to "church-ready" condition after the meal. Our "muscle crew", aka set-up/clean-up team has had various additional commitments and health restrictions this year. **We could use some additional help, especially for setting up.** If you are available to come a little early, at 4:45 p.m., to help set up it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

The prayer quilt ministry is new in 2024. We meet on the second Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in the **FLC, on Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until noon**, this month.

Each time we have met we have new faces show up. Some are experienced quilters while others are helpful in different ways. Even if you are unable to sew, we can use your skills for things like matching complimentary fabrics, pinning, and pressing.

We are asking for donations from the congregation. We will be collecting cotton fabric, thread, batting, tools used for sewing (thimbles, threaders, long pins, etc.), or cutting fabric (rotary cutters) in plastic crates near the mission barrels in Harper Hall and the FLC. With the donations we have already received, the fabrics are being paired and prepared to sew.

Fabric yardage requirements: To make a quilt we need four coordinating fabrics of ½ a yard each for the front. We need 1 7/8 yards for the back and the binding. This may be the same print as one of the four on the front. We need 1 ½ yards of low-loft batting to go in between those layers.

The lap-size quilts will be sewn at the church and/or at home by the group. The quilts are prayed over at the end of each session. All are welcome to stop by at around 11:45 to pray with us for the ones who will be the recipients of these quilts for their healing and comfort. Recommendations for distribution to recipients will be taken from the Prayer Group, the Grace Notes, and church members recommendations. A quilt may be requested directly from a member of the group.

If you have any questions, please contact Flo Tarrant at (903) 894-6416 or Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR MARCH

Wayne & Mary Kay Bailey
Layne Alexander
Luke Alexander

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

NEWS AND NOTES

BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

A communion service was held on Sunday, February 4, at Bluebonnet Point Wellness in Bullard. Lisa Escolas led the singing and presented the message from Matthew Chapter 13. Carole Myers played the piano for the singing and sang

a special. Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker assisted with the communion. We had a better turnout of residents than the previous month. Including a retired Methodist minister and a sweet little lady, 101 years old. This is a very rewarding ministry and hope more of our members will decide to participate. We especially need those who are willing to bring a brief message.

If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa Escolas at (774) 226-6153.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS



Turn your clocks **ahead one (1) hour** Saturday night before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9.

NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



Goodwin Family

(Brandt & Meagan with children, Lennon and Everett)
(joined February 4)



David & Chris Crawford
(joined February 11)



Bill & Chris Kirk
(joined February 25)

CHURCH CONNECTIONS



Contact grant@bullardmethodist.org
with any questions.

Volunteer Interest Survey

Our Ministry Interest Survey is on the church website under volunteer if you select the "Serving" tab. Your response is instrumental in allowing us to align your ministry and service goals with our current opportunities through our various missions, outreach, and fellowship ministries. Please feel free to reach out if you need help utilizing the online format. Hardcopies are available, or if you know where you'd like to be, let me know, and I will connect you with the right person.

Fellowship Ministry

It sounds like Spring Bingo is in the air! A sign-up sheet will be available for those able to bring snacks/appetizers. The date in April is TBD. "White Elephant" prizes - we ask that you bring an unwrapped item from your house to serve as our prize for each Bingo winner.

Missions Ministry

We served at the East Texas Food Bank on Saturday, February 17, where we assembled 248 senior boxes and

packed 120 lbs. of rice and 216 lbs. of beans! Thanks to everyone who joined us! The monthly ETFB team will resume on Tuesday, March 5. Contact Brett Hatley or Mary Kay Bailey if you would like more information.

Outreach Ministry

February 12th, we delivered lunch to the local police and fire departments. Be on the lookout for the next outreach ministry meeting in the Sunday bulletin in the coming weeks.

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 the form. The forms are located in the foyer, Harper Hall and the foyer in the FLC. **The lilies are \$14 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.

The direct link to the form is:

<https://www.ezekielgiving.com/App/Form/77aab49e-c9e6-46d2-851b-240e91571e76>

Don't forget to order your Easter Lilies in honor or memory of a loved one. **DEADLINE: March 24.**

OUR PRAYERS

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

Tommie Aulie
Velma Carson
James & Kathleen Kyles
JoAnn Smith
Emilie Stroble
Jean Weatherly

Active Military Personnel:

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

OUR GIFTS

BMC has a 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.

OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

January: 228
Year to date: 228

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Friday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m.** for the April newsletter.

Email articles to bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org

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.

UPLIFTING WORDS

Come, Ye Saints

Come, ye saints of God, heed the calling,
Come, ye saints, heed the battle cry.
Forces of darkness gather around us,
We must lift His name on high.
He has given us the battle,
The victory is already won.
We must spread the news all around us,
The news of Jesus, God's own son.

Jesus, Jesus, lead and guide us,
In this race that we must run.
We have given you our allegiance
You are truly God's own son.
Jesus, Jesus, name above all names,
Jesus, Jesus, His praises sing.
Jesus, Jesus, mighty redeemer,
Jesus, Jesus, King of Kings.

By Carole Myers

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.

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.

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

The next three months are listed below. Check the glass case in Harper Hall for the calendar.

Month	Sunday	Name
March	3	reserved
	10	
	17	
	24	
	31	
April	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	
May	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH

1	Lacy Haney
2	Blythe House
3	Greta Faulkinberry Monica Hamilton Jade Morris
4	Martha Dinwiddie
7	James Kyles
8	Bridger Allen
9	Richard & Martha Dinwiddie
10	Jo Ann Smith
11	Emily Boren
12	Jim Neuman
13	Kathleen Kyles Chris Pawlak
15	Kannin Burns
17	Taylor & Katelyn Burns Venus Burns
18	Deirdre Leung

- 19 Todd McAvoy
- 20 Joseph Williams
- 21 Chris Crawford
- Landon Holik
- Mary Redman
- 22 Andy & Leah Williams
- 24 Adalynn Alexander
- Windom Hamilton
- 25 Grant Haney
- 26 Ramzee Matejka
- 28 Jan Blakeney
- 29 Tommie Aulie
- 30 Katelyn Burns
- Susan Hill



RECENT EVENTS

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER DAY



METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



MID-WINTER AT LAKEVIEW



YOUTH BONFIRE AT LANES CHAPEL



ACOLYTES & HELPERS



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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Pastor David: david@bullardmethodist.org

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Encounter (FLC)
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional
5:30 p.m. Youth

*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
Director of Connections, Grant Rollins

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
Presiding Area Elder, Rev. Nick Sholars
Presiding Circuit Elder for BMC, Rev. Bryan Harkness