



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we reflect on our recent Easter Sunday celebration, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the profound significance of Christ's resurrection. Easter isn't just a day on the calendar; it's a way of life—a

calling to live as Easter people, transformed by the power of the resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith. It's the moment that changed everything, offering us not only forgiveness of sins but also the promise of new life, hope, and everlasting joy. As we reflect on this truth, let us allow its transformative power to permeate every aspect of our lives.

Living as Easter people means embracing the hope that springs eternal from Christ's victory over death. It means walking in faith, knowing that God's love and grace are constant companions on our journey. In the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties, we can find strength and courage in the assurance of resurrection life.

One of the most beautiful aspects of living as Easter people is the transformation it brings to our relationships. Just as Christ's resurrection restored our relationship with God, it also calls us to love one another deeply, forgive as we have been forgiven, and extend grace and compassion to all. Our interactions with others become opportunities to reflect the light of Christ and share the message of hope.

As we navigate the joys and trials of everyday life, let us remember that we are called to be beacons of Christ's love and resurrection power in our families, workplaces, and communities. Our words and actions can be a testament to the transformative work of the Holy Spirit within us.

Living as Easter people also involves a continual process of renewal and growth. Just as spring brings forth new life in nature, so too can the Easter season inspire us to cultivate spiritual growth, deepen our relationship with God through prayer and study, and seek ways to serve others with humility and compassion.

Let us approach each day with gratitude for the gift of resurrection life and a renewed sense of purpose in sharing God's love with the world. May we live as Easter people,

grounded in faith, filled with hope, and overflowing with the joy of knowing that Christ is risen indeed!

In Christ,

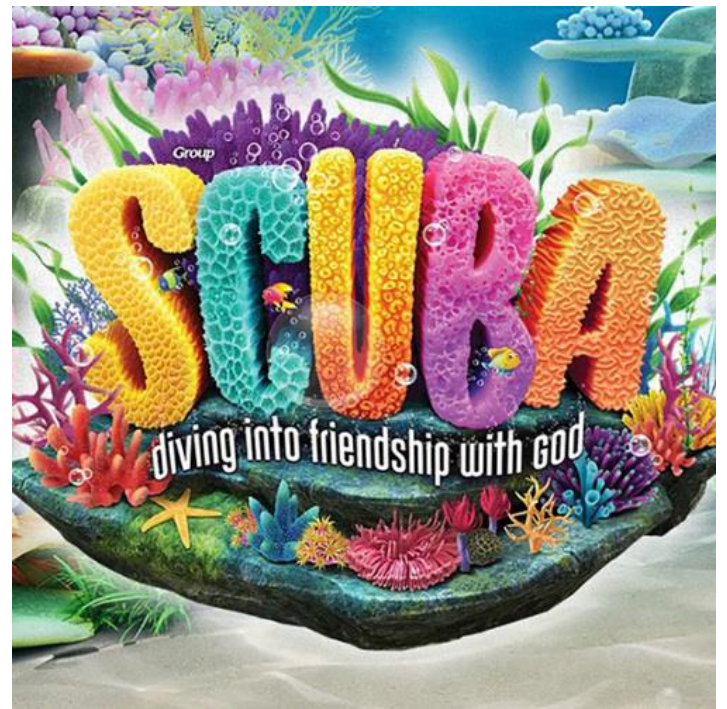
DAVID BRASHER

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello! I hope everyone had a lovely Easter! In March the kids in Club M&M worked on a gardening project for the church! They are such great little gardeners 😊 For Club 118 in March we met at the Woods home! Thank you, Wood family, for hosting us! Also, in March, we had a fantastic Easter Egg-spllosion! Thank you to everyone who helped with breakfast, crafts, games, petting zoo, pony rides, photos with bunnies, telling the Easter story, and a huge Easter egg hunt! I'm thankful to each of you who helped make this big event happen.

In April we are looking forward to Club M&M in **Harper Hall on Sunday, April 21 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m.** and Club 118 on **Sunday, April 28 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. at the McAvoy home.** We will have devotionals, mission projects, fellowship, and pizza! Please let me know if you can attend!



Also, in April we will be working on preparing for SCUBA: Vacation Bible School: **June 24-27 from 9:00 a.m. until noon** 😊 Join us for a planning meeting on April 1 at 6 pm in Harper Hall if you are available! Even if you can't come to the meeting, please let me know if you would be available to help us make this VBS a success!

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.**

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN



[Register for Lakeview](#) (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

[Register for UMARMY](#) (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

\*\*I am in search of an adult male volunteer for UMARMY. It helps but it is not necessary to have tool skills.\*\*

Blessings,

Katie Rankin  
Student Ministries Director

## 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, April 23, 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, April 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 Meyers. The program will be given by Judy and Paul Donnelly about their water well repair mission work in Malawi Africa. Lenton offering is to be turned into the treasurer for missions. If you would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Linda Pierce, a collection will be taken and turned into the church. Items being collected for the Bullard Mission House this month are cream-style corn, condensed cream of chicken/mushroom soup, pasta, and sugar-free items.

In March we finished our study of Luke. We will begin a study on the Sermon on the Mount in September. Books may be purchased in advance for \$10. We supplied nutritional supplement drinks for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry patrons. Clients must have a doctor's note to receive these items. Sidelined Saints were remembered with Easter cards.

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 be on **Tuesday, April 2 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 - APRIL

The Allens are heading to Romania again in July with Serving HIM Healthcare International Ministries. For this month's mission barrel, we are collecting new reading glasses (cheaters, yes the ones from the dollar store) of any strength. These are a life-changing gift for people who do not have access to eye care!

The Allens are also still looking for donations for the expense of the trip and are selling t-shirts to help with the costs as well. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Brittany or Brandon Allen.

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The April dinner will be on the second Wednesday of the month, **April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Bring a dish to share and a nonperishable donation for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry. This month, bring canned fruit or fruit juice for the food pantry.

We had around 55 people attend our March dinner. This was a good showing considering it was in the middle of spring break. Thank you for spending your break with us! Daylight Savings time is in effect and the days are getting longer, no need to worry about driving home in the dark! So join us for fellowship. We wear nametags so we will be able to meet those we do not know by name.

Plan ahead, in May, we are asking for assistance with decorations. The theme is "A Few of My Favorite Things" if you would like to provide the decorations for **ONE** table, please contact Judy to sign up. If no one signs up, we will just have plastic sheeting on the tables. Get the kids involved, they have great ideas!

Thank you to the many who helped return the FLC back to "church-ready" condition after the meal. (Our dishwashers are featured in the pictures.) 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 April 11, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.**

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 and sewing items in plastic crates near the mission barrels in Harper Hall and the FLC. If you would rather make a monetary donation and let us do the shopping, please designate so on the memo area of your check.

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. Distribution has already begun.

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

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR APRIL

Stephen & Patty Foose  
Brandt and Meagan Goodwin

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

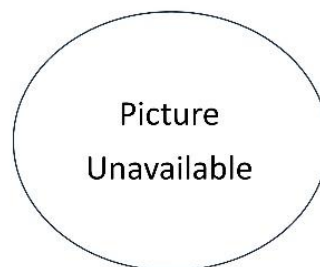
## NEWS AND NOTES

### BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

We had our largest attendance to date at the March 3 service. The singing was led by Lisa Escolas, with Gloria Jones on the piano. Sherry Henry gave the message, the Story of Ruth. Communion was Served by Mike Walker and Mike Dunklin. Carole Myers sang "God's Sacrifice".

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

## NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



**Lawrence Family**  
(Chris & Hope with daughter, Kesley)  
(joined March 21)

## GRADUATING SENIOR INFORMATION NEEDED

If you know of anyone who is a 2024 High School, College, or Trade School Senior, please contact Venus at the church office (903) 894-6762.

## CHURCH CONNECTIONS



Contact [grant@bullardmethodist.org](mailto:grant@bullardmethodist.org) with any questions.

## Volunteer Interest Survey

Our Ministry Interest Survey, a crucial tool for aligning your ministry and service goals with our current opportunities, is available on the church website under the 'Volunteer' tab. Your response is instrumental in shaping 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

Get ready for Spring Bingo! The date is **Saturday, April 20 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** We'll have a sign-up sheet in the FLC and Harper Hall for those who can bring snacks or appetizers. For our prizes, we ask everyone to bring a 'White Elephant' gift, which is an unwrapped inexpensive item from your house.

## Missions Ministry

Join us on **Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Harper Hall** for our quarterly Missions Ministry planning meeting, where we will discuss possibly joining Marvin Methodist Church for their annual mission week. On Tuesday, April 2nd, the monthly East Texas Food Bank team will continue serving the local community. Contact Brett Hatley or Mary Kay Bailey if you want more information. We are also planning a trip to Sager Brown in late September, and if you would like more information, please get in touch with Carl Coleman, who is leading the team.

## Outreach Ministry

Please make plans to join us to help plan our next outreach event. Options include an evening of training, like internet safety, a special night of worship, etc. Be on the lookout for our next outreach ministry planning meeting in May.

## 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, 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.

Financial Results for February:

	February	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 64,106.70	\$ 183,265.77
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 59,767.00	\$ 164,934.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 47,621.56	\$ 93,349.15
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 47,962.00	\$ 95,745.00

## SPECIAL GIFTS

(Gifts as of March 31, 2024)

### In Memory of Linda Pierce

Given by:  
Greg & Maggie Nordyke

### In Memory of Gail Mosbrucker

Given by:  
Reggie & Carrie Rollins, Luke, Kim, Emma, Madison,  
and Wyatt Rollins, and Britt Rollins  
Randy & Robin Dryden

## OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

February:	232
Year to date:	230

## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

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

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

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### Free, Free

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
A sacrifice to save us all, Jesus is the one.  
He came not to condemn us when He died on Calvary.  
He shed His blood for everyone, that we might be set free.

If you are still in bondage to the curse of Adam's sin,  
Just put your trust in Jesus and you may enter in.  
Enter into freedom, God's perfect liberty,  
Purchased by the Lamb of God that day on Calvary.

Free, Free, we have been set free,  
Free from Satan's power, from sin and misery.  
Free, Free, we have been set free,  
Free from fear of death or hell,  
Yes, we have been set free.

By Carole Myers

## 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.

## 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](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.

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
April	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	reserved
May	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
June	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

1	Marsha Jones Peggy Lawson Joe Samford
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
10	Russell & Beth Geesing
11	Erin Florence Canyon & Monica Hamilton Nina Marshall
12	Rebekah Brasher Jules LeVrier Matthew Walker
15	T.J. & Katie Rankin
16	Shanan Jones Lucy Shultz
17	Barbara Gill Sherri Henry
19	Charlie Morton
20	Brian Vestal

- 21 Bill & Frances Cox  
Jim & Linda Neuman  
Jacob & Alison Walker
- 24 Byron & Miranda Pierce
- 27 Howard & Deanne Kravetz  
Tom Phelps  
Jim Summers
- 29 Carl Coleman

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



## RECENT EVENTS

### EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER DAY



### PRAYER & SENDING FOR BECKY THOMPSON



## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



## 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](mailto: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