



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I'm very excited to let you know that the Trinity Annual Conference has asked our church to host the "Revival on the Road" for the Lakes Area. These revivals are being held

in each Area of our Annual Conference. Here is what the conference is saying about them.

*If you've been with us at any one of our Annual Conference gatherings, you've experienced it — an undeniable presence of the Holy Spirit filling the room and filling our hearts with passion to worship God and to share the love of Jesus Christ in a dark and hurting world. In these moments we capture glimpses of heaven, and we are left with a deep yearning for more as we seek to continually grow in our holiness of heart and life. These are moments too good not to share!*

*As we seek to build and advance our shared ministries in the Trinity Conference, we are also looking for ways to grow in holiness through a spirit of renewal and revival; not just once a year at Annual Conference but frequently through our area visits this fall and early spring.*

*We will be bringing revival on the road with powerful preaching, worship and prayer, so that members of our local churches can be encouraged and included in this movement of the Holy Spirit.*

I am also excited to announce that Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore will be our "Revival on the Road" preacher.

*Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore is an ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church and the founding pastor of Mosaic Church in Evans, Georgia, which she planted in 2003. A two-time graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min.), she has been serving in pastoral ministry since 1998. Moore has been deeply involved with the Wesleyan Covenant Association, serving in leadership roles that include Chair and Vice-Chair, helping to shape the Global Methodist Church's formation.*

*In addition to her pastoral work, Carolyn is a prolific author, and she co-hosts the podcast The Art of*

*Holiness, where she engages in conversations on supernatural ministry and practical holiness.*

Many of you will know her as the author and teacher from our recent studies on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Not only that, but Rev. Moore was also a key speaker at the recent Global Methodist Church's Convening General Conference. She delivered a sermon on the first day in Costa Rica, where she challenged the church to be attentive to the Holy Spirit with "flexible and moldable" hearts and minds. Her message resonated deeply as the church began this pivotal conference, focused on establishing foundational structures for our denomination's future.

I hope to see you at this wonderful event at **5:00 p.m., October 20**. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Grace and Peace,

DAVID BRASHER

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy October! In September we enjoyed a fun Club M&M at the church and made a blanket to be given to a child at the Children's Advocacy Center. Also, in September we had Club 118 at the Wood's home. Thank you for hosting us!

In October we will make our traditional Children's Ministry trip to the Lanes Chappel Pumpkin Patch, on **Sunday, October 6, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.** All kids and their families are invited to attend! We will play pumpkin games, ride the pumpkin train, and have a devotional. After our pumpkin fun, we will plan to meet up at Andy's for a sweet treat. Also in October, we will have Club 118 on **Sunday, October 13, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. location TBD**. At the end of October, we will have Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 27**. Please bring candy/prizes during October to support this outreach and if you are able, please sign up to run a game or help with food!

Save the date for **Sunday, November 10** for our Children's Ministry Bake sale! The money raised will go toward our Christmas mission project which will be to purchase gifts for children receiving services at the Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County. We plan to have lunch together on **Sunday, November 17 in Harper Hall** then together go shopping for the gifts we will give! Please plan to bake and then shop with us!

Also, in October and November, we will be practicing music for our Christmas musical! We will perform on December 8, in both worship services. **We will practice music part of the Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings, and we will also have practices on Wednesdays: October 2, 16, 30, and November 6, 20.**

**Sunday, December 15** will be our Children's Christmas Market **from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. in Harper Hall.** During the months of October-December, kids of our church earn "tickets" by participating in Sunday School and other Children's events. They use their tickets at the market to "purchase" gifts for their family and friends. We hope all our kids will participate and we are also looking for a few adults who do not have children participating to help with this event so parents can have some surprises on Christmas morning. If you can help, please let me know!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung  
(903) 343-2857

## ADULT MINISTRIES

### NEW CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Jesus taught his disciples to care for each other by his own example of servant leadership, banding his followers together in mutual love and support. Today, as his disciples, we are still called to care for one another. To help us more effectively accomplish that, we are forming a new lay-led congregational care team, led by Tammy Woodard, whose goal will be to come alongside Pastor David in providing visitation and prayer support to our ever-growing congregation. If you are interested in joining this team, please talk to Tammy Woodard, or sign up in Harper Hall or the FLC Welcome Table.

### EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help at East Texas Food Bank on **Tuesday, October 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** We help organize food for local food banks and schools. The address is 3201 Robertson Rd. Tyler 75701. For more information contact Mary Kay Bailey or Brett Hatley.

### 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, October 22, 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 meets every first Wednesday of the month **in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m.** **Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 2.** We begin each meeting with a prayer and devotion. This month they will be given by Mary Kay Bailey.

We began a new study on the Sermon on the Mount in September. We will continue with Chapter 2, God's Way to Make a Difference, based on Matthew 5:13-16. Books may be purchased at the meeting for \$10.

We will be supporting the Highway 80 Mission in October. Please bring men's socks, toothpaste and toothbrushes to the meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Susan Hatley at (713) 202-7019.

### MISSION BARREL - OCTOBER



During October we will have a food drive for the Mission House Food Pantry so they will be stocked with plenty of food before Thanksgiving. These items will be greatly appreciated: canned food including soups and beans; bottles of cooking oil or spray; corn bread mix, cake and brownie mix. Please place your food in Mission Barrels at church.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

We are **currently** studying "Where Do I Belong? Finding Our True Home Through the Study of Exile in The Bible." Most of us are familiar with the Exodus where the Israelites were in exile for 40 years. We may also be aware that the Israelites were exiled to Babylon. But did you ever think that we were in exile today? I know I hadn't thought of that. The fact is that this world is not our home, but God is with us as we journey through our lives. Our next study will be on 1 and 2 Timothy: The Clarity You Need When Life Feels Chaotic, Confusing and Out of Control." Sounds so much like the world today. This study will begin on **October 21**. Please call Sherri Henry for more information at (903) 474-4934.

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be the second Wednesday of the month, **October 9, 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 canned vegetables, beans, or fruit.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship. We wear nametags so we will be able to meet those we do not know by name and put names with faces. We had around 50 people at the September dinner. There is plenty of time to eat, help clean up and make it to the Bible study at 7:00.

We are doing the setup a little differently this year, we are asking people to stay after the second service, walk across to the FLC, and help set up tables on the Sunday before the dinner. **This month will be October 6**.

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, October 10, from 9:00 a.m. until noon**, this month.

Between February 25 and September 14, we distributed **63** quilts to those with health issues or going through a rough time. We depend on feedback from all of you to know who may be in need of prayers for healing and a quilt for comfort. If you have a close friend or relative who lives out of town, you may request a quilt, and we will give it to you to forward it to its final destination. If you would like a service member to receive a patriotic-themed quilt or an alternative color, please contact us.

The lap-size quilts are 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 a.m. to pray with us for the ones who will be the recipients of these quilts for their healing and comfort. 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 OCTOBER

Wayne & Mary Kay Bailey  
Walter Morris  
David Parker

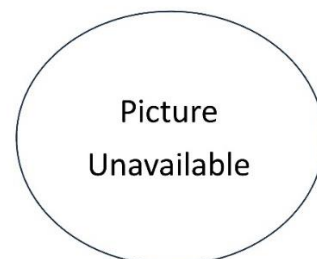
The full church calendar can be viewed on our website at <http://bullardfumc.org/calendar-2>

## NEWS AND NOTES

### NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



**Joel & Camille Lawson**  
**(with children, Anthony & Charlotte)**  
joined on September 3



**Bob & Kim Nimon**  
joined on September 11

## BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

We had a small group at the September 1 service. There were nine residents and visitors present. The singing was led by Lisa Escolas, accompanied on piano by Lois Evans. Lisa gave the message and assisted with the communion service along with Mike Walker. Carole Myers sang one of her songs. If you are not participating in this ministry, you are missing a blessing...

We are looking for persons from our church who would like to help by sharing a brief devotional with the residents of Bluebonnet Place. We go **every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.** to serve communion and share a devotional. If you can help, please sign up today!

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

## 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

Our fellowship ministry provides the opportunity to grow relationships within the church! Church Bingo is on the horizon for November. A confirmed date will be out soon!

## Missions Ministry

The next opportunity to serve with our East Texas Food Bank mission team is **Tuesday, October 1**. If you want to join, please **meet at the food bank at 8:30 a.m.** For more information, contact Brett Hatley or Mary Kay Bailey.

We have a team of nine people traveling to Sager Brown (South Louisiana) from September 29 to October 4 this

month. This five-day trip will provide an opportunity to impact others by building relief kits and serving the local community.

Our next Missions Ministry opportunity is this month as well! On **Saturday, October 12**, we will provide and serve lunch at the Hiway 80 Rescue Mission. We will have a morning of preparation for all who can help in the FLC kitchen, and then some men from our church will head over for fellowship and meal serving. Please contact Brett Hatley or Grant Rollins if you would like to help. We will post pictures online and in the November issue of this newsletter!

## Outreach Ministry

Our next Outreach Ministry opportunity is serving at a Bullard High School Football concession stand on **Friday, October 18**. We will post pictures in the November Vine Newsletter. We are grateful to everyone who can serve!

## BULLARD METHODIST NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Applications are available in the church office. Please contact Kimberly Brasher for additional information.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR OCTOBER

1	Bennett Paddack
2	Lori Day
4	Jake & Vanessa Krause
5	Herb & Marsha Jones Melissa Kravetz George Martin
6	Lloyd & Tommie Aulie David & Chris Crawford Phil Shipp
7	Greg Nordyke
8	Grant & Lacy Haney Landon Paddack Emilie Stroble
9	Mitch & Janette Johnson Jenna Wood
10	David Fritsche Lennon Goodwin
11	Brandon Allen
13	Bruce & Tammy Woodard
14	Milton & Barbara Odom
15	Cynthia Grogan
18	Canyon Hamilton
19	Libby Neeland
20	Billy Braly
21	Jim & Barbara Gill Belva LeVrier
22	Dottie Rowell
23	Brandi Lamberth

25 Brandt & Lacy Haney  
 Amy Pawlak  
 30 Charles Davis

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### Lo! I Am with Thee

Whither thou goest, what e're the path thou trod,  
 On mountains or in valleys remember I am God.  
 What e're the trial you're facing, what e're the load you bear,  
 Seek and you will find Me, call My name in prayer.  
 For lo! I am with thee. Lo! I am with thee,  
 Fear not! For I am with thee. Always.

Sometimes the path eludes you and almost disappears.  
 The darkness gathers round you and fills your heart with fear.  
 But, I have brought you wholeness, joy and peace within,  
 For I have saved you from the curse brought on by Adam's sin.  
 And Lo! I am with thee. Lo! I am with thee.  
 Fear note! For I am with thee. Always.

By Carole Myers

## OUR PRAYERS

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

Tommie Aulie  
 Velma Carson  
 James & Kathleen Kyles  
 Dirk Streely  
 Emilie Stroble  
 Nellene Tannert  
 Bobby Vermillion  
 Jean Weatherly

Active Military Personnel:  
 Benjamin Barbour, Matt Pearce, Jessica Roper, Victor B. Sheldon and his wife Katy Sheldon, Luke Sprinkle, and Grant Troxell

## 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 August:

	August	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 42,432.00	\$ 473,442.31
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 39,817.00	\$ 412,986.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 51,454.70	\$ 394,119.40
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 50,666.00	\$ 393,291.00

## OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

August: 213  
 Year to date: 231

## 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
October	6	reserved
	13	reserved
	20	
	27	
November	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
December	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
	29	

## 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.

## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Tuesday, October 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the November newsletter.

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

## RECENT EVENTS

### METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



### POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



## SOUTHERN GOSPEL SINGING



## 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 Elder, Rev. Nick Sholars  
Presiding Elder, Rev. David Brasher  
Connecting Elder for BMC, Rev. Ed Wandling