



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we enter the season of Lent, we embark on a 40-day journey of spiritual reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and leads us to Easter Sunday, is a time when we intentionally draw closer to Christ by remembering His sacrifice and preparing our hearts to celebrate His resurrection.

Lent is often associated with fasting, prayer, and acts of devotion. These practices are not meant to be rituals for their own sake, but tools that help us refocus our lives on Jesus. Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting and praying before beginning His public ministry, we use this season to examine our hearts, confess our sins, and seek a deeper relationship with our Savior.

One of the most well-known traditions of Lent is fasting. Some choose to give up certain foods, social media, or other distractions as a way to remind themselves of their dependence on God. Others take on new spiritual disciplines, such as reading Scripture daily, praying intentionally, or serving others in meaningful ways. Whether we give something up or take something on, the goal is the same—to create space for God to work in our lives.

Lent also calls us to repentance. It is a time to reflect on our need for God's grace, to acknowledge our sins, and to turn away from them. Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." This prayer captures the essence of Lent—a desire for God to transform us from the inside out. As we confess our shortcomings and rely on God's mercy, we experience the hope of forgiveness and the power of renewal.

But Lent is not only about personal reflection; it is also a season of preparation. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded of Christ's suffering, His death on the cross, and ultimately, His victory over sin and death. The somber nature of Lent makes the joy of Easter morning even more profound. We walk through the darkness so that we can more fully appreciate the light of Christ's resurrection.

At Bullard Methodist Church, we invite you to engage in this sacred season. Join us for worship, participate in Sunday school or small group Bible study, or set aside time each day

for prayer and Scripture reading. However you observe Lent, do so with a heart that is open to God's transforming work.

May this Lenten season be a time of drawing near to the Lord, remembering His great love for us, and preparing our hearts to celebrate the victory of Easter.

Grace and peace,

David Brasher

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy March! In February, the children of our church helped lead worship at the Bluebonnet Nursing Home by singing songs and reading scripture. They also gave out the beautiful Valentines they made. All of the residents were very happy and thankful to see them. They did a great job!

Also, in February, we had our Club M&M and Club 118 meetings.

Please save these upcoming dates:

- Club M&M (ages 4yr-3<sup>rd</sup> grades):  
Sundays from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in Harper Hall: March 2, April 13, May 18 (pool party location TBD)
- Club 118 (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades):  
Sundays from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m.: March 30 at the Walker home, April 27 (location TBD), and May 18 (pool party location TBD)
- Easter Egg-Splosion:  
Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School:  
June 23-26 from 9:00 a.m. until noon

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung  
(903) 343-2857

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## YOUTH MEETINGS

**Sundays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** with following exceptions:

No meetings:

- **March 16** - Spring break
- **April 20** - Easter
- **May 11** - Mother's Day

## 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:**

- **March 12 and 26**
- **April 2, 16, and 30**

## YOUTH BAKE SALE

On **Mother's Day**, we will be doing our church camp bake sale fundraiser. All funds raised will go to send participating kids to Church Camp at Lakeview.

## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 18.** Reception to **follow 11 o'clock service.**

## CHURCH CAMP

Registration for Lakeview is open. Please use code BULLARD50 for \$200 off--this is the half the church will cover. And don't forget the fundraiser! Please notify Katie if you register. Open to all students up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. **June 9-13.**

# ADULT MINISTRIES

## BLESSED BITES MEAL MINISTRY

We're pleased to announce that we are starting a new ministry team to provide care and love to our church family members who are going through a difficult time. The Blessed Bites Meals Ministry team will deliver ready-to-eat meals that meet specific needs so that others can focus on caring for one another or getting well themselves.

The leadership team for the ministry consists of Susan Hatley (team lead), Lois Evans, Maggie Redding, and Theresa Sheldon. The team will get guidance from the Pastor on when to deliver meals. Please contact Susan

Hatley at (713) 202-7019 if you want to join this ministry as a Meal Provider.

## CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES



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

Spring is just around the corner and with that comes Spring Bingo! We will announce the date for bingo soon.

## Missions Ministry

Our Missions Ministry met last month. Be on the lookout for details about our next Mission Opportunity.

## Outreach Ministry

Last month, we delivered a meal to our local police and firefighters to show them our church's love for them and invited them to worship with us. Our next Outreach Ministry planning meeting will be in April.

## 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

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 25, 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 are meeting in **Harper Hall Parlor on March 5, at 10:00 a.m.** We will continue our study of Sermon on the Mount Lesson 7 "How NOT to Be Religious."

Martha Dinwiddie will give the devotional and lead the study. All women are invited to participate.

We will be accepting cash donations for a memorial fund for members who recently passed.

We also encourage you to check your pantry and bring any extra food items for Mission House Food Pantry. Please check the expiration date. We cannot use items that are past the Best Buy date.

All women are invited to join our group. If you would like to know more, call or text Mary Kay Bailey at (253) 740-7666.

## **EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteers are needed to help at East Texas Food Bank on **Tuesday, March 4, 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.

## **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 Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on **the second Wednesday of the month, March 12, at 5:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center.** We can celebrate the upcoming Spring Break! That means family vacations and visits from grandkids. Bring a dish to share and a nonperishable donation for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry. This month, bring an item of your choice.

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 who braved the cold weather to attend the February dinner.

Daylight Savings time begins on March 9 so perhaps it won't be so dark. If you know anyone who does not drive after dark, offer to bring them with you.

*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 **March 9.***

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

## **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY**

Prayer Quilt Ministry meets on the second Thursday of the month. We will meet on **March 13, from 9:00-12:00 noon in the Family Life Center.**

Between February 25, 2024, and February 14, 2025, we have distributed **127** quilts including the 25 we took to Sager Brown on a mission trip in October. There were many prior recipients of quilts we continued to pray over this past month.

June Coleman came to our February meeting to talk about the interaction she had with the people of Budapest on her vacation. Prior to leaving she requested some quilts to take with her. She talked about the distribution of quilts and the recipients of those quilts. A small gesture of kindness can bring about big smiles.

We distribute to those in the military, 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 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 MARCH**

Layne Alexander  
Luke Alexander  
Brett & Susan Hatley

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



## NEWS AND NOTES

### BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

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.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS



Turn your clocks **ahead one (1) hour** Saturday night before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 8.

### NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



**Ty & Keely Allen**  
(joined February 9)

### NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



#### ZACHARY JACOB ALLEN

Son of Ty & Keely Allen  
Great-grandson of Carole Myers

### BULLARD METHODIST CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED



### BULLARD METHODIST NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

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

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH

1	Dee Gibson Lacy Haney
2	Blythe House
3	Greta Faulkinberry Monica Hamilton Jade Morris
4	Martha Dinwiddie
6	Esther Amaya
7	James Kyles
8	Bridger Allen
9	Richard & Martha Dinwiddie
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 Mary Redman
22	Andy & Leah Williams
23	Pedro Alderete
24	Adalynn Alexander Windom Hamilton
25	Grant Haney
26	Ramzee Matejka
28	Jan Blakeney
30	Katelyn Burns
31	Susan Hill

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### I'm So Glad I Know The Lord

I will call upon the Lord in my time of distress,  
I will call upon the Lord in my woe.  
I will turn to the Lord when my life seems a mess,  
there's no other place to go.  
The Lord is my shepherd, He is my all.  
He hears me every time I call.  
He never will forsake me, He tells me in His word.  
I'm so glad I know the Lord.

I will sing unto the Lord with a heart full of joy.  
I will sing unto the Lord when I'm sad.  
I will praise His holy name what e'er the circumstance,  
I'll praise Him through the good and bad.  
The Lord is my shepherd, He is my all.  
He hears me every time I call.  
He never will forsake me, He tells me in His word.  
I'm so glad I know the Lord.

By Carole Myers

## OUR PRAYERS

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

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

## SPECIAL GIFTS

(Gifts as of February 28, 2025)

### In Memory of Tommie Aulie

Given by:  
Jeff & Janet Baska  
Contractor's Supplies, Inc.  
Kerry & Lisa Greenfield

### In Memory of Barbara Gotcher

Given by:  
Sandra R. Caster  
Joe & Jeanne Johnston  
Dorothy Rowell

## 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: 212  
Year to date: 212

## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Saturday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the April 2025 newsletter. Email articles to [bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org](mailto:bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org)

## 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
March	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	reserved
April	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
May	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	

## 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.

## RECENT EVENTS

### EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK







**FIRST RESPONDERS LUNCH**



**METHODIST COFFEE CLUB**



**POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE**



## 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 and spread  
scriptural holiness around the globe.*

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

### CLERGY

Senior Pastor, Rev. David Brasher  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Hand

### 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

### TRINITY CONFERENCE

Bishop, Rev. Dr. Scott Jones  
Presiding Elder, Rev. Nick Sholars  
Presiding Elder, Rev. David Brasher  
Connecting Elder for BMC, Rev. Ed Wandling