



# BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH

THE VINE

April 2025



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

April is a month of renewal, both in our faith

and in the world around us. Spring emerges in full bloom, reminding us that after every winter, new life begins again. In much the same way, Holy Week leads us through the sorrow of the cross to the glorious resurrection of Easter morning.

Easter is the greatest reminder that, in Christ, death does not have the final word—life does. The empty tomb declares that sin is defeated, hope is restored, and we are invited into the promise of new and eternal life. Just as the trees bud and flowers bloom after the dormancy of winter, we, too, are called to step into the fullness of life that Jesus offers.

As we gather this month to reflect on the cross and celebrate the resurrection, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and joy. Let this season renew our faith, deepen our love for God, and strengthen our commitment to share the good news of Christ with those around us.

May this Easter be a time of great rejoicing, knowing that we serve a risen Savior who brings life, hope, and new beginnings!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and Peace+

DAVID BRASHER

## HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Make Easter meaningful by joining us for these wonderful events

**April 13** **Palm Sunday** - Procession of the palm branches at 9 and 11 am.

**April 17** **Maundy-Thursday** - Interactive Seder Meal with Jews for Jesus at First Baptist, Bullard, at 6:30 pm. Space is limited. Must have tickets to attend. Tickets are available at BMC office.

**April 18** **Good Friday** - Tenebrae service led by our Chancel Choir at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**April 19** **Easter Egg-plosion** - 9 to 11 am in the Family Life Center.

**April 20** **Easter** - Celebrate with us at 9 am in the Family Life Center and 11 am in the Sanctuary.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy April! In March we started learning some new songs during Sunday school music time. Also, in March we had our Club M&M and Club 118 meetings. Thank you to the Walker family for hosting us!

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: April 13, and 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.: 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. Kids and families, please join us for breakfast, crafts, a petting zoo, storytime, and a big Easter egg hunt! Please tell your friends and neighbors! Please also sign up to help with this great outreach event if you are able and please bring candy to be filled into eggs for the egg hunt.
- Vacation Bible School:  
June 23-26 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Join us as we take an adventure to "True North" as we learn that Jesus is our True North and that we can trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids ages 4yr-entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Sign-up is coming soon! If you can help, please let me know!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung  
(903) 343-2857

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## YOUTH MEETINGS

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

No meetings:

- **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:**

- **April 2, 16, and 30**
- **May 14**

## 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 Bingo is on **Saturday, April 26, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.** 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

Our Missions Ministry, alongside the Methodist Men, served at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission by providing dinner and fellowship to the men staying at Triumph Village. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Please join the Missions team in serving at Church Under a Bridge on **Saturday, April 5, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., at 300 E. Valentine St.** We are also looking for a few volunteers to help on **Friday, April 4, from 6:00 p.m. until finished in Harper Hall,** to pack non-perishable food kits that will be brought with us on Saturday.

## Outreach Ministry

Please join us for our next Outreach Ministry planning meeting on **Monday, April 28, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., in Harper Hall.**

## 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, April 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

The Bullard Methodist Women will meet on **Wednesday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor**. Judy Donnelly will give the opening prayer and devotional. Our Bible study will be lesson 8 "A Pattern for Dynamic Prayer" led by Martha Dinwiddie. Please bring 8 Easter cards for our Sideline Saints. Please sign each card. All women are invited and welcomed.

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, April 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.

## MISSION BARREL – APRIL



We are collecting packaged snacks for Watkins Logan Texas State Veteran Home. Watkins Logan is located in Tyler and houses 100 veterans. This facility is designed to enhance the quality of life for men and women who have served our country with honor. Please place items in yellow barrels located in the Foyer, Harper Hall, and FLC Foyer.

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on the second Wednesday of the month, **April 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 an item to complete an Easter dinner.

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 55-60 people who came out for the March dinner, after the time change and no evening Bible study.

*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 **April 6**.*

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 **Thursday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center**.

Between February 25, 2024, and March 9, 2025, we have distributed **135** quilts including the 25 we took to Sager Brown on a mission trip in October. We hope that in our first year those we have prayed for have felt the love and comfort we send with each quilt. If you are in need of a quilt and we have not reached out to you yet, please contact us. We don't want anyone to be left out by mistake.

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 APRIL

Justin Morris  
Maya Morris  
Grant Rollins  
Ann Elise Rollins

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

### BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

March Communion services was led by Lisa Escolas with assistance from Mike Walker and Mike Dunklin. The singing was led by Lisa Escolas accompanied by Carole Myers at the piano. We had 12 residents and guests present.

We are looking for people 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.

### NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



**Victoria Snyder**  
(with son, Grant)  
(joined March 23)

## 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 APRIL

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|----|---|
| 1  | Marsha Jones<br>Peggy Lawson<br>Joe Samford                       |
| 2  | Eddy Hobbs  |
| 3  | Teri Rogers   |
| 4  | Jonathan Leung  |
| 5  | Dollie Thibodeaux   |
| 6  | Kelly & Venus Burns<br>Tim Plumb                                  |
| 7  | Wayne Bailey  |
| 8  | John & Ashlee Jones<br>Andy Williams                              |
| 9  | Tyler Lamberth  |
| 10 | Russell & Beth Geesing<br>Canyon & Monica Hamilton                |
| 11 | Erin Florence<br>Nina Marshall                                    |
| 12 | Rebekah Brasher<br>Jules LeVrier<br>Matthew Walker                |
| 15 | T.J. & Katie Rankin   |
| 16 | Shanan Jones<br>Lucy Shultz                                       |
| 17 | Barbara Gill<br>Sherri Henry<br>Charlotte Lawson                  |
| 18 | Debbie Orey   |
| 19 | Charlie Morton  |
| 20 | Brian Vestal  |
| 21 | Bill & Frances Cox<br>Jim & Linda Neuman<br>Jacob & Alison Walker |
| 24 | Byron & Miranda Pierce  |



26 Vanessa Krause  
 27 Howard & Deanne Kravetz  
 Tom Phelps  
 Jim Summers  
 29 Carl Coleman

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### God's Sacrifice

Jesus hung on the cross that day.  
 Died to carry our sins away,  
 Died to reconcile God and man,  
 Died to fulfill the Father's plan.

Satan thought that he had won,  
 Hadn't he murdered God's own Son?  
 Little did he know that fateful day  
 in dying Christ would take his power away.

Jesus looked down into Hell,  
 Said "Satan you think that you've done well,  
 But no one took my life from me,  
 I gave it up on that rugged tree."

In power Christ arose that morn,  
 By God's own spirit He was reborn  
 To be the elder of many sons.  
 The battle was over, God had won!

Jesus hung on the cross that day,  
 Died to carry our sins away,  
 Died to reconcile God and man,  
 Died to fulfill the Father's plan.

Crucified there for you and me,  
 God's sacrifice to set us free!

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 March 31, 2025)

### In Memory of Tommie Aulie

Given by:  
 Bullard Methodist Women

### In Memory of Velma Carson

Given by:  
 Bullard Methodist Women

### In Memory of Barbara Gotcher

Given by:  
 Bullard Methodist Women

## 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)	\$ 66,245.12	\$ 209,769.21
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 206,334.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 54,084.32	\$ 106,839.65
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 55,053.00	\$ 110,194.00

## OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance:

February: 214  
 Year to date: 213

## 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
April	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
May	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	
June	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.

## RECENT EVENTS

### BMC MEMBERS AT BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE BREAKFAST



### METHODIST COFFEE CLUB





## METHODIST WOMEN – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Pastor David installed the Bullard Methodist Women officers at the March 5 meeting. L to R: Treasurer Linda Neuman, President Susan Hatley, Secretary Frances Cox, and Vice-President MaryKay Bailey.

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



## PRAYER QUILT “FIELD TRIP”





## 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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204 S. Rather Street  
Bullard, TX 75757

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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903.894.3245 (*fax*)

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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