



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Summertime has a rhythm all its own.

School ends, vacations begin, and suddenly our calendars look completely different than they did just a few weeks ago. Ball games, road trips, weddings, reunions, and camps crowd our schedules. Some days we don't even know what day of the week it is. Church attendance shifts, routines get disrupted, and even simple things like regular mealtimes seem to fly out the window. Summer is a beautiful time of refreshment, but it can also leave us feeling a bit unanchored.

This constant motion reminds us of something we know deep down but often forget: life is always changing.

Children grow up. Parents age. Careers shift. Friendships evolve. Even our own hearts go through seasons of restlessness and renewal. Sometimes we embrace these changes with excitement. Other times, they bring stress, sorrow, or uncertainty. But whether we welcome them or resist them, change is inevitable. And yet, there is one who does not change.

James 1:17 says, *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."* While everything else in life is shifting—like shadows moving with the sun—God remains steady.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* That's the kind of stability we all need, especially when our days feel disjointed and unpredictable.

Summer schedules may cause us to feel spiritually out of rhythm. Maybe we're traveling more. Maybe we're staying up later and sleeping in longer. Maybe we've stepped away from our usual devotional time or small group. But let me encourage you with this truth: God has not stepped away from you.

Whether you're in church or on the road, at the lake or at your desk, God is still with you. His love is unwavering. His

promises still hold. His presence is never limited by a calendar. The same God who walks with you in January's routines walks with you in July's chaos.

So, as we enter this season of sun, travel, and transition, let me encourage you to stay connected. Find time for prayer—even if it's five quiet minutes on a porch swing or while walking along the beach. Stay in God's Word—even if it's a verse read on your phone while waiting in the airport. Stay in community—even if you miss a Sunday or two, check in with a friend, join us online, or reach out when you return. Remember: God isn't just a part of your schedule—He is your foundation. Seasons will come and go, but our Lord remains the same.

Grace and peace,

PASTOR DAVID

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy June! In May, we had our Bake Sale for church camp. Thank you so much to those of you who bought our treats! Thanks to you, several of our kids are going to be able to go to camp at a much more affordable price. We also had our Club M&M and Club 118 swim party! And thank you to the Vestal family for hosting us!

Please save these upcoming dates:

- **Sunday, June 8:** Promotion Sunday (Sunday school grades), and kids will sing at the worship services!
- Church Camp: **June 9-13**
- VBS work dates:  
Please consider helping out with VBS! We will have a VBS work night from **6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 4 and June 11.** We will also be setting up all the VBS decorations on **Monday, June 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Friday, June 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Please let me know if you can help!

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 4 years - entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Sign-up is now open! If you can help, please let me know! If you are working at VBS this year, please join

us **Sunday, June 22, at noon** for a meeting to go over some need-to-know details. We will serve lunch! And if you need Safe Sanctuary, we will also have a training on **Sunday, June 22, after our meeting!**

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung  
(903) 343-2857

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS



## 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

Our next fellowship opportunity will be announced soon. Spring Bingo was so much fun!

### Missions Ministry

The Missions Team is hosting a Military Care Package workshop on **Tuesday, June 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the FLC building**. Other Methodist churches will join us in building and blessing Care Packages that will be sent to military personnel overseas. Please contact Terry Burt at (915) 245-5832 or Cindy and Rob Shultz (281) 731-5131 to get involved!

### Outreach Ministry

In May, we delivered candy gift bags to businesses in Bullard to show appreciation for their service to our community, share God's love, and invite them to worship with us! Be on the lookout for the next outreach planning meeting soon.

### 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, June 24, at 6:00 p.m., at Bruno's**. All the men of the church are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and ministry.

## METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will be taking a summer break. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

## MILITARY CARE PACKAGE WORKSHOP

Save the date! We're holding a Military Care Package Workshop on **Tuesday, June 10!** We aim to ship enough boxes to bless all 92 members of the 141st Field Artillery Regiment, Alpha Battery, stationed in Lebanon!

The Missions Team will host a Tyler-area-wide workshop on **Tuesday, June 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am in the FLC building.** The workshop will build and bless care packages that will be sent to active military members overseas. The workshop will invite participation from other Methodist churches in the Tyler area.

Our church, in partnership with Marvin Methodist Church, will collect the personal items, toiletries, baked goods, snacks other items that will be shipped. During the workshop, cards of encouragement will be written to the service members and will be included in the boxes as they are packed.

Do you have a loved one serving overseas? We'd like to include your friend or family member in the mailings.

Can you help coordinate the event or participate in the workshop? Please contact Terry Burt at (915) 245-5832 or Cindy and Rob Shultz at (281) 731-5131 to get involved!

This event is part of Methodist Mission Week, during which Methodist churches in the Tyler area come together to make a difference in the lives of those in our community through hands-on service, worship, and fellowship.

Grace and Peace,

Grant Rollins

## EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help at East Texas Food Bank on **Tuesday, June 3, 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. Parents and their school-age children are invited to join church volunteers this summer. All volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes for safety.

## LADIES' SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

### A chance for food and fellowship

Ladies Summer Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for ladies of the church to come together and have a time of fellowship, lunch, and meet new people. With the two services sometimes, it is difficult to get to meet those on "the other side" of campus.

Ladies Summer Lunch Bunch will be on **Wednesday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. in Harper Hall.** We will be having a **Salad Potluck Luncheon.** Prepare your item for lunch without heating up your kitchen! This event is open to all the ladies of the church and their guests. I hope to see many of you there. Please RSVP so we will know how many plan to attend and we will have adequate seating. Contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300 (phone or text) if you have any questions.

## MISSION BARREL – JUNE

BLUE JEAN SUNDAYS ARE BACK! Wear your blue jeans to worship during the month of June and bring a pair of new or gently used jeans for our Mission Barrels. This project is always a big hit and lots of fun. We hope you will join in again starting the first Sunday in June. Sizes 29-36 are greatly appreciated.



## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will return on **Wednesday, September 10.** Enjoy your vacation and family this summer.

At the May dinner we had approximately 40 people come together for fellowship and food. Thank you to the ones who brought your vacation pictures to share.



## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is taking the summer off. We will still be sewing at home. We have quite a collection of quilts available for distribution, so if you need a quilt this summer, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team.

In 2025, we distributed **43** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and May 14, 2025, we have distributed **167** quilts.

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.

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

### Supplies Request

The Prayer Quilt Ministry photographs all our quilts, we pair these with the slips we complete for prayers and any additional correspondence we receive. We keep everything in individual plastic sheet protectors in 3-ring binders. **We need sheet protectors.** If you have some lying around your house which you could donate, please place them in the plastic crate in Harper Hall marked Prayer Quilt Ministry or on the top of the armoire in the Family Life Center.

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR JUNE

Brett & Susan Hatley  
Jonathan & Deirdre Leung

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

### BAPTISMS – MAY 11



**Vanessa Krause**  
(daughters, Lilith and Hannah)

## BMC SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Left to right: Layne Alexander, Campbell Pawlak, Addison Pierce, Tyler Lamberth, and Parker Pierce (not pictured, Emma Thomas)

## BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

We had 8 residents and visitors present at the May 4 Communion service. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. Lisa gave the message on God's calling of Samuel. Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker assisted with communion. Carole Myers shared one of her songs.

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.

## 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 JUNE

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|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Stephen Foose            |
|    | David Thrasher           |
| 3  | Charlie & Pam Morton     |
| 4  | Kim Nimon                |
| 7  | Pam Martin               |
| 6  | Colton Willis            |
| 8  | Read Blakeney            |
| 9  | Rich & Susan Paddock     |
| 10 | Todd & Marki McAvoy      |
|    | David & Mahlon Parker    |
| 11 | Theresa Sheldon          |
| 12 | Jason & Shanan Jones     |
|    | Alice Simpson            |
| 16 | Brynn Allen              |
| 17 | Kerry Baham              |
|    | Ron & Pam Martin         |
| 18 | Kimberly Brasher         |
| 19 | Andy & Amber Alexander   |
|    | Robert Boren             |
| 20 | Rhyse Jones              |
|    | Rylee Jones              |
|    | Joel & Camille Lawson    |
|    | David Parker             |
|    | Warren & Elizabeth White |
| 21 | David & Nina Marshall    |
|    | Walter Morris            |
|    | Charles & Teri Rogers    |

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| 22 | Lloyd Aulie            |
|    | Braxton Burns          |
|    | Josh & Brandi Lamberth |
|    | Violet Morris          |
|    | Sarah Summers          |
| 23 | Phil & Karyn Heath     |
| 24 | Bill & Lois Evans      |
|    | John Faulkinberry      |
| 26 | Lane Rollins           |
| 27 | Campbell Pawlak        |
| 30 | Patty Foose            |

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### Holy Spirit, Come

Holy Spirit, come now, come to us today.  
Come and make thy dwelling in our hearts, we pray.  
Holy Spirit, come now, overflow our hearts.  
Come with all thy fullness never to depart.

The Master said that He would send  
A Comforter, a Guide, a Friend.  
And on that day at Pentecost  
The power came down to reach the lost.

Let us be the vessels of God's love on high,  
Reaching out to others with life before they die.  
Holy Spirit, come now, fill us with Thy power,  
Quicken all the body in this final hour.

By Carole Myers

## OUR PRAYERS

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

James & Kathleen Kyles  
Dirk Streely  
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 April:

	April	Year-to-date
Contributions (Regular)	\$ 46,409.37	\$ 283,957.62
Contributions (Debt Reduction)	\$ 100.00	\$ 59,923.00
Total Contributions	\$ 46,509.37	\$ 343,880.62
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 43,317.00	\$ 301,018.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 52,097.71	\$ 217,321.44
Parsonage Loan Payoff		\$ 73,084.14
Total Expense	\$ 52,097.71	\$ 290,405.58
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 53,807.00	\$ 220,068.00

## OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance:

April: 281  
Year to date: 229

## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

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

## 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
June	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
	29	
July	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
August	3	reserved
	10	
	17	
	24	reserved
	31	

## 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





## METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



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

903.894.6762 (*office*)  
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

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

### TRINITY CONFERENCE

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