



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past month has been one of deep sorrow for our church family. The sudden death of our Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Hand, has left us grieving, shocked, and searching for understanding. Robert was a gifted teacher, a thoughtful pastor, a man of deep faith, and a kind friend to so many. His passing is a heartbreaking reminder that even those who lead others spiritually can silently suffer. Robert's death has made it abundantly clear to me that it is time we spoke more openly and compassionately about mental health in the church.

As Christians, we affirm that we are whole beings, comprising a body, mind, and spirit, and were created in the image of God. Psalm 34:18 tells us, *"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."* This is not just poetic language. It's a promise. God is close to those who are struggling. He does not turn away from our pain. Neither should we.

For too long, there has been a quiet stigma around mental health struggles in Christian communities. Some have believed, wrongly, that if a person just had "enough faith," they wouldn't feel depressed, anxious, or overwhelmed. But this isn't biblical. Many of the heroes of our faith, such as Elijah, David, and Job, cried out in desperation. Even Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, said, *"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death"* (Mark 14:34). These honest moments teach us that it's not unfaithful to struggle. In fact, acknowledging our need may be the most faithful thing we can do.

Mental health is not a weakness. It is part of our humanity. Just as we seek help when our bodies are injured, we should seek help when our minds or hearts are hurting. Talking to a pastor, a counselor, or a trusted friend can bring light to dark places. There is no shame in getting help. There is only courage and hope.

If you are struggling or someone you love is, please know you are not alone. Here are a few resources we encourage:

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988 for free, confidential support 24/7.
- Local Christian Counselors: If you need help finding one, I can provide confidential referrals.

- Pastoral Support: I am available to talk, pray, and listen.

Let's be a church where no one suffers in silence. Let's be a people who embody the love of Christ, not only in our theology, but also in our empathy and mutual care.

You are loved. You are not alone. And there is help—and hope—available.

Grace and peace,

PASTOR DAVID

JOB OPENING AT BMC!

We have an immediate need for a part-time Finance/Business Administrator at our church. The responsibilities include contribution management, general ledger and financial reporting, management of financial accounts, IRS reporting, and negotiating and managing insurance contracts. If you have a strong accounting background and are interested in working at BMC, we would love to talk to you! For a more detailed job description, please contact Tammy Woodard, our SPRC Chair, at tammy@bullardmethodist.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy July! In June, we had a really great time at camp! Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Bake Sale, which made it possible for our kids to go to church camp. This really helped our kids be able to go to camp at a much more affordable price. The kids also sang "That's Who I Praise" and our very own "Bullard Methodist" song during the worship service on June 8, along with Promotion Sunday, and were able to give Bibles to rising 1st and 7th graders! It is exciting to see our little ones growing up!

A super big thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School! Over 140 kids were registered this year! We had a blast learning how to use Jesus as our compass. He can give us direction and help us make good choices, as well as be by our side when life gets wild!

Please save these upcoming dates:

Sunday, July 20, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Family Skate Night, Skateland USA, Jacksonville, TX

Sunday, August 10, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Family Swim Night at Splash Kingdom, Canton, TX

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.

LADIES' SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

Moved to Second Wednesday for July

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, July 9, 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 Mary Kay Bailey at (253) 740-7666 (phone or text) if you have any questions.

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, July 22, 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.**

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

MISSION BARREL – JULY

The July Mission Barrel will be collecting school supplies for the Bullard Early Childhood campus.



POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

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

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 **61** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and June 17, 2025, we have distributed **185** 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, and 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 JULY

Pedro Alderete
Terry Burt
Larry & Debbie Staten

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

NEWS AND NOTES

BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

There were eight residents and guests present at the June Communion Service. The singing was led by Lisa Escolas, with Lois Evans at the piano. The message was given by Glen Sheets from 1 Corinthians 9:25-27. Pedro Alderete & Terry Burt assisted with Communion. Carole Myers sang "Holy Spirit, Come".

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 1st 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.

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

Venus, our church's Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office from **July 2 – July 7**. Pastor David will be in and out as his schedule allows. Please contact David if you need anything specific.

UPLIFTING WORDS

You're Not The Only One

Many years ago as I traveled on life's way
I thought I knew the answers and threw the Book away.
My elders tried to show me where I was going wrong,
But I ignored their warnings and stumbled on along.
Now as I am older, my hair has turned to gray,
I look around and see the path I've traveled on the way.
The road was often rocky with dangers everywhere,
And the secret that my elders knew I now with you will share.
My child, you're not the only one whose traveled on this way,
Who stumbled on the rocky road, fell and lost the way.
But if you turn to Jesus, He'll help you bear the load.
He'll lift you up, dust you off, and set you on the road.
He'll set you on the right path where you'll do well to stay,
But like those gone before you, most likely you will stray.
And you'll ignore the warnings that your elders give to you,
For after all, how could they know what you are going through?
For each new generation thinks that they're the only one,
To face such strong temptations, such battles to be won.
But if you turn to Jesus, He'll free you from your sin.
He'll lift you up, dust you off, and set you straight again.

By Carole Myers

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

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| 1 | Shelley Bumgardner
Sue Forgy |
| 2 | Jana Brown |
| 5 | Tom Day
David Sheets |
| 6 | Brandon & Brittany Allen
Maggie Rollins |
| 8 | Richard Dinwiddie
Phyllis Koopman |
| 9 | Landon & Cynthia Grogan |
| 11 | Gene Bunce
Jake Krause |
| 12 | David Brasher
John Lamberth |

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| 13 | Clay Clevenger
Sandy Polk |
| 14 | John Marrs
Chris & Amy Pawlak |
| 15 | Jonathan & Deirdre Leung
Dennis & Joy Mason |
| 17 | Jayke Jones |
| 19 | Rob & Cindy Shultz |
| 20 | Olivia Leung
Chuck & Lindsey Smith |
| 21 | Tony & Jan Blakeney
Kristi Plumb |
| 22 | Joshua Wood |
| 25 | Charles Rogers |
| 29 | Karis Thrasher
Bryan & Courtney Willis |
| 30 | Candyce Phelps
Gary & Kim Shultz
Jax Wood |

OUR PRAYERS

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

James & Kathleen Kyles
Dirk Streely
Nellene Tannert
Bobby Vermillion

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 June 30, 2025)

In Memory of Hunter Hopson

Given by:
Alice Simpson

In Memory of Barbara Odom

Given by:
Richard & Martha Dinwiddie

In Memory of Emilie Stroble

Given by:
Gloria Jones

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 May:

	May	Year-to-date
Contributions (Regular)	\$ 36,350.45	\$ 321,957.07
Contributions		
(Debt Reduction)	\$	\$ 59,923.00
Total Contributions	\$ 36,350.45	\$ 381,880.07
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 43,367.00	\$ 344,385.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 62,390.30	\$ 277,295.98
Parsonage Loan Payoff		\$ 73,084.14
Total Expense	\$ 62,390.30	\$ 350,380.12
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 54,482.00	\$ 274,550.00

OUR PRESENCE

Average Attendance:

May:	226
Year to date:	230

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Tuesday, July 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the August 2025 newsletter. Email articles to 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, 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
July	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
August	3	reserved
	10	
	17	
	24	reserved
	31	
September	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	

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



GMC MISSIONARY LUNCHEON

Presentation of Prayer Quilt to Jazir, GMC Pastor from Panama



METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



MILITARY CARE PACKAGE WORKSHOP

Recipients of the Care Packages



Military Care Packages Workshop during Mission Week



Praying over the Care Packages



Total of 112 Care Packages being mailed



PROMOTION SUNDAY: BIBLE PRESENTATION IN TRADITIONAL SERVICE



CHILDREN'S TIME IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP "THE BOX"



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.

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Pastor David: 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