



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Over the past year, God has been stirring something beautiful in

our church family. Many of you will remember our “Tree of Dreams”—that powerful season when we prayerfully wrote down our hopes for Bullard Methodist Church and hung them on paper leaves in Harper Hall. Some of those dreams have already blossomed into reality in small but meaningful ways. But many of the biggest dreams remain before us—dreams that are bold, transformational, and filled with Kingdom potential.

This fall, we are stepping into an exciting new season of discernment. Together, we are asking: *Is now the time to take hold of these larger dreams?* To help us explore this, we have entered the **pre-campaign exploratory phase** of a possible capital campaign. We’ve invited Daniel Dennison, a consultant with Horizons Stewardship, to walk alongside us in this process. Daniel brings a wealth of experience, having helped many churches like ours discover and pursue God’s vision for their future.

At the end of August, Daniel began meeting with small groups of people from across our congregation to listen, ask questions, and hear your feedback on the initial vision. In the weeks ahead, he will continue these conversations in various ways, gathering even more input to help us discern what God is calling us to do next.

And then comes an important moment for us all: on **Sunday, October 12, at 10:00 AM** (during the Sunday School hour), our whole church family will gather in the Sanctuary for a **Town Hall Meeting**. This will be our opportunity to come together, hear more about the vision, share openly, and look ahead with faith to what God may be preparing to do through us.

I believe with all my heart that the same God who planted these dreams in us is faithful to bring them to life. This is more than a campaign—it’s a journey of faith, hope, and trust in the Spirit’s leading. I cannot wait to see how God will move among us as we take these next steps together.

Let’s dream boldly. Let’s trust deeply. And let’s walk forward in faith—because the best is yet to come.

Grace and peace,
PASTOR DAVID

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Happy September! In August, we had a great time at Splash Kingdom with 400ish of our church friends and family! Also in August, we had fun at our Back-to-School swim party at the Krause home. Thank you, Krause family, for having us!!

During Sunday School time, the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. In September, we will start learning some special Christmas music!

Please save these upcoming dates:

Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.:

Children’s Ministry Planning Meeting in Spare Parts SS room.

Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m.:

New Acolyte Training! All kids in 2nd-6th grade are invited to join us for acolyte training **in the Sanctuary!** Come learn how to light the candles for the 11 am worship service!

Sunday, Sept 14, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

Club M&M (Kids 4 years to 3rd grade) are invited to join us in **Harper Hall** for story time, games, devotional, mission project, and pizza!

Sunday, September 21, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

Club 118 (at the Rollins’ home), kids in 4th-6th grades, please join us **at the Rollins home** for a mission project, devotional, game time, and pizza!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung
(903) 343-2857

STUDENT MINISTRIES

BIBLE & BITES

A middle school girl’s Bible study meets on **Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Please see the following Fall schedule:

September 10 and 24
October 8 and 22
November 5 and 19

ADULT MINISTRIES

CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES



Contact 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 is coming up in November. Be on the lookout for an announcement soon!

Missions Ministry

The Missions Team will be serving our friends at Church Under the Bridge/Hunger for Love from **8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on September 6, at 300 E. Valentine St.**, and packing non-perishable food kits the night before.

Outreach Ministry

Be on the lookout for the next outreach opportunity next month.

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, September 23, at 6:00 p.m., at Spring Creek Barbecue**. All the men of the church are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and ministry.

METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will meet on **Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor**. We will study "Relations That Encourage" based on Matthew 7:13-20 (Lesson 10).

All women are invited to join. Contact Mary Kay Bailey for more information (253) 740-7666.

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help at East Texas Food Bank on **Tuesday, September 2, 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 – SEPTEMBER



Candy Donations Needed!



The children's ministry is getting ready for Trunk-or-Treat, and we need your help!

Please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candy to make this a fun and sweet night for the kids in our community.

BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH

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DROP-OFF MISSION BARRELS:
FLC, Harper Hall and Foyer

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

New Time 5:45 p.m.

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on the second Wednesday of the month, **September 10, at 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** New time, to benefit our working members and still enough time to make it to any evening Bible studies when they are offered at 7:00. Bring a dish to share and a nonperishable donation for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry. This month, bring an item to make those school sack lunches special!

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. This is our fall kick-off!

Again, this year, for setup, 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 Sunday, September 7.

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

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Meeting Date Change

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will now be meeting on the first Thursday of the month. In September, this will be **September 4, at 9:00 am, in the FLC.** We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:45. We have lots to do, we need to make more of our iron-on prayer squares and cut batting. Please bring any appropriate tools needed for these tasks.

In 2025, we distributed **74** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and August 2025, we have distributed **202** 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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed sheet protectors to our ministry. We will make good use of them for quite a while to come.

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

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Joe & Patti Maxwell
Maya Morris
Ann Elise Rollins

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

NEWS AND NOTES

BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

We had 12 residents and guests present at the August Service. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. The message was brought by Glen Sheets, the story of Jonah. Communion service was led by Lisa Escolas, assisted by Mike Dunklin, Mike Walker, and Jim Gill. Carole Myers sang "The Little Foxes".

This is a very rewarding ministry. If you feel led to bring a short devotional message just once a year, it would be a great help to us and a blessing to you.

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.

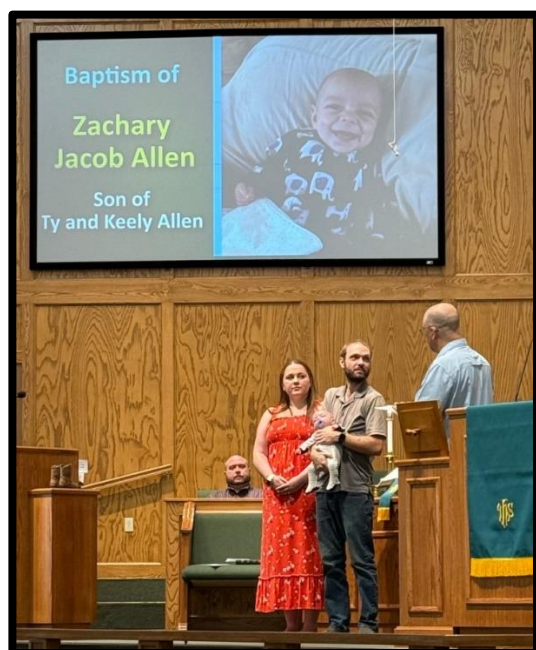
NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Harlley Joseph Burns

Son of Kellie Marie Burns
Grandson of Kelly & Venus Burns
Nephew of Taylor & Katelyn Burns

BAPTISM ON JUNE 22



Zachary Jacob Allen

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

BULLARD METHODIST CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED

WE'RE HIRING!

Children's Music Director

BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH
Bullard, Texas

- ✓ Do you have a love for music and a passion for working with children?
- ✓ Experience in vocal performance and leading children in song?
- ✓ We'd love for you to join our team!

Position Highlights:

- Weekly rehearsals (September–May)
- Lead children's music for Christmas & Easter programs
- Prepare kids to sing in church services every 6–8 weeks
- Help lead VBS music in the summer
- Collaborate with children's ministry & tech teams

Salary:
\$20–\$25/hour

For more information or to submit an application, please contact Bullard Methodist Church at (903) 894-6762.

BULLARD METHODIST NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

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

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Monday, September 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the October 2025 newsletter. Email articles to bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org

UPLIFTING WORDS

Fruit of the Spirit

"L" is for our Lord who died on Calvary'
"O" Our Redeemer who came to set us free.
"V" is the victory that's ours if we receive,
"E" it is for everyone, each one who will believe.

Love is the Fruit of the Spirit, the Fruit of the Spirit,
And You are the basket He'll place His fruit within.
So let God's Spirit have control, yield your life to Him,
And your fruit basket will be filled to the brim.

"J" is for Jesus whom I love with all my heart,
"O" are the others in whose life I play a part.
"Y" is you, my friend, if you're lost in sin today
Just give your life to Jesus and joy will come your way.

Joy is the Fruit of the Spirit, the Fruit of the Spirit,
You are the basket He'll place His fruit within.
So let God's Spirit have control, yield your life to Him,
And your fruit basket will be filled to the brim.

Peace in your triumphs and peace in your trials,
Patience to endure all of Satan's evil wiles.
Kindness and goodness will flood your very soul,
Thankfulness and gentleness and self-control.

These are the Fruits of the Spirit, the Fruits of the Spirit,
You are the basket He'll place His fruit within.
So let God's Spirit have control, yield your life to Him,
And your fruit basket will be filled to the brim.

By Carole Myers

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

1	Walter & Jane-Ellen Morris
5	Andy Alexander June Coleman Don Holcomb Marki McAvoy Phil Shipp & Melissa Kravetz
7	Scott Williams

- 8 Diane Fritsche
Jennifer Long
- 9 Bryton Blakeney
Brian & Dori Vestal
- 10 Renae Brown
Carrie Hobbs
John Jones
- 11 T.J. Rankin
- 12 Tammy Woodard
- 14 Stephen & Patty Foose
Rob Shultz
Becky Thompson
- 15 Addison Pierce
Parker Pierce
- 16 Steve Plybon
Chuck Smith
Maylena Williams
- 17 Jimmy & Jill Siler
- 18 Olivia Hayes
Brett Smith
- 20 Michele Compton
Rachel Parker
Shane Swift
- 21 Kathi Burnett
Byron Pierce
- 22 Bob Nimon
- 23 Katie Rankin
Ann Elise Rollins
- 24 Willow Hamilton
- 26 Justin & Jade Morris
Laura Gene Newburn
Blaykley Vestal
- 27 Chad & Jennifer Long
- 28 Samuel Boren
Grant Rollins
- 30 Helen Moock
David & Kelsey Thrasher

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 church's Finance/Business Administrator, Joyce Ponder, or the church office.

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, Grant Troxell, and 1-41 FA regiment

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
September	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	
October	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
November	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	

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 – AUGUST 5



METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about how to become a member of Bullard Methodist Church, contact our Pastor.

Bullard Methodist Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

903.894.6762 (*office*)
903.894.3245 (*fax*)

Office: bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org
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
Finance/Business Administrator, Joyce Ponder
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