



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Over the past several years, we have witnessed God doing remarkable things at Bullard Methodist Church. From the challenges of COVID-19 to the journey of disaffiliation, our church family has remained steadfast in faith, united in mission, and open to the Spirit's leading. Along the way, we've seen new families join, ministries grow, and lives changed by the grace of Jesus Christ. Clearly, God is at work among us.

Many of you will remember the Tree of Dreams that stood in Harper Hall not long ago. On its branches were hundreds of paper leaves filled with prayers and hopes for the future of our church. Those leaves weren't just wishes on paper—they represented the heart of our congregation, a shared vision for how God might use Bullard Methodist to impact generations to come. Some of those dreams have already taken shape in smaller ways, but many of the "big dreams"—the ones with the potential to reshape how we welcome, disciple, and worship—are still ahead of us.

That's why I am so excited about our upcoming **Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, October 12, at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary.** This will be a pivotal moment for our church family. We will gather to hear about where God is leading, to see the fruit of months of prayer, planning, and listening, and to begin discerning together what our next steps should be.

This isn't just about buildings. At its core, this is about mission and ministry. It's about creating spaces where people feel welcome from the moment they arrive. It's about classrooms where disciples can be formed in Christ. It's about a sanctuary that supports vibrant worship—traditional and contemporary—so that we can reach our community with the good news of Jesus in powerful ways. Our facilities are tools, and when sharpened for God's purposes, they help us better fulfill our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Bullard and beyond.

I know a project of this scale brings with it many questions: What will this mean for our congregation? How will the work unfold? What will it take for these dreams to become reality? The Town Hall will be a place for us to explore those questions openly. We'll share our vision, discuss the opportunities, and invite your input. Just as importantly, we'll commit this process to prayer—asking, "God, what do you want to do through me?"

I want you to know this: no single person, and no small group of us, can carry this vision alone. But together, united in faith and generosity, we can do far more than we could ever imagine. Scripture reminds us that when God's people work with one heart and one purpose, extraordinary things happen.

So mark your calendars and make every effort to be with us on October 12. I believe this gathering will be a turning point—a chance for us to look back years from now and say, "That was the moment when God launched us into something new." Come ready to listen, to dream, to ask questions, and most of all, to seek God's will for our future together.

Let's take this step of faith side by side. The best is yet to come.

Grace and peace,  
PASTOR DAVID

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy October! In September, we had a great time starting back our Club M&M and Club 188! We also trained several new acolytes! Thank you to everyone who came out to participate! Also in September, we had our Children's Ministry planning meeting for the fall. We will have some fun upcoming events, see below!!

During Sunday School time, the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. In October, we will be working on special Christmas music!

Please save these upcoming dates:

**Wednesdays, October 1, 15, 22, and 29:** Children's Christmas Musical Practice in the **Sunday School Hall**.

**Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m.:** Trip to the **Lanes Chapel Pumpkin Patch!** All families with kids of all ages are invited to join us for a fun trip to see the pumpkins, play games, ride the pumpkin train, and have a devotional!

**Sunday, October 19, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:** Club 118 (**at the Rollins' home**), kids in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, please join us at the Rollins home for a mission project, devotional, game time, and pizza!

**Sunday, October 26, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.:** Trunk or Treat! Kids ages from 0-6<sup>th</sup> grade and their families are invited to join us for games, food, candy, prizes, a cake walk,

and lots of fun! Please wear costumes and bring a treat bag! If you can help with Trunk or Treat, please sign up at the Children's Ministry board or talk to Deirdre.

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:

October 8 and 22  
November 5 and 19

## ADULT MINISTRIES

### 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. Hard copies 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 scheduled for November. Be on the lookout for an announcement about our Veterans' Day Bingo soon!

### Missions Ministry

The Missions Team served our friends at Church Under the Bridge/Hunger for Love on September 6<sup>th</sup> and packed non-perishable food kits the night before. Check out our pictures on page 7!

### Outreach Ministry

Be on the lookout for the next outreach opportunity announcement 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, October 28, 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 meet on **Wednesday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.** We will study Lesson 11, "Detecting the Lies of Our World." Susan Hatley will give the devotion, and Linda Neuman will lead the discussion.

All Women are invited to join.

## EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help at East Texas Food Bank on **Tuesday, October 7, 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.

## HIWAY 80 OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Hiway 80 Rescue Mission Triumph Village in Tyler provides an opportunity for a new start in life for men whose lives have been derailed by alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or other destructive behaviors. A core belief of the organization is that permanent change begins with a relationship with Christ. A key part of the rescue process is to have men in the community donate their time to help nurture that relationship. Hiway 80 depends on men from area churches to provide bible studies, devotional lessons, testimonials, or chapel services to the men resident at the facility. If you would like to be part of a team of men from Bullard Methodist who will provide this outreach, please contact Brett Hatley at (713) 301-1231 or email him at [bhatley0808@gmail.com](mailto:bhatley0808@gmail.com)

## MISSION BARREL – OCTOBER



## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

**3rd Wednesday This Month Only**  
**New Time 5:45 p.m.**

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on the third Wednesday of the month, **October 15, at 5:45 pm in the Family Life Center**. This should avoid a conflict with the homecoming parade and pep rally. 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 that is a pantry staple!

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 between 55-60 people attend our September dinner. It was great to see everyone again.

*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 October 12.***

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

## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will now be meeting on the *first* Thursday of the month. In October, this will be on **Thursday, October 2, at 9:00 am, in the FLC**. We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:45 a.m.

In 2025, we distributed **80** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and September 15, 2025, we have distributed **204** quilts. We reached the 200 quilts distributed just days before our 18 months of distributing 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 OCTOBER

Walter & Jane-Ellen Morris  
Pam Morton  
David Parker

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



## NEWS AND NOTES

### Baby Rankin on the way!



As a congregation, we want to help celebrate Katie & TJ in this new season of life, by showering them with a collection of

### **DIAPERS, WIPES & GIFT CARDS**

Items will be collected now until Oct 12

Items may be dropped by the church office, or given to Miranda Pierce, Alison Walker or Kimberly Brasher.

## NEW MEMBERS OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



**Clint & Janice Branch**  
joined on September 21



**Randy & Jackie Hopmann**  
joined on September 21

## BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

We had twelve residents and guests present at the September Communion Service. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. A message was given by Glen Sheets from the Book of Romans, and a message was given by Lisa Escolas from the Book of John. Communion service was led by Lisa Escolas assisted by Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker. Carole Myers shared her song, "Fruit of the Spirit".

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 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 NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

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

## 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.**

## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

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

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR OCTOBER

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Bennett Paddack         |
| 3 | Lori Day                |
| 4 | Jake & Vanessa Krause   |
| 5 | Herb & Marsha Jones     |
|   | Melissa Kravetz         |
|   | George Martin           |
|   | David & Chris Crawford  |
|   | Phil Shipp              |
| 7 | Greg Nordyke            |
| 8 | Grant & Lacy Haney      |
|   | Landon Paddack          |
| 9 | Mitch & Janette Johnson |
|   | Jenna Wood              |

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| 10 | David Fritsche          |
|    | Lennon Goodwin          |
| 11 | Brandon Allen           |
| 13 | Bruce & Tammy Woodard   |
| 15 | Cynthia Grogan          |
| 18 | Canyon Hamilton         |
| 19 | Libby Neeland           |
| 20 | Billy Braly             |
| 21 | Jim & Barbara Gill      |
|    | Belva LeVrier           |
| 22 | Dottie Rowell           |
| 23 | Brandi Lamberth         |
| 25 | Brandt & Meagan Goodwin |
|    | Amy Pawlak              |
| 30 | Charles Davis           |

## UPLIFTING WORDS

### Give Praise unto the Lord

He is the great I Am, El Shaddai  
El Elyon, Elohim, Adonai.  
God of creation, our Father on high,  
Give praise, give praise unto the Lord.

He is the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Christ,  
Shiloh, Messiah, King of Kings.  
Sweet Rose of Sharon, our Savior and Friend.  
Give praise, give praise unto the Lord.

He is the Comforter sent from on high,  
God's Holy Spirit, our spirit to fill.  
Dove of Peace who gives us power to do God's will.  
Give praise, give praise unto the Lord.

Give praise unto the Lord, lift your voice on high,  
Hallelujahs ring out His name to magnify.  
He is the great Jehovah, Beginning and End.  
Give praise, give praise unto the Lord.

By Carole Myers

## 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](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
October	5	reserved
	12	
	19	
	26	
November	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	
December	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	

## 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 – SEPTEMBER 2



### METHODIST COFFEE CLUB - SEPTEMBER



September 5





September 12



September 19

## CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE



Preparing Packets  
for Event on Saturday, September 6





## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE – SEPTEMBER 10





## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY – SEPTEMBER 4



## 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

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