



"GETTING TO KNOW YOU!"

A new series where we get to know our church staff. We begin with David Thrasher.

What is your role at Bullard Methodist Church, and what do you love most about it?

Contemporary Worship Leader/Director of Ministry.

How did God lead you into ministry or to serve in your current role?

God called me at a very young age to serve Him through music ministry, and it's been a joy to walk in that calling for the past 20 years. The last six years here at Bullard Methodist have truly been the most rewarding. That's why, when I sensed the Lord leading me into a deeper level of service to His body here, I felt both humbled and honored to follow His call.

What's a Scripture verse that has shaped your life or ministry?

Revelation 22 has always been my favorite passage of Scripture. It begins with a vision of a river flowing from the throne of God — a river of goodness and holiness that nourishes the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. I often imagine myself wading into that river, letting God's goodness wash over and restore me as I worship. The next verse says that those who love God will serve Him forever and will always see His face. Those words fill me with hope, because serving the Lord has been the greatest joy of my life. Knowing that this joy of serving Him will continue for eternity — that I will serve Him forever and always see His face — is a beautiful promise that deeply anchors my faith.

If you could have dinner with any biblical character (besides Jesus), who would it be and why?

I think I'd have to give in to my curiosity and choose Lazarus. I've always wondered what it must have been like for him — to die and leave a world where Jesus was present, to enter heaven where Jesus had not yet returned to, and then to be called back to life by the very voice of Jesus. Then, after walking with Him again, to experience being separated once more when Jesus ascended to the Father, only to die a second time and finally be reunited with Him for eternity. I

can't imagine the depth of perspective and faith Lazarus must have had after living that story.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

I LOVE westerns.

When you're not serving at the church, what's your favorite way to spend a day off?

I am very much an introvert, so my favorite way to spend time off is at home. With my family. Watching a movie, reading a book, or playing a video game.

What's your favorite worship song or hymn right now?

How He Loves has always been and probably will always be my favorite song to worship along with.

What's a hidden talent or quirky skill you have that most people don't know about?

I'm a rider — of both horses and motorcycles. I grew up showing horses in western pleasure competitions and endurance races, and later in life I picked up motorcycle riding. I don't get to ride as much these days with a little toddler at home, but it's still something I really enjoy when I can.

What's your go-to comfort food or favorite local restaurant in Bullard/Tyler?

I feel like this might be a trick question, because every time I find a place I dearly love to eat they close down. So, a safe bet would probably be Bubbas in Tyler. Plenty of great options to choose from, with a friendly staff and quick service.

What's one thing I hope people experience when they come to Bullard Methodist Church?

I want people to see Jesus. If they leave and haven't seen Him, then we've missed the mark. They should see Him when they look into our eyes, feel His presence in the atmosphere of worship, and hear His voice reflected in our words. They should even sense the sweet fragrance of His grace when they're among us. My greatest hope is that when someone leaves Bullard Methodist and goes back into the world, the one thing they remember is Jesus — everything else should pale in comparison.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy November! In October, we had a great time at the Lanes Chapel Pumpkin Patch and Club 118! And thank you to everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat so much fun!

During Sunday School time, the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. In November, we will continue working on special Christmas music! All kids are encouraged to join us.

Please save these upcoming dates for November:

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., November 5, 12, 19, we will have Children's Christmas Music Practice **in the Sunday School Hall**.

Sunday, November 9, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Club M&M: meet **in Harper Hall** for a mission project, devotional, game time, and pizza!

Sunday, November 16, Children's Ministry Bake Sale! Kids and families, please sign up to bring treats for our bake sale! And please make plans to buy some tasty treats **before and after both services on November 16**. Proceeds will go towards our Christmas mission project, Holiday of Hope, which will provide Christmas gifts for children who receive services at the Smith County Children's Advocacy Center. **Directly after the 2nd worship, we will eat lunch together in Harper Hall**, then go shopping for our project!

Save these December dates:

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., December 3 and 10, we will have Children's Christmas Music Practice **in the Sunday School Hall**.

Sunday, December 14: Children's Christmas Musical, "But Why a Tree?" Our kids will perform their Christmas music and message at both services! Please make plans to attend.

Sunday, December 14, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.: Children's Ministry Christmas Market **in Harper Hall**, kids will spend 'tickets' they earned by participating in ministry activities to purchase Christmas gifts for their friends and family. We could use some helpers who don't have kids to help us with the market. If you can help, please let me know.

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:

November 5 and 19

Youth Holiday events

Friendsgiving. Nov 16. 5-7pm

Sign up with Kelly Rollins

Thanksgiving break. Nov 23

Christmas Party. Dec 14. 5-7pm

Boys bring salty/savory snacks. girls
bring sweet.

Everyone bring a white elephant gift

Christmas break. Dec 21-Jan 4



ADULT MINISTRIES

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

There will be no Methodist Men meetings for November or December. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m.** 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, November 5, at 10:00 in the Parlor**. Terry Burt will give the devotional and prayer. Martha Dinwiddie will lead the Bible study "Making the Choice of a Lifetime" Lesson 12 based on Matthew 7:21-29. All women are invited to attend.

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help at East Texas Food Bank on **Tuesday, November 4, 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 – NOVEMBER



Children's Ministry needs gift sacks, tissue paper, and name tags for their Christmas market. Please place all items in the yellow barrels located in the FLC, Harper Hall, and the 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, November 12, at 5:45 pm in the Family Life Center.** New time, to benefit our working members. Bring a dish to share and a nonperishable donation for the Bullard Mission House Food Pantry. This month, bring an item to spice up a holiday 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 between 55-60 people attend our October dinner. It was great to see everyone again.

Thank you to everyone who came over after the church meeting to help set up the tables for the dinner. Many hands made light work. ***For setup in November, 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 November 9.***

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 November, this will be on **November 6, at 9:00 a.m., in the FLC. We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:45.**

In 2025, we distributed 116 quilts. Twenty-five were given out during a recent mission trip to Baldwin, LA. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and October 15, 2025, we have distributed **240** 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 NOVEMBER

Bob & Kathi Burnett
Grant & Kelly Rollins

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

NEWS AND NOTES

TIME CHANGES



On Sunday, November 2, Daylight Saving Time ends. Please set your clocks **back one (1) hour** before going to bed on Saturday Night.

BLUEBONNET MINISTRY

We had eight 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 Lisa Escolas on the various names of God. Communion service was led by Lisa Escolas assisted by Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker. Carole Myers shared her song, "Give Praise Unto The Lord". Others present from our church were Jim Gill and Glen Sheets.

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.

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

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Vine deadline is **Tuesday, November 11, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the December 2025 newsletter.

Email articles to bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR NOVEMBER

2	Karyn Heath
4	Terry Burt Frances Cox
5	Emerson Siler
6	Sadie Stanley
8	Billy Newburn
9	Harrison House Bobby Vermillion
10	Joy Mason Patti Maxwell
11	Mike Redman
14	Jerry Hale Art Henry
15	Julie Lamberth
16	Lyla LeVrier
18	Jennifer Blakeney Phil Heath
20	James Shipp
21	Glen Sheets Elizabeth White
22	Miranda Pierce
23	Ty & Keely Allen Kenneth Laborde
24	Billy & Myrna Braly Charles & Barbara Davis Gary & Belva LeVrier Nelda Perry
26	Linda Samford Warren White
27	Kellie Marie Burns Jennifer Haugh Janette Johnson
28	Amber Alexander Layne Alexander Brittany Allen Brandt Goodwin Bill House
29	Mike Dunklin
30	Jill Siler

BULLARD METHODIST NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Monday, November 24, through Friday, November 28. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, December 1.

UPLIFTING WORDS

The Majesty of God

All nature is proclaiming the majesty of God
Trees with leaves a-flaming, reaching Heavenward.
Harvest time is ending as the earth prepares to rest
And the Father watches over all his handiwork to bless.

The icy winds of winter will soon be blowing by
As birds are southward winging across the clear blue sky.
All God's children great and small prepare their winter's nest
As the Father watches over all his handiwork to bless.

Oh, Man, why be so foolish as to say God is not true,
When the evidence around us is shouting out at you.
The earth in all its splendor, dressed in its autumn best
As the Father watches over all his handiwork to bless.

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:

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
November	2	
	9	
	16	
	23	
	30	
December	7	reserved
	14	
	21	
	28	
January	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	

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

GIFTS FOR BABY RANKIN (KATIE & T.J.)



EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK – OCTOBER 7



October 17



METHODIST COFFEE CLUB - OCTOBER



September 28



October 24

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE – OCTOBER 15



October 3



PRAYER & SENDING FOR SHARON MARRS



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY – OCTOBER 2



SAGER BROWN MISSION TRIP



We had six people representing Bullard Methodist Church in Baldwin, LA, at the Sager Brown Depot.

We began the morning with a devotion presented by a different person each day.

During the time we were there, Carl Coleman and Paul Donnelly participated in lawn maintenance and equipment repair. I don't know if the equipment repair should count since Paul was the person operating the equipment when it broke, two years in a row.

All six of us worked in the depot on hygiene kit verification or preparing items to be put in the flood buckets by the group following us the next week.

June Coleman, Leah Williams, Margaret Spier, and Judy Donnelly participated in community outreach programs. At the Hope Floats Boutique, a thrift store supporting the local ARC group, we did window dressing and coordinated displays with merchandise from various departments in the store. At Maison Teche Nursing Home, we distributed the prayer quilts we had taken with us to 24 of the residents. Afterwards, we sang hymns.

On our afternoon off, we toured antebellum homes and learned of their history. We discovered the Cajun version of Hondo & Shorty's. In the evenings, we played Rumikub, Mexican Train, and worked puzzles, as well as relaxing by the bayou and eating s'mores.

We have reserved September 27-October 2, 2026, for the next trip to Sager Brown. If you are interested in going on this trip next year, please contact one of the people mentioned in this story.



Sager Brown distribution of Prayer Quilts



Ramp (before & after)

CHILDREN'S TIME – TRADITIONAL SERVICE



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

WORSHIP

Director of Traditional Music, Robert Boren
Director of Contemporary Worship & Ministry, 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