



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



A series where we get to know our church staff. This month, Getting to Know Deirdre Leung, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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

I'm the Children's Ministry Coordinator, and I love getting to help children learn about Jesus in fun, meaningful ways while partnering with families as they nurture faith at home.

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

I began serving in Children's Ministry as a teenager, and over time, God continued to grow my love for teaching and caring for children. What started as volunteering became a clear calling to serve in this role.

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

There are so many verses that have helped me along my journey, but God has consistently used Scripture to guide, encourage, and remind me of His faithfulness in every season.

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

Queen Esther. I admire her faith, courage, and willingness to trust God and step forward, even when the outcome was uncertain.

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

I know the backstories of most WWE characters!

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

Gardening, reading, or shopping.

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

"Can't Steal My Joy" by Josiah Queen.

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

I'm pretty good with construction and home repair projects.

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

McAlister's Deli or Crema Coffee.

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

I hope anyone who comes through our door feels welcomed, loved, and knows they belong here.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy February! I hope everyone had a good January and stayed warm! In January, we restarted Club M&M and Club 118. The kids worked on making some bird feeders and talked about how "His eye is on the sparrow" and is watching over us.

During Sunday School time, the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. In January have started learning some new music! All kids are encouraged to join us.

Please save these upcoming dates:

- Club M&M: On **Sunday, February 8, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in Harper Hall**, kids ages 4yr-3rd grade join us for a devotional, mission project, crafts, music, and pizza!
- Club 118: On **Sunday, February 15, from 4:00 pm. until 5:30 p.m. (location TBA)**, kids in grades 4th-5th, join us for a devotional, mission project, crafts, music, and pizza!
- Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza! This will be on **Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.** This is a very fun and special event for children and their families! Everyone in the community is invited to join us for breakfast, a petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, story time, and a huge egg hunt! If you can help with this event, please let me know!

If you have any questions, please call or text me!

Blessings to you,
Deirdre Leung
(903) 343-2857

ADULT MINISTRIES

BLESSED BITES MEAL MINISTRY

Do you know of any Church Family in need of a ready-to-eat meal? The Blessed Bites ministry team prepares and delivers meals to our Church Family members who are going through a difficult time. Please contact Susan Hatley at (713) 202-7019.

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.

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please join the BMC Hunger Heroes on **Tuesday, February 3, at East Texas Food Bank**. We pack food boxes for distribution throughout East Texas. We volunteer **from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and enjoy great fellowship while we help our community.

The address is 3201 Robertson Rd. Tyler 75701. For more information contact Mary Kay Bailey or Brett Hatley.

METHODIST MEN

We will meet on the **fourth Tuesday of each month except November and December**. We have booked a spot with Bella's Italian Cafe and Restaurant, located at 16700 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Unit 1800, Tyler, TX 75703. Their telephone number is (903) 581-2389. We will meet from 6:00 p.m. until we finish dinner and our business meeting. We have this location booked all the way through the October meeting. Bella's is not charging us for the meeting space.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: If you are a 2026 Senior, please contact Wayne Bailey, (253) 740-7700, or email nx7k@suddenlink.net for applications for the Scholarships offered by the Methodist Men.

METHODIST WOMEN

The Bullard Methodist Women will begin a new Bible study on **Wednesday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor**. The study will be "Praying with the Psalms." Books will be available for purchase at the meeting.

After the study, we will discuss projects for the year. Please bring 5 signed cards for our Sideline Saints and food donations for the Mission House. All women are invited to join our group. Contact Mary Kay Bailey or Susan Hatley for more information.

MISSION BARREL – FEBRUARY

Selah Life Choices of ETX

Selah Life Choices exists to serve women who have been trafficked by providing confidential services and a safe space for healing, while compassionately reflecting Jesus to all they encounter. Our church is supporting them through a February Mission Barrel. Items needed: pens, pencils, notebooks, small puzzles or games, brushes, soap, and deodorant.

GAME DAY

New year, New idea, New opportunity

All these games which tell you to "train your brain" can be somewhat isolating when you are sitting at your computer by yourself. Come to "Brilliant Minds Game Day" or whatever we decide to call it on the third Thursday of the month. In February, this will be on **Thursday, February 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Bring a game you like to play, and I am sure you will be able to find a like-minded person who likes to play that game. If you would like to learn a new game, I'm sure there is someone willing to teach you how to play. Here are some examples of games which you may want to bring/play: Dominos, Uno, Mexican Train, Bridge, Mahjong, Rummikub, Checkers, Chess, Pea Knuckle, and any number of card or board games. Puzzles 300-500 pieces, which may be finished in the time allotted.

There is some prep work; you need to bring a lunch with you or a phone to call for delivery. There is a microwave available. If you have any questions, please call Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

Bring your sweetheart for a pre-Valentine's meal. There will be chocolate provided! The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on the second Wednesday of the month, February 11, 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 that makes you feel warm on the inside while trying to stay warm on the outside. It is the middle of winter!

This is a great opportunity for fellowship. We forgot to wear our nametags in January. We hope to do better in February.

We had around 50 people attend our January dinner. It was fun to get to see everyone in the new year. We had lots of talented bakers share their talents.

We will need help setting up in the FLC on February 8, we are asking people to stay after the second service, walk

across, and help set up tables on the Sunday before the dinner.

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

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will be meeting on the first Thursday of February, **February 5, at 9:00 am, in the FLC. We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:45 a.m.**

At our January meeting, we photographed completed quilts, prayed, and had a guest speaker, June Coleman. June received a prayer quilt over a year ago and is using it in a unique way. She takes the names of those she is praying for and writes it on a heart and pins it to her quilt. At the end of the year, she looks at and removes the names, and she thinks about how the prayers have been answered.

In 2025, we distributed **162** quilts. Twenty-five were given out during a mission trip to Baldwin, LA. Fifteen were distributed at Bluebonnet Nursing Home in Bullard following the communion service, and another dozen were given to a rehab center in Troup. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and January 15, 2026, we have distributed **286** 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.

PRAYER WALK

Join us after Potluck with a Purpose on **Wednesday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m.** for a Prayer Walk around the church. We'll be praying for all the ministries of the church and for our capital campaign.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Wayne & Mary Kay Bailey
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 COMMUNION MINISTRY

There were twelve residents and guests at the January Communion Service. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. The message was brought by Lisa Escolas. She also led the Communion Service, assisted by Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker. Carole Myers sang "He is the Only Way". Others present from Bullard Methodist were Glen Sheets and Jim Gill.

We are looking for persons 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

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

Salary: \$20-\$25/hour

BULLARD METHODIST NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

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

OUR PRAYERS

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

James & Kathleen Kyles
Dirk Streeley
Nellene Tannert

Active Military Personnel:

Matt Pearce, 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 church's Finance/Business Administrator, Teri Rogers, or the church office.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

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

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
February	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
March	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
	29	
April	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY

1	Keith Gibson
2	Paul Donnelly
3	Gary Shultz
4	Jane-Ellen Morris
6	Lois Evans Bruce Woodard
7	Brody McAdoo Grant & Kelly Rollins
9	Rob & Theresa Sheldon
10	David Allen Maggie Nordyke
11	Elayna Burns Jim Gill
12	James & Kathleen Kyles Mahlon Parker
14	Clay & Stefanie Clevenger
16	Nick Lamberth
17	Jerry Rightmyer
18	Pat Dunklin Anthony Lawson Matt Parker
19	Luke Alexander Meagan Goodwin
20	Steve & Cheryl Plybon Angela Roper
22	Mike Mook
23	Sherry Perry
24	Zachary Allen
25	Kathleen Bunce Lynn Summers
26	Carl & June Coleman
29	David Lawson

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.

UPLIFTING WORDS

As Much As You Love The Least

When you tell the Lord you love Him, be very sure it's true. He has one way of testing it to prove you really do. When you tell the Lord you love Him his reply may be, "Just as much as you love the least of these is how much you love Me".

Do you love the down and outer, who fell beneath a load
Heavier than any you might bear as you travel down life's road?

Do you love the high and mighty, so lonely in their pride,
Or do you turn away from them 'cause they're folks you can't abide?

Do you love the ones around you who rub you the wrong way?

Do you think of all the problems they might have to face each day?

Losers, winners, saints and sinners are all around you see, and

Jesus said, "As much as you love the least of these is how much you love Me".

By Carole Myers

RECENT EVENTS

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK



METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



Recent recipient

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

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, Teri Rogers
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