



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Getting to Know Venus Burns

At Bullard Methodist Church, many of the daily connections and moments of care happen behind the scenes — and often they begin with a friendly face in the church office. This month, we're excited to

highlight Venus Burns, our Administrative Assistant, whose faithful service helps keep the ministry of BMC running smoothly.

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

I serve as the Administrative Assistant at BMC. What I love most is that every day is different. My role allows me to meet new people, help those in need, and support our pastor, staff, and church members with daily and weekly tasks.

How did God lead you into ministry or into this role?

It actually began with a phone call from the previous pastor, Randy Fitzgerald. To this day, I still don't know who gave him my number — but 16 years later, here we are!

What Scripture has shaped your life or ministry?

There are many scriptures that have spoken to me over the years, but as I've grown older, I lean especially on Proverbs 3:5-6, trusting the Lord for guidance rather than depending on myself. Our family also holds close Psalm 27:3, which reminds us to have unwavering faith in God's protection and to always trust Him.

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

Mary. I would love to ask her questions about Jesus' childhood.

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

I was #14 in my high school graduating class, a three-sport athlete, and a varsity cheerleader!

How do you like to spend a day off?

Spending time with my family.

What's your favorite worship song right now?

10,000 Reasons.

Do you have a hidden talent or quirky skill?

When I was younger, I played the organ.

Favorite comfort food or local restaurant?

Pizza — especially from Pit Stop Pizza!

What do you hope people experience when they come to Bullard Methodist Church?

I hope everyone has a great worship experience when they attend BMC.

If you stop by the church office during the week, chances are Venus will be the first person to welcome you. We are grateful for her faithful service, warm spirit, and the many ways she helps our church family stay connected and cared for.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Happy March! In February, we enjoyed Club M&M and Club 118. The kids worked on making some Valentines for people in the nursing homes and also built decorations for the building campaign luncheon. The kids have also been bringing donations of their own money to help support the new building! We have also partnered with our Quilt Ministry friends to make a handprint quilt which will be sold for chance drawing tickets to also help raise funds for the new building. The kids are excited to be part of this project and are especially excited to have use of the gym again which is also part of the new building plans.

During Sunday School time the kids continue to enjoy music time together before we split into our age group classes. We are learning some new music which the kids will hopefully share in worship sometime soon! All kids are encouraged to join us.

Please save these upcoming dates:

- **Club M&M: Sunday, March 1, and Sunday, April 12: 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in Harper Hall:** kids ages 4yr-3rd grade join us for devotional, mission project, crafts, music, and pizza!
- **Club 118: Sunday, March 22: 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Dean home, and Sunday, April 19, location TBD:** kids in grades 4th-5th join us for

devotional, mission project, crafts, music, and pizza!

Children's Ministry upcoming dates: Please mark your calendar for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza! This will be **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!

Vacation Bible School! Please save the date for **July 13-16 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.** More details coming soon!

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, March 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:

The Methodist Men are looking for High School Seniors to apply for scholarships. Scholarship forms are available to apply. Please contact Wayne Bailey for an application form. Wayne's contact information is: Cell phone (253) 740-7700 and email address is nx7k@suddenlink.net

METHODIST WOMEN

Bullard Methodist Women will meet at **10:00 am in the Parlor on Wednesday, March 4.** We will study lesson 2, "A Prayer of Longing for God" Psalm 63. Study Books are available to purchase. A business meeting will follow the Bible study to discuss service projects. All Women are invited to join. Contact Mary Kay Bailey at (253)

740-7666 for more information.

MISSION BARREL – MARCH



We are collecting Easter candy donations for our Annual Easter Community Event! All candy must be individually wrapped. You can donate candy or pre-filled eggs please place them in mission barrels.

GAME DAY

Game day is on the third Thursday of the month, March 19, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm in the FLC.

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, 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

The Potluck with a Purpose dinner will be on the second **Wednesday** of the month, **March 11, at 5:45 p.m. 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 of your choice!

This is a great opportunity for fellowship. We had around 65 people join us before the prayer walk in February. We hope to see you again in March.

We will need help setting up in the FLC on March 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 the month, **March 5, at 9:00 am, in the FLC**. We will pray for the recipients of the quilts at 11:30. At our February meeting, we photographed completed quilts, made prayer squares, coordinated fabrics, and prayed for the recipients of the quilts.

In 2026, we have distributed **14** quilts. Since the ministry began, between February 25, 2024, and February 15, 2026, we have distributed **301** quilts. We still have an inventory of over 100 quilts, so don't hesitate to request a quilt for someone who would receive comfort from one. 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.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR MARCH

Pedro and Terry Alderete
Stephen & Patty Foose

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

NEWS AND NOTES

BLUEBONNET COMMUNION MINISTRY

Communion was served to twelve residents and guests at the February service. Singing was led by Lisa Escolas with Lois Evans at the piano. The message was brought by Glen Sheets from Titus 2. Lisa Escolas led the Communion Service, assisted by Mike Dunklin and Mike Walker. Carole Myers sang "When You Tell the Lord You Love Him". Also present from Bullard Methodist was Jim Gill.

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

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 Streely
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, March 15, at 4:30 p.m.**, for the March 2025 newsletter. Email articles to bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH

- 1 Dee Gibson
- 2 Blythe House
- 3 Greta Faulkinberry
Monica Hamilton
Jade Morris
- 4 Martha Dinwiddie
- 7 James Kyles
- 8 Bridger Allen
Clint Branch
Brad & Suzi Streit
- 11 Emily Boren
- 12 Jim Neuman
- 13 Kathleen Kyles
Chris Pawlak
- 15 Bard Streit
- 17 Taylor & Katelyn Burns
Venus Burns
- 18 Deirdre Leung
- 19 Todd McAvoy
- 20 Joseph Williams

- 21 Chris Crawford
Mary Redman
- 22 Andy & Leah Williams
- 23 Pedro Alderete
- 24 Adalynn Alexander
Windom Hamilton
- 27 Flo Tarrant
- 28 Jan Blakeney
- 30 Katelyn Burns
- 31 Susan Hill

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
March	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	
	29	
April	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
May	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
	31	

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

And The Word Says

Father, I bow before You now in prayer
And in Jesus name, I know You're listening there.
I bring not the problems already known by You,
But remind You of the promises because Your Word is true.

And the Word says: By His stripes I am healed,
And the Word says: Through His strength, I am strong.
And the Word says: My needs shall be met.
If I delight myself in the Lord, He will give me the desires of my heart.

And the Word says: From sin I've been set free.
And the Word says: The Greater One dwells in me.
And the Word says: I am an overcomer shall be.
As He send forth His Word, these things shall come to pass
For His Word shall not return unto Him void.

By Carole Myers

RECENT EVENTS

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS



Turn your clocks **ahead one (1) hour** Saturday night before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7.

NEW MEMBER OF BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH



Lauri Robertson
(joined January 28)

GAME DAY





METHODIST COFFEE CLUB



LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S CREATURES IN THE NURSERY



**Samuel Boren
(Son of Robert & Emily Boren)**

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE





PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

300th Quilt Distributed!!



PRAYER WALK THROUGHOUT BMC





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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903.894.3245 (*fax*)

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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